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## Township Board Meets to Discuss Sewer Project

At 7:00 pm January 31 the Township Board held a special meeting to discuss the construction of a sewer system for Grand Marais. Mike Pond from STS Consultants attended and gave an overview of available financing, construction options and eventual charges for the service. In addition to the board, a few citizens attended. The proposed system has five options and the possibility of a water system upgrade to be done in conjunction with the sewer project. The options increase the area, customers served and construction costs ranging from a basic cost of \$1,300,000.00 serving a small area (basically the downtown area) and those residents along H-58 where the sewer line will run to the collection ponds. The "Cadillac" option would include those places now on the water system plus Ridge Rd, Everett St. to just past Webb Rd., Webb Rd. from Cemetery Rd. half-way to Everett and Cemetery Rd. to Webb Rd. with a price tag of \$4,620,000.00. There is no doubt that a sewer system would be a plus for the community, especially the business community; but can the customers afford to pay the minimum rate of \$34.00 per month for the service? This problem was posed by a few citizens present who felt that the increase would be difficult if not impossible for some people on fixed incomes. One Business representative voiced a concern about spending money for a new septic system and then being required to hook up to the sewer system. Further study is needed and no decision on the project was made. Gerou Excavating was award the bid for the new water well for \$259,192.78, a reduction of \$21,000.00 from their initial bid and now within our budgeted \$260,000.00 for the project.

## WINTER SCENES AROUND TOWN FOR OUR SNOWBIRDS



## GRAND MARAIS WOMEN'S CLUB VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

**POTLUCK DINNER**  
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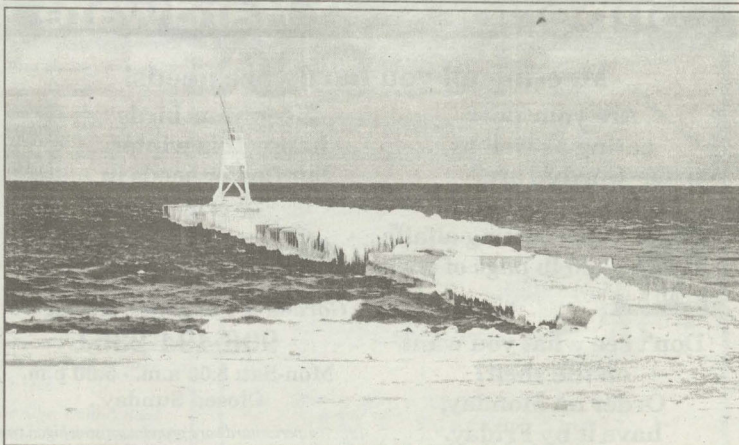
## UP COMING EVENTS IN GRAND MARAIS

**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

**Pasties Dinner**  
to Help Support Father Joe's Mission  
Monday, February 27, 2006  
5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. @ the Community Center





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 Internet access and would like the minutes mailed to your home  
 Contact (906)494-2381.

**Burt Township**  
**Planning Commission**  
**Public Hearing**  
 February 28, 2006  
 6:30 p.m.  
 Community Center

Public Hearing to consider an amendment on Section 1005: Zoning Compliance Permit, (A):  
 This amendment will add as the last sentence "If no building construction has been done within twelve (12) months, this application and any granted permissions become void."  
 Written/faxed comments will be received by the Burt Township Planning Commission at the above address/fax until 4 p.m., February 28, 2006  
 The Burt Township Zoning Ordinance may be viewed at the Township Office Monday- Friday, 9 a.m. -12 p.m. and 1-4 p.m.

**NOTICE:**  
**SEEKING ELECTION WORKERS**

There will be three elections this year:  
 May 2<sup>nd</sup>, August 8<sup>th</sup> and November 7<sup>th</sup>.

ALL Election Worker's need to be trained on the new Opti-Scan computerized election equipment. Training will be held in Burt Township. If you are interested in becoming an election worker or continuing to be one, please submit a written statement to the Burt Township Clerk or print the form on the election page of the [www.burttownship.com](http://www.burttownship.com) website, fill it out and drop it off at the Township Office. Election workers are paid an hourly wage for their participation in training and during elections.  
 Lori Savage  
 Burt Township Clerk

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 - GROUCHO MARX -

**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 February 3**  
 Sloppy Joe 's w/Bun - Oven  
 Browned Potatoes - Baked  
 Beans - Fruit Cocktail

**MONDAY February 6**  
 Veal Outlet -  
 AuGratin Potatoes -  
 Peas/Carrots - Plums

**WEDNESDAY February 8**  
 Roast Beef - Mashed Potatoes -  
 California Blend -  
 Tropical Fruit

**FRIDAY February 10**  
 Spanish Rice/Beef -  
 Tossed Salad w/Spinach -  
 Broccoli - Fruit Juice

**MONDAY February 13**  
 Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce -  
 Spinach - Broccoli -  
 Garlic Bread - Fruit Sorbet


**WEDNESDAY February 15**  
 Pork chop - Squash - Scalloped  
 Potatoes - Peaches

**FRIDAY February 17**  
 Boiled Dinner w/Cabbage -  
 Carrots/Potatoes -  
 Stewed Tomatoes - Banana

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

**Watch out for**  
**School Buses!**



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

**LETTER TO BURT TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR, AND BOARD MEMBERS ADDRESSING CONCERNS OF MANY OF OUR PEOPLE**  
 BY: Rosalie (Rosie) Meldrum

Some matters that have arisen lately that people have asked for my help in getting answers for. I guess I've established credibility of "leading the pack", so to speak when such questions and incidents that are of concern come up. It's not that I really enjoy this, but I do think there needs to be better communication between our Township Board, and the people. Many things are done it seems, when the majority of the people here have left for the year, and a fact also that very few of the older people do attend meetings, especially in inclement weather. Many too have become so discouraged by the manner in which the board acts upon these types of problems, either ignoring them entirely or "shelving" them they feel it's too frustrating to even attend a meeting.

I don't mind trying to help, but I feel it's always a better situation to see if things can be resolved by going directly to the Board, so that is exactly what I did, but I felt it might help for everyone to be informed also. Hopefully the notice of these concerns will bring about a full disclosure of these matters, and it might take care of the questions and the animosity of all who are questioning the boards actions.

**Number 1: A violation of the contract terms in the Land Contract between Edmund T. Warren, and the Township for the limitation of use for Lots 4-6-8-10-12, of Block 18--**

This property was sold for, and designated to be reserved and used ONLY for a park purpose. # 12-A and B in Land Contract:  
 A: The Land that is the subject of this agreement shall only be used for a park open to the residents of Burt Township, and the general public.  
 B. The township will not designate the property for parking or camping except for incidental parking for park purposes.

It is easily observed that a portion of this property has been plowed and is being used as a parking space for snowmobiles and snowmobile trailers. This is a violation of the contract agreements. I don't know what the seller might do in regard to this, but I feel I need to bring this to your attention. This violation would legally allow him the right to negate this contract. I don't know if you are aware of this situation, but, if you remember, this was one of the main concerns when all attending the board meeting for the approval of purchasing this land. It was vehemently agreed, by all in attendance this restriction be in the contract, and the records of that "special" meeting should substantiate this.

The other matter is concerning the township providing full medical benefits for all of the elected board members, and their spouses/families. This concerned group had checked many, many Townships in the Upper Peninsula and could not find any Township who provided full medical benefits to their board members. This brought about even more concern and questions. Their question to the board, at meetings were totally ignored by the board when they brought it up.

When I was approached to help in getting more information about this, I contacted the Michigan Townships Association. I had an immediate reply from an Evelyn M. David, Member information Director, who gave me some statistics, and information to seek as to the validity of any Township being able to do this. She did advise that the people concerned might consult with the township board and attempt to resolve any differences. I think it was good advice, and I'm hoping that perhaps if this can be done it could resolve all those problems.

I sought out information from ALL of the other six Alger County Townships as to whether any of them provide such benefits. I cannot but help relay to you their responses. They were all quite shocked to learn this, and I was informed that one of the Townships, actually having one member who did work full time, did not even receive this benefit.

I can understand the concerns of our people in regard to the cost of this. We have had to forgo law enforcement, and perhaps other services. Our tax base is limited in our Township because of all the Federal, State and Corporate land.

My thoughts were of the limited income residents we have here who are having a very difficult time, what with the fast increasing costs of medications, not to mention fuel and other things. The COLA granted this year for Medicare recipients was almost totally absorbed by the raise for medicare. The costs for supplemental policies are very high, and many of them simply cannot afford it. Many of our retirees are having their medical benefits cut by their companies also.

I think everyone should be able to understand why there is so much resentment. I personally did not believe any person, not working full time, in any occupation, was provided with these benefits. Apparently I was wrong. One of the questions most ask is: Do the members pay any portion for this benefit, or does the Township take care of it all? In most cases, those receiving medical benefits pay a large share of the premiums.

I believe, as suggested by the information Director of the Township Association, the Township Board needs to inform all taxpayers of all circumstances that brought about the granting of these benefits, and the total costs for them.

I really do not enjoy being the one always involved in so many disputes with our Township Board. I guess some of it goes along with being a real estate person. Unfortunately, my own experiences, in having to deal with our board in the past years, has not been good. I do not feel it is truly a representative board, and trying to get action and answers to problems has not been easy. This is not a good situation and needs to be changed.

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### INCOME TAX PROGRAMS FOR TIMBER OFFERED FOR PRIVATE FOREST LANDOWNERS

Have you sold timber from your woodland within the last tax year? Or are you considering having a timber harvest in the year 2006? Are you a tax preparer or consultant who needs to learn the basics about timber sale taxation? Then an upcoming series of income tax programs sponsored by MSU Extension may be of interest. Entitled "Tax Treatment of Income from Timber Sales on Privately Owned Forestland", the purpose of these programs is to help landowners minimize federal income tax paid on timber sale revenue. Other information useful in filing federal income taxes will also be presented. Any interested landowners, tax preparers and others are invited to attend.

Two sessions of these tax programs will be offered in the Upper Peninsula. The first session will be held on Monday evening, February 20, 2006, 6:30 to 9:30 PM at the Munising Community Credit Union Community Room. The same program will be repeated on Wednesday evening, February 22, 2006, 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM at the St. Ignace Library, 110 W. Spruce St. The cost to attend the program is \$20.00 per person (or family). This fee covers the cost of handout materials, facility use, refreshments and speaker travel. The deadline for registration for BOTH programs is Thursday, February 16, 2006 (fees payable at the door).

"Most individual landowners sell timber only once in their lifetime," states Karen Potter-Witter, professor of Forest Economics with MSU Extension. "As a result, many landowners do not know how to handle the income taxes on the timber sale income," says Potter-Witter.

According to Potter-Witter, forest landowners can take advantage of certain income tax provisions to minimize the income tax they pay on their timber sales. These provisions include lower tax rates for timber sales that qualify as long-term capital gains and a deduction from taxable sale income known as depletion allowance. "Timber sellers, however, need to do some specialized paperwork to properly take advantage of some of these provisions," says Potter-Witter. The program will be conducted by Dr. Karen Potter-Witter, Extension Specialist from the Dept. of Forestry at Michigan State University. Karen has experience with federal IRS timber taxation regulations and has taught similar programs in the past.

For further information or to register for this program, contact the Alger County MSU Extension Service office at 906-387-2530.

### Family Tree

Two buddies were having a chat. One said, "You know, I can trace my ancestors up the Family Tree." The other responded, "That's so? Well, far as I know, there are only two things that live on trees: There are birds and monkeys, and I see that you ain't got no feathers."

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Meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month.

Call Mary Alice Johnson for information 494-2644

### WEATHER SUMMARY

DATA is compiled by Karla Bugg, Cooperative Weather Observer.

Date	Max.	Min.	Prec.	Snow
JAN. 18	31	19	.13	2
JAN. 19	25	17	.40	6
JAN. 20	31	23	.10	1
JAN. 21	30	24		
JAN. 22	31	14		
JAN. 23	30	25		
JAN. 24	33	25	.20	2
JAN. 25	31	20	.07	1
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JAN. 27	47	30		
JAN. 28	46	31		
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JAN. 31	30	21		

Karla

We have only had 67.5 inches of snow reported in town so far this year.

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| 3 WJMN--Escanaba (CBS)          | 26 | The Travel Channel           |
| 4 SHOWTIME--Premium             | 27 | AMC--American Movie Classics |
| 5 G.M. Community Channel        | 28 | FX                           |
| 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 WNMU--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 History 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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| 2 Great American Country     | 20 | The Discovery Channel        |
| 3 WJMN--Escanaba (CBS)       | 21 | C-Span                       |
| 4 Turner Classic Movies      | 22 | WXYZ - Detroit (ABC)         |
| 5 WDIV - Detroit             | 23 | AMC - American Movie Classic |
| 6 WLUC--Marquette (NBC)      | 25 | The Weather Channel          |
| 7 TNT - Turner Network TV    | 26 | FX                           |
| 8 WTBS--Atlanta, GA          | 27 | Sci-Fi Channel               |
| 9 CNN--Cable News Network    | 28 | The History Channel          |
| 10 Fox Sports Detroit        | 29 | CHS                          |
| 11 ESPN 2                    | 30 | QVC - Shopping Ch.           |
| 12 ESPN--Ent. Sports Network | 31 | Home & Garden                |
| 13 WNMU--Marquette PBS       | 32 | TV Land                      |
| 14 Fox Sports - Detroit      | 33 | FAM--The Family Channel      |
| 15 WGN - Chicago, IL         | 34 | The Disney Channel           |
| 16 Lifetime Channel          | 35 | Court TV                     |
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| 19 The Learning Channel      | 38 | Comedy Channel               |

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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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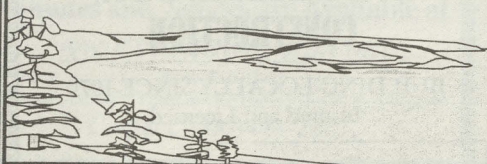


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# AROUND THE BAY: BY EVELYN MORRISON



The town is humming with the affect the lack of winter we are having. We certainly have had our share of warm weather this winter and wonder if our world is changing. With the warm weather comes lots of illness. Seems like everyone has colds and coughs we just cannot get rid of. Hopefully we can get some snow to pick up our snowmobile trade and we can make it through spring.

I got home from Florida and will be going back shortly to see my folks again. I am sure many of you know my dad is ill. He really is happy with all the prayers he is in getting and phone calls he has received. It all helps, send him a card he would love to hear from you.

Nadine reports that her niece Devon is in the hospital being treated for pneumonia. She is getting better and should be home tomorrow.

Regina Hughey is back from Marquette Hospital after back surgery. Her sister Janice Moss is recovering nicely from her back surgery in December. They will be as good as new come spring time!

Wendy, our daughter, and Steven Sohl were able to come up over the weekend for Wendy's 30<sup>th</sup> birthday. Children John and Evan were able to go sledding down the big hill Papa made in the back yard with the front-end loader. Stevens's brother Steve was able to come up and go snowmobiling in some local spots. John was able to take them out and do some off trail riding. Steven kept it slow on the trails since an officer of the law stopped him on the way up north.

Tim McKinsty celebrated his birthday last weekend. Friends joined him and Debbie at Foggy's in Christmas and of course they went across the street at the casino. I heard Debbie was the lucky one this time.

Pam Hicks reports that her son Josh is back from Iraq and is stationed in Oklahoma. That is good news.

Dorothy Morrison says grandson Jeff Morrison, son of Larry and Terri Morrison of Calumet City, IL. will be heading for Iraq for 8 months to a year. His wife Rita and son Khaleel will be staying in California until the birth of the second child. Unfortunately Jeff will miss the birth of their second child.

Keep in mind that the Women's Club volunteer potluck is February 8<sup>th</sup>. The Women's Club always does a bang up job with this so support your community volunteer and come to the potluck at the recreation center.

Cabin Fever is on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Check out the local signs around town and web site for more information.

UP 200 sled dog race is the weekend of the 17<sup>th</sup>. We are hoping for ideal conditions like last year. Anyone wanted to help out contact Dawn Marx.

Happy birthday to John Morrison, Candace Capogrossa, Ashleigh Capogrossa, Ed Bowen, Evan Sohl and Andy Bailey.

If you have any news for Around the Bay let us know. See you Around the Bay. Keep on smiling.... Evie morriso3@jamadots.com

## THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone for their thoughtful expression of sympathy after the death of Mary Shaw.  
Dick Shaw Family

## OBITUARY

### GERALD S. HOLLINGSHEAD

Gerald "Jerry" S. Hollingshead Sr., 67, of Seney, died Saturday afternoon January 21, 2006 at Helen Newberry Joy Hospital surrounded by his loving family.

Jerry was born September 7, 1938, son of the late William & Cecil (Emerson) Hollingshead.

Survivors include his loving wife of 39 years, the former Josephine Davis, whom he married July 22, 1967 in Gernfask; his children, Jerry (Julie) Hollingshead Jr. of McMillan and Marcy (John Jr.) Barker of Gernfask. They are also blessed with six grandchildren Keith, Chad and Ryan Hollingshead, Johnny, Tyler and Sarah Barker. Also surviving Jerry are his siblings Mervin (Carol) of Lapeer, Cecil - (Roberta) of Gulliver, Richard of Gernfask, Minnie Summers of L'Anse and Ada Hyvonen of Seney; many nieces, nephews; and special friends whom he loved very much including Jerry, Stephe and children, Anita and Wendy, Dave and Ruth Morrison and Bob Plesscher.

Besides his parents, Jerry is preceded in death by his siblings Marcella Hyvonen and William Jr.; in-laws Junior and Dorothy Davis and brother-in-law Larry Davis.

Per his request, cremation services have taken place. A Memorial Service was held January 24, 2006 at the Gernfask Menonite Church with Reverend J. D. Livermore officiating.

Beaulieu Funeral Home in Newberry is assisting the family.

### A Little Help!

#### 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.

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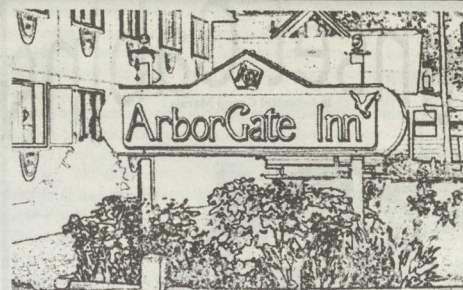
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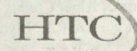
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### Tahquamenon Falls Hosts Annual Winter Festival

State recreation officials today announced Tahquamenon Falls State Park will host its annual winter festival Feb. 4 from 3 to 8 p.m. at the Upper Falls parking area. Events include free snowshoe rental, hot chocolate by the campfire, an up-close visit with an Iditarod dog sled team, evening lantern-lit cross-country skiing, and guided snowshoe hikes at 3:30 and 5 p.m.

"The famous Upper Falls are truly spectacular during the winter months," said Park Interpreter Theresa Grattan. "The staircase and viewing platform at the falls are kept clear of snow, and the Lower Falls campground is open for those park visitors who are looking to enjoy a unique experience."

The semi-modern campsites available this winter at Tahquamenon Falls State Park include electrical outlets, but no flush toilets or running water. To make a camping reservation, call 800-44-PARKS or go online at [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr).

A 2006 state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into the park. Permits are \$6 for the day or \$24 for a resident annual permit, which is valid at any state park. For more information, contact Tahquamenon Falls State Park located at 41382 West M-123 in Paradise or phone (906) 492-3415.

### Another Year, Another Pot of Soup

Yes, another year has passed and again the Women's Club is putting out a call for soup. The dogsled races are coming up and Grand Marais will be hosting and feeding the mushers and spectators on February 18th. If you are willing to donate a pot of soup, muffins or cookies, please contact Mary Alice at 494-2644. The profits from this endeavor all go to local projects. Last year we were able to donate to many projects and good organizations and hope to do the same this year. We hope to hear from you and receive your support. If you would like to work for an hour or two we can also arrange for that.

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### Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore Works to Enhance Community Ties



Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore Superintendent Jim Northup announced today several new efforts to further the lakeshore's positive relationship with gateway communities and local citizens.

"2006 marks the Lakeshore's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary," Northup said. "As part of that year of celebration, the park staff and I are committed to working even more closely with our gateway communities and local citizens who care about public lands and appreciate how special it is to have America's first national lakeshore right here in our own backyard!"

"We are in the early stages of planning a series of events in 2006 to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary," Northup said, "but we also view this as an excellent opportunity to build on existing successful programs and pursue even stronger partnerships."

One new initiative is the park's **Community Partner Program**, which will further strengthen communications and relationships with local business interests to ensure that visitors to our area have easy access to accurate and up-to-date information about the park.

Another new initiative, which will be formally announced this spring, is the **Adopt-a-Trail and Adopt-a-Campsite Program**. This program will solicit the support of local citizens who love to hike in the park to serve as volunteer citizen stewards of short sections of trail and/or back-country campsites to assist the park's paid staff in keeping these facilities in good condition for all to enjoy.

A third initiative, which will take place this summer or fall, is the park's **Experience Your Lakeshore Program**. The park will invite local civic leaders and citizens to spend time in the park with park staff, as part of a structured program, to learn more about the park and park-related issues. "This program will give us a great opportunity to learn from our neighbors and to hear about their concerns as well," Northup said. "If successful, we hope to make this an annual program."

While not directly related to the park's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Northup also wanted local communities to be aware of the recent establishment of the **National Parks of Lake Superior Fund**. This new organization, associated with the National Park Foundation, has been formed to help support the four U.S. national park units on Lake Superior: Isle Royale National Park, Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, Apostle Islands National Lakeshore, and Grand Portage National Monument.

"This organization will be conducting a variety of fund raising activities to help us protect park resources and improve visitor services at these four parks," Northup said. "We are very grateful for their support and energy for our parks."

In announcing these initiatives, Northup said, "We are very proud to be a part of such a beautiful and interesting area and hope that local citizens will join with us in celebrating and supporting the park during this very special year."

For more information about any of these programs, please contact National Lakeshore Headquarters at 906-387-2607. Later this winter, information will be posted on the park's website at [www.nps.gov/piro](http://www.nps.gov/piro).

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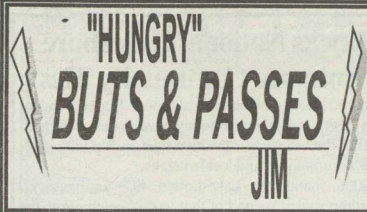
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More signs of the ineffectiveness of George Bush's "War on Terror," continue to rear their ugly heads. The latest is the landslide victory "Hamas" in the Palestinian elections; it screamed that the United States' actions in the Middle East are hated by the Arabs; and so are we. If George Bush figured that he won some political clout in his narrow victory over a weak candidate, Kerry, what in God's name did "Hamas" win with a huge margin (approximately 40% [70% to 30%])? I don't know if any president was ever elected with that kind of margin. It does make me wonder if their election fraud is as bad or worse than ours. Regardless, I have heard no demands for a recount, with a margin that wide it would be rather futile. Therefore Hamas will have control of the Palestine territories' government and like it or not other countries will have to deal with them. Regardless of the BS put out by Bush and his spin-doctors, it would be stupid to carry out Bush's threat to not recognize or negotiate with the new government. It may be a plus that Hamas did win, now they have to deal with their country's problems and foreign aid is critical if not downright mandatory. They will find, I'm sure that they will not get far with their terrorist image and do even worse if they try to carry out Jihad. We will see what we will see but this landslide victory ought to awaken at least some of the Bushites. Yasir Arafat's party, Fatah, has a lot of angry members; they are as angry with their party chiefs as they are at Hamas. Of course these guys are part of the corrupt government of the Fatah party that the people threw out.

In a related story, the health of Ariel Sharon could make the Middle East an even hotter spot. Sharon was willing to compromise with the Palestinians and give up some land to them. Palestine now has a party in power that promotes the elimination of Israel. A new election in Israel might find a hard liner replacing Sharon and make the probability of war very high. If you think that the price of gas is high now, you ain't seen nothin' yet!

It is another example of Bush's hypocrisy that he has asked the U.N. to handle the nuclear situation in Iran. Seems like our "intelligence" has detected expansion of nuclear capabilities and the threat of Iran's development of nuclear weapons in the near future. WMDs I suspect will not be used as a battle cry this time; it has left a bad taste in the mouths of many after the failure to find any in Iraq, the reason that we invaded them. I heard the General in charge in Iraq stating that our forces are stretched to their limit; I say well beyond. Yet Rum Dum Rumsfeld continues to lie about the fact that there is any numbers problem. If not, I wonder why so many troops have been sent for their second, and now third, deployment in one of the many dangerous places where we have troops stationed? I assure you that the vast majority doesn't want to go back. They will however because they feel it is their duty, and many more will come home in a bag or injured in one way or another.

The trial of Saddam Insane and his criminals has become an effort in futility. We killed hundreds of innocent Iraqis (collateral damage) invading and nation building Iraq and Saddam killed thousands of them yet we are spending millions of dollars in a kangaroo court effort to find them guilty of what everyone knows they are. Murder, murder and more murder. Why didn't the soldiers that found him in his hole take care of the problem by blowing him to Hell where he belongs? It makes no sense that over two thousand of our troops have been killed and tens of thousands of them have been injured but Saddam and company are living and probably quite well. I also think that I heard that there is no death penalty in Iraq. That means that the USA and Iraq will be spending millions to keep them in prison, that is if they are found guilty. In the meantime the civil war goes on in Iraq.

I am somewhat angry about the press that two ABC employees, a co-anchor, Bob Woodruff and a cam-

era man, Doug Vought are getting because they were injured when a bomb exploded near the vehicle in which they were riding. I am certain that to them and their families this incident is earth shaking (and it should be to them) but the media gives this more coverage than two hundred GIs being killed.

Here is one that ought to knock your socks off. Bush and his warmongers have decided to cut the strength of both the Reserves and National Guard. Hello! I thought we were short already according to most military experts, none of which agree with Bush and company. It is very interesting to look at the numbers. The plan is to cut the Reserves from 205,000 to 188,000, the lowest in 30 years, and the Guard from 350,000 to 333,000. It just so happens that both the Reserves and Guard, because of the inability to fill openings are at those exact numbers. I can already hear Bush, Cheney and Rum Dum answering questions about troop strength and enlistment problems by saying; "All our positions in the Reserves and Guard are filled, how can you say we are short of troops or having difficulty recruiting?" Count on it. Other cuts in equipment are being made in an attempt to realize a six billion dollar reduction in the Defense Department's spending; not counting the war on terror costs, which are "held harmless". Even his own lackeys in congress are having difficulty defending this stupid move. Hell the Asses have the reputation for cutting our Military's strength. Not any more.

And finally, Sherri told me I forgot to say anything about Grannie Annie's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party so I had better now. Sherri and I and all our grand kids, kids, and kids-in-law (Grannie Annie's kid-in-law, kid grandkids and great grand kids) made the trip to Green Bay for the party. My three sisters, two remaining brothers and almost all of their families were also there plus some of my aunts, uncles and cousins and some of her friends. We had a great time and a good meal. The Snow Queens (back together for another project) had produced a slide show with pictures of Grannie Annie, her seven children, many grandchildren and great grandchildren in various poses. Seems like they had at least one picture of each of us kids in a less than flattering scene. You ain't gonna see mine. A photo album with all the picture's in the slide show and several more was given to Grannie Annie for a keepsake. We stayed at a motel with a pool that had two slides that ended in the pool. My grand kids wanted Papa Jim to go down the high one. I tried the little one but couldn't get moving. After a lot of harassment I finally tried the high one. I had no problem sticking as I went down at an ever increasing speed and around 360 degree curves thinking that my centrifugal force was going to throw me right off the slide and into the people gathered to see a suicidal old fat man kill himself. Well I made it and even went for seconds. Sherri didn't believe that I would do it and my kids probably doubted it too. The grandkids knew I would if they begged, whined and threatened me enough. The roads were in great winter driving condition with the snow level decreasing as we went south; Green Bay only had snow where it had been piled up by plows. It was a great time and we will have a hard time beating it for Grannie Annie's 100<sup>th</sup>.

The sled dog races are getting close and I have my annual position at four corners for the first shift. If you have nothing to do for the weekend I am sure your services would be welcome for any number of jobs. Call Brodie Block (volunteer director) or event managers Dawn Marx and Lori Savage if you can spare a few hours. Hopefully it will cool off so the snow isn't slush or worse and the dogs won't overheat. I see another dinner for Father Joe's Mission is planned. I assure you from experience that it is well worth attending and the donations go to a very good project with little if any "administration" costs. If you can't make it, I am sure that you can contribute by seeing Bob Gardner or any Lutheran or for that matter me and your contribution will get in the pot.

And finally, finally. Pam Hicks called me to let me know that Josh was back in the states. Hopefully he and the Kinlaws won't be going to Iraq, Afghanistan or one of the many other places around the world that this government is trying to control. We still have hundreds of thousands of troops in those places and our unpopularity makes them prime targets for those who hate us. Keep all our troops wherever they may be in your thoughts and prayers. Till next issue.

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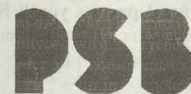
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The EITC is refundable, meaning that a household can receive a tax refund above and beyond the amount of tax withheld from their paychecks. For example, a married couple raising two or more children in their home in 2005, with earned income less than \$37,263 could get a tax credit up to \$4,400. The average EITC credit is near \$1,700. To receive the EITC, a federal tax return must be filed.

See if you are eligible to claim the Earned Income Tax Credit. Who qualifies for the EITC? You must work and your adjusted gross income is up to:

- \$31,030 for taxpayers in 2005 with one qualifying child (\$33,030 for married and filing jointly) to receive a credit up to \$2,662.
- \$35,263 for taxpayers in 2005 with more than one qualifying child (\$37,263 for married and filing jointly) to receive a credit up to \$4,400.
- \$11,750 for taxpayers in 2005 with no qualifying child (\$13,750 for married and filing jointly) to receive a credit up to \$399

Additional information:

- Investment income limit = \$2,700
- Child Tax Credit is up to \$1,000 per dependent child. The additional Child Tax Earnings amount is \$11,000 in 2005.

A serious concern of programs that work with low to moderate income families is the number of taxpayers who do not fill out their own tax forms, even though forms have been simplified and free tax assistance is available.

Using the services of a commercial tax preparer reduces the money available to families. Keep the whole refund! If a taxpayer qualifies for EITC, that refund belongs to the individual, not to a commercial tax preparer. Some taxpayers may think paying \$100 to \$200 or more to a tax service is not very much money when a large refund is expected, but those extra dollars could be used directly for family needs. Beware of Refund Anticipation Loans! The quick refunds offered by commercial tax services are actually high interest loans. New electronic filing procedures, assure refunds will be direct deposited into the taxpayers bank account usually within a week to ten days. File early! Gather tax receipts together now, so that as soon as W-2 forms are received, the tax forms can be filed. Check out the free options for lower-income taxpayers. Local information about taxpayer resources is available from the Alger County MSU Extension office. Michigan's EITC Statewide Initiative is sponsoring a number of tax preparation sites that will be staffed by volunteers who have received IRS training. To find out where free tax preparation sites are located throughout Michigan, call 1-800-865-8683, or click on [www.michiganeic.org](http://www.michiganeic.org) This web site also has a link to the "I-CAN!" program, which provides free online tax preparation and filing for low-income tax filers.

Five more federal and state tax credits could also benefit low-to-moderate-income individuals. Federal tax credits include: Child Tax Credit and Federal Child and Dependent Care Credit. Michigan tax credits are: Home Heating Tax Credit, Homestead Property Tax Credit and Child Deduction. Some credits are retroactive and can be claimed after the normal income tax filing deadline of April 15. For more information on these specific tax credits, click on <http://www.milhs.org/>

MSU Extension Family and Consumer Sciences educators are located in all 83 Michigan counties to integrate university and community resources to help families succeed. For more information on the Earned Income Tax Credit and other tax issues, contact Joan Vinette at Alger County MSU Extension office, phone: (906) 387-2530 or e-mail: [msue02@msu.edu](mailto:msue02@msu.edu)

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### Intergovernmental Cooperation seminar to be held in Marquette

"Intergovernmental Cooperation" will be the topic of a seminar to be held on March 10, 2006 in the Citizens' Forum in Marquette. This seminar, sponsored by the Northern Michigan Public Service Academy, will be presented by Joe VanderMeulen of Land Information Access Association, Larry Merrill of Michigan Townships Association, Harley Andrews from the County of Marquette, and Matt Johnson from the Governor's Upper Peninsula office. Municipal supervisors, managers, trustees, commissioners, and all those concerned about the future of their communities are invited to attend this seminar to learn how communities can work together for the benefit of all while maintaining their unique identities.

Additional seminar and fee information may be obtained by phoning (906) 228-0448 or e-mailing [nmpsa@mqctcy.org](mailto:nmpsa@mqctcy.org). Pre-registration by March 3, 2006 is required.

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**'COLLEGE GOAL SUNDAY'  
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Northern Michigan University will participate in "College Goal Sunday," a program designed to help high school seniors learn more about and initiate the financial aid process. It is scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, in the Huron and Erie rooms of the University Center.

A recent study by the American Council on Education found that half of college undergraduates failed to complete the Free Application for Student Financial Aid (FAFSA), and that an estimated 850,000 low-income students could have received a Pell Grant for up to \$4,050 if only they had sent in the form. To counter this problem, more than 200 volunteers at 22 sites across Michigan are participating in "College Goal Sunday" to help families complete the FAFSA. Students younger than 23 are encouraged to attend this free event with a parent or guardian.

Families should bring the following supplemental information with them: the student's social security number, driver's license (or alien registration if not a U.S. citizen), W-2 forms or other records of money earned in 2005, and a 2005 federal income tax return. Parents and/or spouses will be required to bring their tax returns as well. Bank statements, business and investment mortgage information, business and farm records, stock bonds, and other investment records from 2005 will also be necessary.

High school seniors – even those who are not sure whether or where they will go to college – should complete the FAFSA by the March 1 deadline. For more information on "College Goal Sunday," visit [www.micollegegoal.org](http://www.micollegegoal.org).

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<p>Feb 3 Colorectal - Dr. Surrell 800-456-0290</p> <p>Nephrology - Dr. Napier 800-628-3333</p> <p>Feb 6 Neurology - Dr. Sweeny 906-253-9136</p> <p>Feb 7 Oncology - Dr. Alkhalili 800-628-3333</p> <p>Audiology - Dr. Koskus 800-968-8080</p> <p>Feb 8 Podiatry - Dr. Hunter / Dr. Day 800-453-5750</p> <p>Feb 9 OB/Gyn - Dr. Vandermark 800-628-3333</p> <p>Foot Care Clinic 293-1315</p> <p>Feb 10 Ophthalmology - Dr. Winkler 800-628-3333</p> <p>Rehabilitation - Dr. Miky 800-628-3333</p> <p>Feb 13 Orthopedics - Dr. Pearson 800-462-6367</p> <p>Rehabilitation - Dr. Lelvis 906-225-3914</p> <p>Feb 14 ENT - Dr. Heichel 800-628-3333</p> <p>Ear Lab 906-293-9231</p> <p>Rehabilitation - Dr. Lelvis 906-225-3914</p>	<p>Feb 15 Gynecology - Dr. Lovell 800-628-3333</p> <p>Pediatric Cardiology - Dr. Christiansen 800-628-3333</p> <p>Feb 16 Cardiology - Dr. Pesola 800-628-3333</p> <p>Feb 17 Colorectal - Dr. Surrell 800-456-0290</p> <p>Rehabilitation - Dr. Miky 800-628-3333</p> <p>Feb 20 Pediatrics - Dr. Nidiffer 800-628-3333</p> <p>Feb 21 Urology - Dr. Mering 800-628-3333</p> <p>Oncology - Dr. Alkhalili 800-628-3333</p> <p>Feb 22 Podiatry - Dr. Hunter / Dr. Day 800-453-5750</p> <p>Feb 23 OB/Gyn - Dr. Hedmark 800-628-3333</p> <p>Feb 24 Ophthalmology - Dr. Winkler 800-628-3333</p> <p>Rehabilitation - Dr. Miky 800-628-3333</p> <p>Feb 28 ENT - Dr. Heichel 800-628-3333</p> <p>Ear Lab 906-293-9231</p>
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### Burt Township Schools Honor Roll Third Marking Period

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| <b>4<sup>TH</sup> Grade</b><br>Elizabeth Scaife<br>LeRoy Ward-Harbaum  | <b>9<sup>TH</sup> Grade</b><br>Brad Bauknecht<br>Charlotte Bodak           |
| <b>5<sup>TH</sup> Grade</b><br>Michaela Bauknecht<br>Michael Coles-Desmond<br>Miranda Potter<br>Jesse Ross<br>Bryce Ward-Harbaum | <b>10<sup>TH</sup> Grade</b><br>Michael Bell<br>Eric Blume<br>Abigail Cook |
| <b>6<sup>TH</sup> Grade</b><br>Rachel Bodak<br>Ashley Bowler<br>Casey Brock<br>Brittney Lowes                                    | <b>11<sup>TH</sup> Grade</b><br>Andy Bauknecht                             |
| <b>7<sup>TH</sup> Grade</b><br>Edward Potter<br>Barbara Ventuato   | <b>12<sup>TH</sup> Grade</b><br>Kevin Brekke<br>Ashlea Cook<br>Dan Norris  |

### Burt Township Schools Honor Roll 2005-2006 1<sup>ST</sup> Semester

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| <b>7<sup>TH</sup> Grade</b><br>Edward Potter<br>Barbara Ventuato   | <b>10<sup>TH</sup> Grade</b><br>Michael Bell<br>Abigail Cook              |
| <b>8<sup>TH</sup> Grade</b><br>Kelly Brock<br>Jenica Hassenzahl<br>Breanna Parris<br>Cassandra Purple<br>Rachel Winnie | <b>11<sup>TH</sup> Grade</b><br>Andy Bauknecht                            |
| <b>9<sup>TH</sup> Grade</b><br>Brad Bauknecht<br>Charlotte Bodak   | <b>12<sup>TH</sup> Grade</b><br>Kevin Brekke<br>Ashlea Cook<br>Dan Norris |

### Burt Township School Receives Grant from the Community Foundation for Nature Trail in School Forest

In December Burt Township School received word that we had been granted \$335 by the Community Foundation of the U.P. to help establish a guided nature trail in the school forest. Nicole Filizetti, life sciences teacher, wrote the grant. She will also be in charge of designing the trail. The design process will involve finding an area with significant biodiversity, mapping the trail with GPS units, and then setting numbered posts to identify environments and specific species. The information about each numbered spot will be contained in a brochure available at the trailhead. The money from the Community Foundation will be used to purchase and assemble signs and to print the brochures.



Tom Scaife presents Nicole Filizetti with a check for the School Forest Nature Trail project.

### Meet Louise Daul



Louise Daul is the new Student Assistance Coordinator working at Burt Township School under a Strong Families Safe Children grant from the State of Michigan. She will be working basically as a counselor, something which small rural schools can rarely afford. She is senior Kevin Brekke's mother and a former resident and student in Grand Marais, where she lived with foster mother Argie Thorington back in the 1970's. Coming from Wisconsin, Louise has an extensive background in school psychology, counseling, student advocacy, and human services in general. She even helped fill in as cook one day. Her goal, she says, "is to give what I can back to the community of Grand Marais."

### BURT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

- Thursday, February 2**  
Chili Dogs - French Fries - Fruit
  - Friday, February 3**  
Nachos - Fruit
  - Monday, February 6**  
Chicken Parm.-Rolls - Fruit & Veggies
  - Tuesday, February 7**  
Burgers - Pasta Salad - Fruit
  - Wednesday, February 8**  
Mac & Cheese - Green Beans - Fruit
  - Thursday, February 9**  
Hamburger Gravy - Mashed Potatoes - Fruit & Veggies
  - Friday, February 10**  
Chicken Nuggets - French Fries - Fruit
  - Monday, February 13**  
Spag. W/Meat Sauce - Veggies & Fruit - Rolls
  - Tuesday, February 14**  
Hot Dogs - Baked Beans - Fruit
  - Wednesday, February 15**  
Chicken Parm.-Rolls - Fruit & Veggies
  - Thursday, February 16**  
Ham - Veggies & Fruit - Potatoes
  - Friday, February 17**  
Pizza - Veggies - Fruit
- \*\* Milk, Bread, Peanut Butter, Jam and Salad Bar available daily.**

### School Notes

By Tom Scaife

First off, a big hello from the Gutiérrez family to everyone in Grand Marais. Helen, Rachel, Elizabeth, and I had the good fortune to see them over the holidays. We were late arriving in San José and our luggage didn't make it until a few days later, but José was waving his arms in greeting as we straggled out, and soon Mildred came down to pick us up in "Winston", their white van that took them overland from Grand Marais to Costa Rica last summer. There is more about them in my journal that I will foist on Mark sometime soon...

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At the last Board Meeting we teleconferenced with Steve Schunk, MARESA tech guru, on our new polycom interactive TV unit. We had a chance to speak with him from the Marquette office, and it was like having him with us in the school library. It is our hope that we can not only cut down on travel costs for conferences and professional development, but also take students on "virtual" field trips to places that would be otherwise inaccessible, such as the NASA Space Center or the San Diego Zoo. The interactive unit completes the technology commitment initiated last spring by the school board. If you or your organization would like a demonstration, please contact the school office.

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Carol Norris of Germfask is the new school cook, taking over for Deb Martin, who did a very fine job of getting our food service program in order before moving on to other employment. Carol has been eager to pick up the ball and run with it, and we are confident that she will perform capably. She is the mother of Dan (12<sup>th</sup> grade) and Jeremy (9<sup>th</sup>).

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The current buzz at the state level in Michigan is all about high school graduation requirements. Currently, the only class required by Michigan law is one semester of government. Governor Granholm and lawmakers have now been joined by Superintendent of Public Instruction Mike Flanagan in an initiative to legislate statewide high school graduation requirements, perhaps as early as March 1<sup>st</sup>. The recommendation basically proposes that all graduates pass what used to be called a "college prep" curriculum. This is a lofty goal, indeed, perhaps one that needs a little careful consideration before it is fully implemented. More information about this topic can be found at the Michigan Department of Education website.

### BURT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL 2005-2006 SCHOOL CALENDARS

- |             |                              |
|-------------|------------------------------|
| 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.         |



### BURT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL POLAR BEARS 2005-6 VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE



Volleyball Coach: Stacey Stachnik

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|----------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| 2/2      | Grand Marais @ Munising Baptist | 6:00PM        |
| 2/7      | Bay de Noc @ Grand Marais       | 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 |
| 2/23     | Grand Marais @ Bay de Noc       | 6:00 PM       |
| 2/24-25  | Beaver Island @ Grand Marais    | 6:30PM/9:00AM |
| 3/3-4    | Copper Country @ Grand Marais   | 6:30PM        |
| 2/28-3/4 | DISTRICT TOURNAMENT WEEK        |               |



### BURT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL 2005-06 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE



Varsity Basketball Coach: Rick Capogrossa

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|---------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| 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

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|---------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| 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 |






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**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. **SALE PENDING** (VL-143)

**100 FEET OF VACANT SANDY WATERFRONT BEACH ON GRAND MARAIS BAY:** This is located right in downtown 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 1890'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. **SALE PENDING** \$189,900.00 (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. **SALE PENDING** \$149,500. (R-160)

**TOTALLY RESTORED LOG CABIN ON SMALL CREEK:** Located only 1 1/2 miles from downtown Grand Marais this is a totally beautiful. **SALE PENDING** \$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 without using the stairway. **SALE PENDING** \$120,000. (R-166)

**UPPER LEVEL CONDO WITH TWO BED ROOMS AND TWO BATHS:** The views are spectacular of the Bay and Grand Marais. **SALE PENDING** \$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 cabin. Located in a well planned development there are deed restrictions prohibiting living in an RV or Mobile Home. Priced together for only \$32,000.00 **SALE PENDING** (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. **SALE PENDING** \$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. **SALE PENDING** \$14,500. (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. **SALE PENDING** \$158,000 (R-163)

**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)

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**DNR Offers  
Hunter Education Online**

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources today announced that first-time hunters now can use the Internet to complete a part of their hunter education course. The online course can be found on the DNR's new Hunter Education Web Page at [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr).

"The online course material is essentially the same as the printed material currently used in the traditional class, and it is a good alternative to the home study course as well," said Sgt. Kevin Davis, field coordinator for the DNR hunter education program.

The current home study course requires the student to receive materials a few weeks ahead of the scheduled field-day portion of the hunter education course, where each student must demonstrate safe firearm handling. The home study course also requires the hunter education instructor to check in with the student to ensure he or she has "done their homework."

Students who successfully complete the online course will be issued a pre-certification exam certificate which they will provide to a certified hunter education instructor in order to take the field or skills portion of the class. At the end of this one-day session, all students must take and pass a proctored exam to earn their hunter safety certificate.

"The pre-certification exam certificate earned from the online course is not sufficient to meet the requirements to purchase a hunting license," Davis said.

There is a \$15 fee for the online course, which covers the cost of maintaining the site and processing the exam. If a student does not pass the exam it will cost \$15 to retake the test.

"The online course is not intended to replace traditional hunter education classes, but it can be effective in reaching more youngsters," said Lt. Sherry Chandler, supervisor of the DNR's hunter education section. "I am confident this teaching method will produce students who will be every bit as safe, responsible and knowledgeable as the students who attend traditional classes."

**Make Summer  
Camping Reservations Now**

Don't let summer slip away without reserving a campsite at a Michigan state park or recreation area, state recreation officials urged today.

Reservations for the early summer season are up 1.2 percent from 2005 levels for reservations through mid-July. The central reservation system takes reservations for campsites up to six months in advance.

"It's not too early to start planning a summer vacation for late July and August," said Ron Olson, chief of the DNR parks and recreation division. "With reservation numbers up, demand for campsites is going to be at a premium."

Michigan state parks and recreation areas offer 13,496 campsites in 70 of the state's 97 state parks and recreation areas. Camping fees are based on amenities and demand, ranging from a full-hookup site at \$33 a night to a rustic campsite for \$10 a night. Full-hookup sites offer 30- or 50-amp electrical sites with water and sewer line connections at the campsite. Modern campsites, which range from \$16 to \$29 a night offer 50- or 30-amp electrical service and toilet/showers facilities. For a complete listing of locations, prices and amenities, visit the DNR Web site at [www.michigan.gov/dnrcamping](http://www.michigan.gov/dnrcamping).

Reservations are strongly encouraged and can be made by calling 800-447-2757 (800-44PARKS) or online at [www.midnrreservations.com](http://www.midnrreservations.com). Reservations are accepted up to six months in advance and as late as the time of arrival.

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The gentleman walks over, sits alongside of her, orders a drink, takes a sip, turns to her and says, "So tell me, do I come here often?"

**Getting Older**

Two elderly gentlemen from a retirement center were sitting on a bench under a tree when one turns to the other and says: "Slim, I'm 83 years old now and I'm just full of aches and pains. I know you're about my age. How do you feel?"

Slim says, "I feel just like a newborn baby."

"Really? Like a newborn baby?"

"Yep. No hair, no teeth, and I think I just wet my pants."

**Getting Older**

An elderly couple had dinner at another couple's house, and after eating, the wives left the table and went into the kitchen. The two gentlemen were talking, and one said, "Last night we went out to a new restaurant and it was really great. I would recommend it very highly."

The other man said, "What is the name of the restaurant?"

The first man thought and thought and finally said, "What is the name of that flower you give to someone you love? You know ... the one that's red and has thorns."

"Do you mean a rose?"

"Yes, that's the one," replied the man. He then turned towards the kitchen and yelled, "Rose, what's the name of that restaurant we went to last night?"

**Getting Older**

Hospital regulations require a wheelchair for patients being discharged.

However, while working as a student nurse, I found one elderly gentleman--already dressed and sitting on the bed with a suitcase at his feet--who insisted he didn't need my help to leave the hospital.

After a chat about rules being rules, he reluctantly let me wheel him to the elevator. On the way down I asked him if his wife was meeting him.

"I don't know," he said. "She's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown."

**Watch Out  
for Students**



**PWT Super Pro Set for  
Keweenaw Waterway in Houghton**

The In-Fisherman Professional Walleye Trail will stop at scenic Houghton/Hancock in Michigan's Upper Peninsula for a summer tournament. The touring professional anglers will be on the Keweenaw Waterway and Portage and Torch Lakes June 28-30. At the Outdoor Channel Super Pro, only the top 50 North American walleye pros have earned the right to compete. They have won the most money, scored the most top-10 finishes, own the best averages and fished the most Championships.

In the Super Pro series, presented by MinnKota, names like Gofron, Good, Martin, Parsons, Kavajecz, Seelhoff, Plautz, Glorvigen and Skarlis head the prestigious list. Amateurs/co-anglers will fish with the "Who's Who" in the walleye world. When the Mercury Championships were held on the Keweenaw in 2003 and 2004, local anglers rode along as observers. This time, they will be active participants, and even win prizes like a Lund/Mercury walleye boat. The Houghton event and other Super Pro tournaments are among the best values in the fishing world. Entries are now being accepted. Call PWT headquarters, 218-829-0620, or go to the PWT website: [www.professionalwalleyetrail.com](http://www.professionalwalleyetrail.com). For Houghton lodging information, contact [www.keweenaw.org](http://www.keweenaw.org) or call 866-304-5722.

Co-chair Gary Lubinski, owner of the Best Western Franklin Square Inn, and avid outdoorsman said, "Houghton is delighted to host another PWT event. The PWT staff and the pro anglers do a phenomenal job of inviting community participation and creating excitement. June brings a huge potential to learn walleye techniques from the experts."

Fishing the peak walleye "bite" in Houghton, amateurs/co-anglers use the pro's gear; ride in the pro's boat; learn electronics, walleye tactics and boat control; and win prizes. Amateurs/co-anglers become integrally involved in each day's fishing. During the course of each 3-day tournament, two things happen: 1) Amateurs/co-anglers learn tactics and fish alongside the pros; 2) Amateurs/co-anglers become very proficient walleye anglers.

**PWT Pro-Am Super Pro Series, presented by MinnKota**

May 10-12, Missouri River & Lake Francis Case, Chamberlain, SD  
June 13-15, Ottertail Lake, Ottertail, MN

June 28-30, Keweenaw Waterway and Portage & Torch Lakes, Houghton, MI

Aug. 9-11, Mille Lacs, Isle, MN

The other PWT circuit, the Regional series, includes an event in Moberly, SD, one at Devils Lake, ND, a stop on the Winnebago lake and river system at Winneconne, WI, and the season-finale at Bay de Noc in Escanaba, MI.

The award-winning PWT television series is now airing on the Outdoor Channel through March 2006. Each show airs three times per week. On Monday, it airs at 8 p.m.; on Tuesday, shows play at 5:30 p.m.; and on Saturday mornings, shows are at 1:30 a.m. These are Eastern times.

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