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Harbor Restoration

April 22, 2006 - Lee Durrwachter, Burt Township Supervisor Report
Yesterday, representatives from the US Army Corps of Engineers, their contractor Baird & Associates, their subcontractors: Coleman Engineers, and Applied Ecological Services; and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife met here to begin finalizing Task #2, the biological assessment (BA) for the new breakwater for Grand Marais's Harbor of Refuge. This mandatory study is funded by some of the \$1.543 Million Congress earmarked for the construction of the Grand Marais's Breakwater last November.

In addition to a morning office meeting in our conference room detailing parameters of various biological influences, including a thorough discussion on the protection of the endangered species, the Piping Plover; there were outside tours, which included:

- a) a boat ride to the old breakwater to inspect and view options to connect the new breakwater to the East jetty of the entrance channel;
- b) digging pits on certain beaches for sand samples;
- c) an initial biological reconnaissance of the surrounding beaches to observe potential ecological impacts. At one such location, a Piping Plover was sighted (the first of the year at 11:30 a.m.)!

In addition, Robert J. Erwin, USACE, announced the awarding of Task #3, allocating the funds for the final design of the new Breakwater, which is the final step to actual construction. Only additional congressional earmarked funding will keep this project alive. Make no mistake about it, we are still in a crisis mode to save the Grand Marais Harbor of Refuge!

An article announced this meeting in yesterday's Mining Journal: "For many years, locals and legislators have fought to find funding to replace a breakwater that washed into disrepair, leaving the once deep harbor vulnerable to sand infiltration."

Those in attendance yesterday were: Robert J. Erwin, lead engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District; Matthew J. Clark, P. E. CENG, Sr. Project Manager, Baird - Oceans, Lakes and Rivers; Kim Alan Chapman, Ph.D. principal ecologist, and John Larson of Applied Ecological Services, Inc.; Christie Deloria-Sheffield - US Fish and Wildlife; 2 Surveyors from Coleman Engineering; Lee G. Durrwachter, Burt Township Supervisor; and TV Channel 6, which aired the meeting/tours and "Plover" spotting on the news.

ELECTION DAY - May 2, 2006

Three (3) local proposals were going to be listed on the Burt Township Ballot on May 2, 2006. They are

MILLAGE INCREASE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF AN EMERGENCY SERVICES/FIRE BUILDING

Shall the tax limitation on general ad valorem taxes within Burt Township imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution be increased by 1 ½ Mills (\$1.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of 3 years from 2006 through 2008 inclusive for the construction of an Emergency Services/Fire Building in Burt Township; and shall the Township levy such increase in millage for said purpose, thereby, raising in the first year an estimated \$45,000.00?

102 YES

NO 98

MILLAGE INCREASE FOR MAINTENANCE OF AN EMERGENCY SERVICES/FIRE BUILDING

Shall the tax limitation on general ad valorem taxes within Burt Township imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution be increased by ½ Mill (\$0.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of 3 years beginning after construction of the building is complete and a permit of occupancy issued for the maintenance of an Emergency Services/Fire Building in Burt Township; and shall the Township levy such in millage for said purpose, thereby, raising in the first year an estimated \$15,000.00?

93 YES

NO 104

OPERATING MILLAGE PROPOSAL NON-HOMESTEAD AND NON-QUALIFIED AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY

This millage will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of 18 mills against non-homestead and non-qualified agricultural property required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation guarantee.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, exempting therefrom homestead and qualified agricultural property as defined by law, in Burt Township School District No. 2, Alger County, Michigan be increased by 3 mills (\$3.00 on each \$1000.00 of taxable valuation) for a period of 3 years, 2006, 2007, 2008 inclusive to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2006 is approximately \$24,000.00 (this millage is to restore the "Headlee" deduction)?

144 YES

NO 51

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What: MFR is Medical First Responder. You could become a licensed MFR and work on an ambulance or fire department.

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2006 EMS WEEK Celebrate EMS Week May 14-20, 2006



64 years together and still going strong



Park and Janet (Mulligan) Ogden enjoyed their 64th wedding anniversary April 26th. They were married in 1942 with Bob Ellis and Irene (Masse) Ylimaki as witnesses. Commenting to Dad that they must be in the upper 5% for 64 years, his reply was "Yes, and we are still very much in love."

The Andy Bailey Fitness and Wellness Center

In March a proposal was given to the township board to start a fitness center in Grand Marais as a memorial to Harold "Andy" Bailey. The Bailey family wanted to donate money towards equipment if the township could provide the location. After a few meetings it was decided that the basement of the Community Center would fit the needs. The township made a motion to accept the proposal and appropriated up to \$1000 to prepare the room for the new fitness equipment. Membership guide lines will be made and a small individual membership fee will help maintain the Center. With the help of Sheri Shafer, the clean up began in the basement to make way for the Center. Chris Lawless has been very instrumental in getting the appropriate equipment that the Center will need to get started. The equipment is on order with American Home Fitness in Okemos and should arrive in 3 to 4 weeks. The hardware has donated flat paint to start the initial first coat on the walls. Tim McKinstry, as agreed to spray paint the room. Hungry Jim is going to do some electrical that will be needed and the lights have been donated along with a few more pieces of equipment. Yes, more is needed! The floor needs a finishing touch. The hopes are to paint the existing floor and put down interlocking rubber mats. Donations to buy the paint and mats before our equipment is shipped would be greatly appreciated. We got a quote for \$2000 to complete the job. If you are interested in supporting the Fitness Center and would like to donate towards the flooring and a few other finishing touches that would be wonderful. Please contact Evelyn Morrison or the township office. Thanks for your support!

Charlie took his girl friend to her first football game. They had really good seats, right above their team's dugout. At the end of the game, Charlie asked her if she liked it. "Yeah, it was great," she said. "I mean, with all the tight pants and stuff. I just don't get why all the fuss about a quarter!" Charlie is confused. "At the beginning of the game," she explained, "I saw the two guys flip a quarter. Then the rest of the game, all they said was: Get the quarterback! Get the quarterback! Hello! It's only 25 cents!"

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The young mother set her foot on the path of life. "Is this the long way?" she asked.

And the guide said "Yes, and the way is hard, and you will be old before you reach the end of it. But the end will be better than the beginning."

But the young mother was happy, and she would not believe that anything could be better than these years. So she played with her children, she fed them and bathed them, taught them how to tie their shoes and ride a bike, and reminded them to feed the dog and do their homework and brush their teeth. The sun shone on them and the young Mother cried, "Nothing will ever be lovelier than this."

Then the nights came, and the storms and the path was sometimes dark, and the children shook with fear and cold, and the mother drew them close and covered them with her arms and the children said, "Mother, we are not afraid, for you are near, and no harm can come."

And the morning came, and there was a hill ahead, and the children climbed and grew weary, and the mother was weary. But at all times she said to the children, a little patience and we are there."

So the children climbed and as they climbed they learned to weather the storms. And with this, she gave them strength to face the world. Year after year she showed them compassion, understanding, hope, but most of all.....unconditional love.

And when they reached the top they said, "Mother, we would not have done it without you."

The days went on, and the weeks and the months and the years, and the mother grew old and she became little and bent. But her children were tall and strong, and walked with courage. And the mother, when she lay down at night, looked up at the stars and said, "This is a better day than the last, for my children have learned so much and are now passing these traits on to their children."

And when the way became rough for her, they lifted her, and gave her their strength, just as she had given them hers. One day they came to a hill, and beyond the hill they could see a shining road and golden gates flung wide.

And Mother said: "I have reached the end of my journey.

And now I know the end is better than the beginning, for my children can walk with dignity and pride, with their heads held high, and so can their children after them."

And the children said, "You will always walk with us, Mother, even when you have gone through the gates."

And they stood and watched her as she went on alone, and the gates closed after her.

And they said: "We cannot see her, but she is with us still.

A Mother is more than a memory. She is a living presence. Your Mother is always with you. She's the whisper of the leaves as you walk down the street, she's the smell of certain foods you remember, flowers you pick and perfume that she wore, she's the cool hand on your brow when you're not feeling well, she's your breath in the air on a cold winters day.

She is the sound of the rain that lulls you to sleep, the colors of a rainbow, she is your birthday morning. Your Mother lives inside your laughter. And she's crystallized in every tear drop. A mother shows every emotion..... happiness, sadness, fear, jealousy, love, hate, anger, helplessness, excitement, joy, sorrow..... and all the while hoping and praying you will only know the good feelings in life.

She's the place you came from, your first home, and she's the map you follow with every step you take. She's your first love, your first friend, even your first enemy, but nothing on earth can separate you. Not time, not space.....not even death!

Happy Mothers Day May 14th

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 May 5

Boiled Dinner -
Cabbage/Carrots/Potatoes -
Stewed Tomatoes - Banana

MONDAY May 8

Meatballs - AuGratin Potatoes -
Scandinavian Blend -
Fruited/Jell-O made with juice

WEDNESDAY May 10

Cabbage Casserole -
Capri Blend Vegetable -
Fruit Cocktail

FRIDAY May 12

Lasagna w/Garlic Bread - Cauliflower - Green Beans - Peaches

MONDAY May 15

Baked Chicken -
Mixed Vegetables -
Oven Browned Potatoes -
Fruit Cocktail

WEDNESDAY May 17

Swedish Meatballs -
Parslied Potatoes -
Riviera Blend -
Strawberries/Pineapple Tidbits

FRIDAY May 19

Roast Beef - Mashed Potatoes -
Harvard Beets - Plums

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

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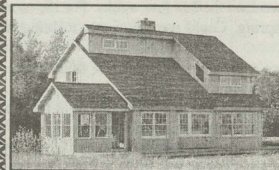
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7 WDIV--Detroit (NBC)	30 Lifetime
8 WTBS--Atlanta, GA	31 Sci-Fi Channel
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10 Fox Sports Detroit	33 FAM--The Family Channel
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16 WXYZ--Detroit (ABC)	39 CBS - Country Music Videos
17 A&E-Arts & Entertainment	40 The Weather Channel
18 The Discovery Channel	41 FOX News
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20 Outdoor Channel	43 The Disney Channel
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23 CNBC	46 Speed Network
24 PAX	47 Comedy Channel



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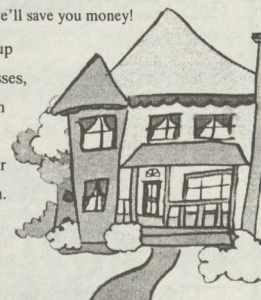
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AROUND THE BAY:
BY EVELYN MORRISON



We could not ask for better weather the last few weeks. For the most part it has been a wonderful spring. Could use some rain to bring us those May flowers.

The fishermen are in full force with the opening day of trout season. The fishing must be good no complaints that I heard.

The school had a basket ball game and volley ball game with the students against the "Enforcers". It was nice to see the kids having such a good time on the court. Afterwards the kids had a "lock up" in school. There were activities planned throughout the night to try and stay awake. I never heard the results. I wonder if the adults fell asleep before the students.

Kidz Ink had another breakfast for the community. It is nice to see so many come and support the kids in town.

"The Dunes" Lake Superior Brewing Company had a great bluegrass band playing Saturday night. Erin and Chris are getting ready for the summer and have a few new items on the menu you will have to try.

It was nice to see Dale and Julie Gehman were in town for a few days. I saw them having dinner with Stan and Kate Powers.

Dave Bell took a fast trip to GR to pick up Jennifer from college for the summer. While Dianna packed her car with as much as she could then continued on to visit her mom and did a few spring clean up projects over the weekend. Jennifer will be attending Northern next year so we might see more of her, or there will be more trips to Marquette for Dave and Dianna throughout the school year.

Bruce and Yvonne Essex from White Hall are in town for some spring clean up at the cabin on the Hurrucane River. Pat Hulbert, Larry Lathrop, and Doug were up last weekend with Bruce opening up camp. John and I were able to make it out there one evening for a great steak dinner on the grill.

Deb McKinstry and Mom, Marian Smith went to the food show downstate. We will look for the goodies in the coming months in the store.

Ira and Nancy McDonald are back in town for a while. Bet she cannot wait to get her hands in those flowerbeds.

Lets not forget Mothers Day on the 14th. Take your Mom or wife out to a nice dinner.

The All Nighters say good bye to one of their oldest members, Marion Martin. Marion will be missed by her family and friends. We know she is making her sticky buns in heaven. Another star to look for in the sky. We will miss you.

Happy birthday to Sheryl Houlden, Craig and Nancy Winnie. A belated happy birthday to Chuck Cardinal.

Get well wish to Ronnie Wissinger. We are all thinking of you during your recovery.

If you have anything for Around the Bay let me know. See you Around the Bay. Keep on smiling...Evie

Electronic Waste Cleanup Day

Mark, after getting to Munising and finding the Church, I also found myself there -----alone. So I started unloading onto some pallets left there. They had about 6 full pallets from their collection. I hadn't gone very deep into the truck before 2 guys showed up to help me unload. They were quite impressed with the size of our contributions. We filled almost 3 and a 1/2 pallets plus a big box of small items.

We talked about next years pick up and came to a good agreement that next year we should (1) include Senev & Germfast (2) a truck should be placed a several locations. Will have to get that by the big fellow a Mr. Lunquest of Marquette.

Thanks oh, we had 41 PCs, 37 Towers, 23 printers, 26 keyboards, 3 cameras, 4 TV's, 1 dehumidifiers and 4 boxes of small stuff.

Gee of First Lutheran

Addresses of Grand Marais military personnel

Jason Kinlaw
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Jason's wife's address is
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SSGT Joshua Hicks,
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Men are like a pack of Cards:

A "heart" to love them
A "diamond" to marry them
A "club" to smack them and
A "spade" to bury the body...

OBITUARY

Marion C. Martin

Lifelong Grand Marais resident, Marion C. Martin, 76, died Tuesday evening April 18, 2006 at the Schoolcraft County Medical Care Facility in Manistique where she had been residing for the past three years.

Born January 14, 1930 in Newberry, daughter of the late Manley & Irene (Kettering) Propst, Marion was a 1948 graduate of Burt Township High School in Grand Marais. On July 26, 1948, Marion married Victor Martin and made Grand Marais their home. In addition to being a devoted homemaker, Marion held various employments in the community. Marion was a member of the First Lutheran Church in Grand Marais, a former 4-H volunteer, former member of the V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary and also of F.O.E. Aerie #3701. Marion was an avid outdoorsperson enjoying snowshoeing, walking and deer hunting.

In addition to her parents, Marion is preceded in death by her siblings Charles, Lillian and Edith.

Survivors include her loving husband Victor of Grand Marais; her children James (Susan) of Cedarville, David (Deborah) of Grand Marais, Pamela Martin of Ypsilanti and Francis (Pamela) of Curtis; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; siblings Irvin of Goetzville, Esther Welsh of Gulf Port, MS and Cora Carver of Mobile, AL.

Funeral services were held Friday April 21, 2006 at the First Lutheran Church in Grand Marais with Pastor Robert Gardner officiating.

Those who wish may contribute to the First Lutheran Church in Grand Marais in memory of Marion C. Martin.

Beautieu Funeral Home in Newberry assisted the family.



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LIBRARY NEWS

By Edna Jean Johnson

More people are starting to use our Library. They seem rather surprised when they first walk in to see so many books and so many of the latest novels. We try to keep up with a wide variety of books and are often surprised ourselves to see the great books that are donated to the Library. So far we haven't had to purchase too many.

A few weeks ago someone came in asking about a bird they had seen. All we had was a small book of birds that didn't go into much detail and they couldn't find the bird they described. A few days later National Geographic sent me a brochure titled "Complete Book of Birds" they had put together. It looked so complete that I got permission from the "Friends of the Library" to order it. We received it about a week ago and it is one of the best bird books I have ever seen. If you need to verify any birds you are in question about, you are welcome to come to the Library and use it. It really is a very good addition to our Library.

We now have a complete section of children's books so even our little ones and not so little ones can borrow books. We have books from babies to teenagers. Hopefully we can encourage kids to read.

If you have any special request let us know and if we don't have it, we can check with the Munising Library to see if they can get it for us.

With the coming of warm weather and with Woodland Park opening, we will be going back to our summer hours. Monday and Friday we will be open from noon to 2 p.m.; Wednesdays six to eight p.m. This will give everyone a chance to use our Library!

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"HUNGRY" BUTS & PASSES JIM

\$4.00 a gallon? Don't be too surprised if you see it this summer. While I agree that Georgie Boy is not completely responsible for this fiscal disaster for the majority of U.S.A. citizens, he sure as Hell has done nothing to prevent it from happening. The Elephant majority is trying to distance themselves from Georgie Boy and the Asses are trying to blame Georgie and the elephants and the oil magnates. Only problem with this is that the Asses are almost as responsible as those that they blame. They have done little more than nothing during their years of full or partial control of the federal government. The rhetoric from the politicians, oil companies and the media is downright disgusting. Put the blame where it belongs, the consumer, and the government are the major culprits. As far as the oil companies are concerned, if I had stock in one of them I would want the profits as big as possible; that means price gas as high as the market will bear. For many years now we have been jumping in our gas guzzlers to make a two block trip and forgot completely the art of walking, bike riding or having your grandkids pull you in a wagon. Now we are paying for this and are going to pay more before it is over. If we as individuals want to reduce our gas bills, we had better relearn those aforementioned arts and combine our errands so that we aren't running errands two or three times a day. Buying a small high mileage vehicle will help too but most of us can not afford to purchase a hybrid vehicle that uses a percentage of gas or none at all. Listening to George and most politicians makes me sick. The media too fails to tell the whole story, the right wing extremists are saying that the liberals caused the problem because they demanded that oil companies actually did not destroy the environment when drilling, refining or transporting their products. What a pile of crap! The left wing extremists are blaming it on "price gouging" and failure of the elephants to make stricter mileage requirements for vehicles. But the winner is the media that says the president can do nothing to control the price of gas or lower the demand, which is the same thing. What do you think the oil companies would do if the federal and state governments put out bids for 100,000 hybrid vehicles? Answer, they would have fits and would probably reduce campaign donations. The price of gas would go down quickly and we would discover there was no oil shortage at all just like in the past. Our state government is no better. I will bet the farm that Jenny is not driving a hybrid nor does the state have orders in for any. Jenny has a web petition that allows anyone to sign it via the web. It is basically a lot of rhetoric with no teeth. How about the county and for that matter the township? All levels of government and every individual must do their part to reduce gas usage. If we don't the price of gas will continue to escalate.

Iran has told the UN and the USA to go to hell. What do we do now. I guarantee you that if we pull another Iraq, the number of countries in the "Coalition" will be much smaller. If we use a nuclear weapon we can kiss this country good bye. If you think that our worldwide popularity and support is low, "you ain't seen nothin' yet". It is apparent to everybody except a complete warmonger that there were no nukes in Iraq nor any material with which to build them, one of the reasons given for the Bushite attack was that Saddam Insane had killed so many of his own countrymen, especially Kurds and Sunai Muslims. Isn't it amazing that the UN with the USA leading the way has decided to cut in half the aid of food to the refugees in Darfur (Sudan). In excess of 200,000 people have been killed by their own government yet I have heard of no plans to attack there. I forgot, there is no oil there! People are literally starving to death and one day's Iraq war expenses would bring the rations back up to the previous level for a year. In defense of the federal government and Bush, we are providing about 85% of what aid there is. I haven't however heard of the administration or con-

gress wringing their hand or tearing their robes over this. Priorities, priorities.

So you think there is equal justice do you? Well that is a pile of crap. Big shots with big bucks have been getting away with murder, sometimes literal, forever. Recently the hypocrite "Rusty Limbo", Rush Limbaugh in a plea bargain, agreed to plead guilty to one count connected to the charges that he illegally obtained drugs, pain killer, specifically OxyContin. He is free on \$3,000.00 bail, about one minutes diatribe for him and the charge will be dropped if he gets drug addiction treatment for the next eighteen months, doesn't break the law for that period of time and pays a \$30,000.00 fine, certainly no more than thirty minutes on the air. This is the same hypocritical SOB that for years has screamed that all drug users belonged in jail. I guess he meant "except me". Me thinks that if this were me, I would be bankrupt, in jail and the plea bargain offered would be that there would be no death penalty. Regardless of the fact that this poor excuse for a human being is disgusting, I do hope that he can successfully kick the addiction and stay straight. Even he does not deserve the Hell of addiction. Maybe he will have a little more understanding for others if he straightens out. I won't count on it.


Although I consider the tax disparity of Adolph Engler's "Proposal A" passed by the selfish people of this state, as unfair, I will vote for the millage question for the school. Without it they will be in further fiscal trouble than they are now. Remember this tax "reform" has actually hurt most schools financially and is one of the bigger reasons that businesses will not locate in Michigan. The emergency services of Burt Township are in dire need of a new building for the safety of the members and storage of their equipment. There is no question that this problem will not go away, in fact it will get worse and could be shut down for health and safety reasons. I will not stop trying to come up with a plan if the construction millage fails as it did once. This two and one half mills will cost most property owners less than \$125.00 per year in increased tax (based on the fact that few properties have taxable value in excess of \$50,000). The one half mill maintenance tax at a taxable value of \$50,000.00 will increase property tax by \$25.00. I heard a rumor making the grapevine that if the building millage doesn't pass the school won't get its money. NOT TRUE! they are completely separate issues. The only question here is "Deal or No Deal?" The problem will not go away if ignored. We will know the results of these millage questions when this issue hits the streets. I hope that there was a good turnout at the polls

And finally. My new code name is G49. If you don't understand why, ask any of the people that played bingo at Holy Rosary on Sunday April 23rd. As I look outside I see a sure sign that Spring is here; the grass needs mowing! I guess that is better than the snow needing shoveling. Woodland Park is open and "Trouble" is back as Park Manager. The "Brat" is making a part-time comeback too. What a pair! I can already see an exciting summer putting up with those two. Will be heading for my home town at the end of the May with Mrs. Ross's class on their annual end of the year field trip. I have missed those exciting adventures lately and am happy to be back as a chaperone. Obviously Amy isn't very fussy about her assistants, well she married Dale, that ought to tell you something. There is no doubt a story in that upcoming trip. I will stay in Green Bay (when the kids go back) with my brother (younger but bigger) for the June 3rd graduation of my nephew Jake "Liberace" Platkowski. His brother, Jeff will also be in town with his wife Yulia and her mother for the baptism of their new twins. A double party. I'm for that.


And finally, finally. Iraq appears to be getting more and more dangerous. Hopefully a new government will take charge and get control of that country so all of our troops can come home; not just a token reduction when it gets close to election time. Afghanistan also appears to have escalating violence and our troop all over the world continue to be the targets of revenge for this administration's policies. Regardless as to how you feel about our military aggression, the soldiers and sailors did not cause the hate. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers. Till next issue.

Hungry Jim

Mom says to her daughter: "Jennie you have your boot on the wrong foot!
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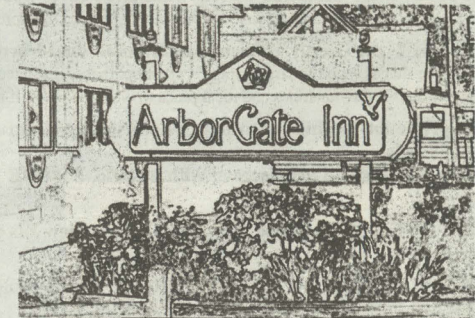
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Lakeshore Bans Ash Firewood



To prevent the potential spread of emerald ash borer, Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore will implement a ban on ash firewood effective May 1, 2006. Ash firewood is a known vector for the emerald ash borer, a small exotic insect that has infested downstate trees.

The emerald ash borer (*Agrilus planipennis*) is an exotic wood boring beetle discovered in southeast Michigan in the summer of 2002. Emerald ash borer (EAB) is believed to have arrived in Michigan on wood packing material from Asia some 6-10 years ago. The beetle, which only attacks ash trees (*Fraxinus sp.*), is capable of killing trees of all sizes, including trees that appear to be healthy. The beetle has killed over 6 million trees in southeast Michigan to date.

"EAB kills ash trees by feeding and tunneling in the cambium, the layer of living material just under the bark that transports food and water throughout the tree," according to Lakeshore Superintendent Jim Northup. "Extensive feeding in the cambium disrupts the flow of food and water which eventually girdles and kills the tree. Our concern stems from the fact that ash trees are common in wetland areas within the Lakeshore and throughout the Upper Peninsula. Retaining native vegetation is key to overall National Park Service policy."

To prevent and control the spread of EAB, the Michigan Department of Agriculture has quarantined 13 counties in southeast Michigan. The quarantine prohibits the movement of ash, ash products, EAB, and any species of firewood outside of the quarantined counties. The State of Michigan has also banned the transport of firewood from the Lower Peninsula into the Upper Peninsula, and has banned ash firewood from any state campground facility.

Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore is prohibiting the import of all ash firewood to reduce the potential for EAB to become established in the park. This ban on importing ash firewood into the lakeshore is consistent with the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Department of Natural Resources policy.

"In addition, should illegal firewood be imported to the Lakeshore, it must be immediately burned on site, reducing the potential of exotic insect invasions and eliminating the possibility of transferring invasive insects to other areas," Northup added. This restriction is similar to that used at Tahquamenon Falls State Park.

Park Rangers will make special efforts to visually inspect firewood at campgrounds and other areas during routine patrols and fee collection. A fine may be levied on persons bringing firewood into the park.

"The introduction of exotic species - both terrestrial and aquatic - is one of the greatest threats to the ecological integrity of the national lakeshore," said park superintendent Jim Northup. "In combating this pest species and others, we ask the public to join us in helping to preserve and protect the natural systems in the park for this and future generations."

For additional information, contact Chief Ranger Larry Hach at 906-387-2607 or visit the Lakeshore website at www.nps.gov/piro under "in depth".

HEALTH QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION

Q: I've heard that cardiovascular exercise can prolong life; is this true?

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Q: Should I cut down on meat and eat more fruits and vegetables?

A: You must grasp logistical efficiencies. What does a cow eat? Hay and corn. And what are these? Vegetables. So a steak is nothing more than an efficient mechanism of delivering vegetables to your system. Need grain? Eat chicken. Beef is also a good source of field grass (green leafy vegetable). And a pork chop can give you 100% of your recommended daily allowance of vegetable products.

Q: Should I reduce my alcohol intake?

A: No, not at all. Wine is made from fruit. Brandy is distilled wine, that means they take the water out of the fruity bit so you get even more of the goodness that way. Beer is also made out of grain. Bottoms up!

Q: How can I calculate my body/fat ratio?

A: Well, if you have a body and you have fat, your ratio is one to one. If you have two bodies, your ratio is two to one, etc.

Q: What are some of the advantages of participating in a regular exercise program?

A: Can't think of a single one, sorry. My philosophy is: No Pain... Good!

Q: Aren't fried foods bad for you?

A: YOU'RE NOT LISTENING!!!! Foods are fried these days in vegetable oil. In fact, they're permeated in it. How could getting more vegetables be bad for you?

Q: Will sit-ups help prevent me from getting a little soft around the middle?

A: Definitely not! When you exercise a muscle, it gets bigger. You should only be doing sit-ups if you want a bigger stomach.



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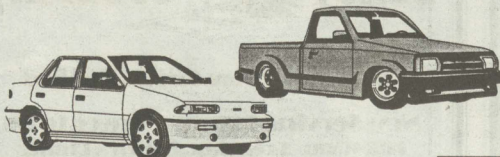
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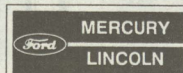
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LUMBER DONATED TO BURT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL



Kevin Blank senior kindly offered to donate some lumber to the school shop program at the March school board meeting, and he made good on his offer one day when he was picking up his son Kevin after Driver Education class. A number of people were on hand to be shanghaied into unloading the pine, cherry, ash, and cedar. The planed lumber was stacked inside by the shop, while the rough cut was stacked by the back

door. Some of the helpers were delayed because they were in the biology room watching the boa constrictor, brought into town by Jan and Dan Cook, devour a mouse, but eventually there were plenty of hands to complete the chore. Thank you, Kevin!

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Governor Signs Bills Establishing Rigorous High School Curriculum

LANSING — Governor Jennifer M. Granholm signed legislation establishing a rigorous high school curriculum in Michigan, calling it an essential step in building a diverse economy that will help keep young people in the state. The Governor also renewed her call for a \$4,000 scholarship for all students to receive education or training beyond high school.

"If Michigan is to compete in a global economy, we must have the best educated workforce in the nation to attract jobs and investment to our state," Granholm said. "This new challenging curriculum will help ensure that every student in Michigan is prepared for college or technical training when they finish high school."

Granholm first called on Superintendent of Public Instruction Mike Flanagan and the State Board of Education to develop the new curriculum standards last fall. In her 2006 State of the State Address, the Governor called on the Legislature to adopt the recommendations approved by the State Board in December. The legislation signed by the Governor requires:

- four credits of math and English language arts;
- three credits of science and social studies;
- two credits of foreign language;
- one credit of physical education and health;
- one credit of visual, performing, or applied arts;
- one online learning experience.

The requirements will be in place for incoming eighth graders in the fall of 2006. The foreign language requirement, which can be fulfilled by coursework completed prior to high school, will be in place for students entering third grade in the fall of 2006.

"Ensuring that students graduate from high school with the tools they need to succeed in college or technical training is just the first step," said Granholm. "Now we must ensure that financial barriers don't prevent students from getting the education they need. We can do that by giving every student a \$4,000 new Merit Award Scholarship."

Granholm called for a new Merit Award Scholarship in her 2005 State of the State Address. Earlier this year, Granholm and Senate leaders reached a tentative compromise, but no legislative action has yet been taken. The scholarship, which was a key recommendation of the Chery Commission on Higher Education and Economic Development, will give \$4,000 to every Michigan student who successfully completes two years of higher education at a university, community college or in technical training.

BURT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

- Thursday, May 4**
Hot Dogs - Baked Beans - Fruit
- Friday, May 5**
Pizza - Veggies - Fruit
- Monday, May 8**
Chicken Nuggets - Tator Tots - Fruit
- Tuesday, May 9**
Chili - Grilled Cheese - Fruit
- Wednesday, May 10**
Turkey - Stuffing - Veggies - Fruit & Rolls
- Thursday, May 11**
Meat Loaf - Potatoes - Veggies
- Friday, May 12**
Nachos - Fruit
- Monday, May 15**
Mac & Cheese - Veggies & Fruit - Rolls
- Tuesday, May 16**
Hot Dogs - French Fries - Fruit
- Wednesday, May 17**
Hamburg Gravy - Mashed Potatoes - Veggies & Fruit - Rolls
- Thursday, May 18**
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- Friday, May 19**
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The call came in at 7:30 a.m., Monday, April 18, 2006. A starling had entered through the fan duct and spent Easter weekend in the school cafeteria. Cook Carol Norris was on the spot. The bird had left its calling card all over the room, and Carol was serving breakfast in the hall. When Tom Scaife arrived with a long-handled fish net, ace bird removal expert Marc Oglevie was on the spot, waiting for a misguided flush. After several attempts at the wary starling, Marc nabbed it over the dishwasher and returned it unharmed to open air space.



Shaving Cream Spelling

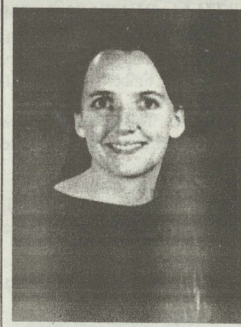


It sure looked like an explosion in a paste factory or some sort of monochrome finger painting exercise, but further inspection revealed it to be a shaving cream spelling lesson in Jessie Soder's class, a way to use a different medium (spell word; wipe away) and to incorporate fun into learning by getting back to Barbasol basics.

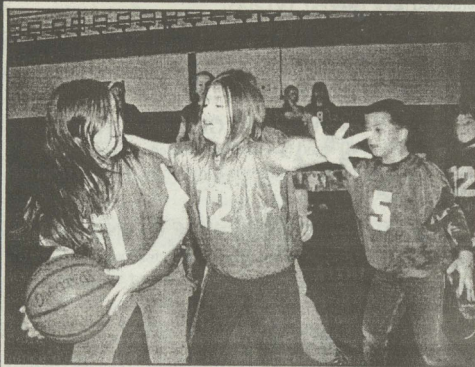
BURT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL 2005-2006 SCHOOL CALENDARS

- May 29
No School
Memorial Day
- June 2
Last Day of School
- June 3
Graduation 2:00 p.m.

Jessie Soder receives Professional Development Award.



Jessie Soder received the Dr. June M. Schaefer Professional Development Award. She will travel to New York City where she will attend programs and training sessions at the long Island Children's Museum. She will also visit art and science museums, art galleries, and other children's museums. She will bring new ideas back to share with her classroom.



Volunteer Lois Kinlaw is running a 3rd-6th grade basketball program during April and a soccer program in May. Getting into the flow of team sports is an essential part of developing the concepts of strategy, teamwork, and sportsmanship, and we are very grateful to Lois for sharing her time with the students.



The Service Learning class with teacher Mike Bryers as guide has completed its preliminary work in the School Forest and moved into town. They have picked snowmobile studs from the heavily traveled trails, shoveled the sand from the monster boardwalk at Agate Beach, and are currently sprucing up the school grounds. If you have an idea about a service project, please contact the school. This group is ready, willing, and able.



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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)

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. \$119,500.00 (VL-143)

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

LARGE RESTORED HOME IN DOWNTOWN GRAND MARAIS: This famous home was built back in the late 1880'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 1/2 miles from downtown Grand Marais this is also totally 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 without using the stairway. \$120,000. (R-166)

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

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)

COMPLETELY REMODELED HOME ON TWO 100 FOOT LOTS: This manufactured home is located on a year round road about three miles from town. It has three bedrooms and two baths. There is a new roof, furnace, water heater, floors and walls, and a new fireplace. It looks "brand new". This is priced for a quick sale as the owners are moving. It would make a great weekly rental when you are not here. (R-167) \$68,500.

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)

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)

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 Reward for Information in Wolf Poaching Case



The Department of Natural Resources is offering a \$1,000 reward for information that leads to an arrest and conviction in a suspected poaching of a gray wolf in the eastern Upper Peninsula this winter.

On Dec. 14, a mortality signal from a radio collar was picked up from a DNR airplane doing a wildlife surveillance flight in the eastern UP. The signal was picked up around the Pickford area, according to DNR Law Enforcement Division reports. The wolf wearing the radio collar had last been seen on Nov. 29.

The following day, DNR personnel tracked the radio collar to the Munuscong River in Chippewa County. The collar was located under the ice, but not retrieved due to poor ice. No human tracks were spotted in the snow from the air, but fairly recent wolf tracks had crossed the river downstream. There was an elevated deer blind in the vicinity with a clear view of the location, DNR reports noted.

On March 7, a Michigan State Police search and dive rescue team recovered the radio collar from the river during a training exercise. The collar showed evidence of being cut off of the animal, law enforcement officials said.

Anyone with information about this incident can call the DNR's Report All Poaching (RAP) Line 24 hours a day, seven days a week at (800) 292-7800. Information can be provided anonymously. The tip leading to an arrest and conviction will receive the reward.

DNR Urges Caution With Outdoor Fires

Department of Natural Resources fire officers and their local partner firefighters are reminding residents that the increase in warm weather throughout the state coupled with a moisture deficit in parts of Michigan currently is keeping the fire danger at a high level.

Many spring outdoor activities are taking place across the state now including the opening of trout season, camping, mushroom picking and turkey hunting.

"While we certainly want Michigan citizens and visitors to enjoy being outdoors, we also want them to be aware that this increase in outdoor recreation activity boosts the chances of wildfire," said Lynne Boyd, chief of the DNR Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division. "A majority of wildfires we fight in our state are started because someone was careless with fire."

Boyd also cautioned against a false sense of security caused by recent rains, saying that while it has rained in many parts of the state in the last several days, the quantity has been less than average.

As of this morning, DNR fire officers have responded to 140 wildfires that have burned 574 acres, and more are expected until the state receives sufficient moisture and things begin to green up in the woods.

"We strongly caution everyone to be careful with campfires and any open flame during this time of high fire danger," said DNR Fire Prevention Specialist Paul Kollmeyer. "As the weather warms up, outdoor activities increase. Extra caution is needed as most of the state is under high fire danger."

The DNR recommends taking extreme safety precautions with any outdoor burning, including: Always being sure your debris fire and/or campfire is completely extinguished before leaving. Use plenty of water to extinguish all fires and wet everything thoroughly, especially the undersides of unburned pieces. Have a garden hose nearby in case your fire begins to escape. If your fire does escape, call your local fire dispatch office immediately.

A burn permit is required before doing any outdoor burning, and is issued only for burning leaves, brush and stumps. Burning of other materials is prohibited. Burn permits are managed by the DNR in the Northern Lower Peninsulas and Upper Peninsula. Local units of government and fire departments issue burn permits in Southern Michigan. Information on where to obtain a burn permit, the latest fire statistics and wildfire safety tips can be obtained from the DNR Web site at www.michigan.gov/dnr.

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Leave Wildlife in the Wild: Citizens Urged to Not Handle or Adopt Young Wildlife

As summer beckons, Michigan's wild birds and animals begin to produce the next generation of the state's living natural resources, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources reminds outdoor enthusiasts to resist handling or adopting what appear to be orphaned baby animals.

Wild animals are protected by state regulations and may only be kept by those who possess wildlife rehabilitation permits.

"Often people find fledgling birds or fawns, and having the best of intentions, believe they are rescuing the animal," said DNR Wildlife Biologist Kelly Siciliano Carter. "Many people do not realize that most of the time, the mother is nearby. We want everyone to enjoy their time in the outdoors in Michigan, but leave the animals in the wild."

Carter added that many biological and disease problems are associated with handling wild animals including rabies, distemper, parasites and mange. Raccoons, for example, are known to host a roundworm that can cause blindness and death in people.

It is normal for many wild animal species to leave their young unattended for hours at a time. Deer, for instance, leave their fawns for up to eight hours before returning to nurse. Taking a fawn home is illegal, and usually results in death of the animal.

Citizens who suspect that a baby animal is abandoned should call their nearest DNR office. DNR personnel will assess the situation and refer the caller to a permitted wildlife rehabilitator when appropriate.

Know It All

There was a man who always acted like he knew everything. On one occasion he accompanied a friend to buy a computer. Looking at an optical mouse, his friend asks "Why use light when you can use the ball?" The guy thought for a minute and said; "You can use it as a flashlight when the power goes out!"

Join the Grand Marais Women's Club!

Dues are \$10.00 per year. Volunteers are needed, and will be greatly appreciated, to help with club projects. You needn't be a member to attend.

Meetings are the 2nd Thursday of each month.
Call Mary Alice Johnson for information
494-2644

Youth and Family Birding Activities Community Invited!

MUNISING, MI – Interested in new ways to explore the outdoors? Mark your calendars: Birding By the Bay Festival organizers are excited about the slate of youth and family activities planned for the upcoming 4th annual festival, scheduled for May 19, 20 and 21.

For starters, community members are invited to attend the festival's opening presentation by Rick Burkman on Friday evening, May 19th at 7pm at Munising Community Credit Union. A former resident of Munising, Burkman will present "Tales of an Itinerant Birder: Mythology, Folklore, and Tales of Birds and Birders." Join his look at the serious and not-so-serious side of human relationships with birds.

On Saturday, area youth, families and organizations are invited to participate in festival activities staged at Falling Rock Café. Festival organizers are excited about this year's line-up which includes: 1:00 and 1:30 – Live reptiles presentations with Jeff Davis (a.k.a. "Turtleman")

2:00 – A concert with songwriter Corinne Rockow
2:30-4:30 – Beginning birding field trip (binoculars provided)
3:00 – Puppet show with Greg Jacobs (a.k.a. "Jackpine Jake")
3:30-5:00 – Wildflower slide show and walk w/ retired ranger Fred Young

Other free games and activities, including face painting will occur throughout the day.

In addition to these free events, the public is invited to attend the festival's keynote presentation "Common Loon Research in the Eastern U.P." presented by US Fish and Wildlife Service biologist Damon McCormick of Seney National Wildlife Refuge. McCormick has been involved in this research since 1997 and will present an overview with emphasis on what the color-marking study at Seney NWR tells us about the loon's natural history, and what levels of mercury exposure in the species reveal about patterns of contamination in inland lakes across the eastern UP. This presentation will require a \$2 admission at the door for the general public and will be held Saturday, May 20th, at 7:30 pm in Sydney's Restaurant.

The festival includes Saturday and Sunday field trips which require pre-registration and fees. If you are interested in these field trips, call the Alger County Chamber of Commerce 906-387-2138 or visit www.birdingbythebay.com for more information or to pre-register.

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