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THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE
GAZETTE WILL BE PRINTED ON
JUNE 29TH TO BETTER
ACCOMMODATE THE 4TH OF
JULY CELEBRATION!

Grand Marais Calendar of Events

June 16, 2006 - June 18, 2006
6th Annual Splash-In on the Bay

Watch as Sea Planes "splash in" on the bay! With aviation games and a fish boil dinner on Saturday. A colorful event promoting Aviation in Grand Marais.

June 17, 2006

Pickle Barrel Yard Sale

- Proceeds benefit the Pickle Barrel House Museum - Residents are invited to donate used household goods, clothing, toys, etc... beginning Saturday @ 9:00 am. Sale will be from Noon to 3:00 pm on the Green Space @ Bayshore Park.

July 4, 2006

Annual 4th of July Celebration

Layla Saheb, of Kidz Ink, appointed by the Chamber as 4th of July Manager! Theme "A Walk in the Park" submitted by a Burt Township School student, Parade, Games, Contests, Street Dance with Cruisin' Back-n- Company, and the Fireworks Spectacular at Dusk.

July 15, 2006

Garden Tour

Presented to you by The Green Space "On-The-Bay" Committee 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM @ the Green Space

24th Annual Fly-In

At the Burt Township Airport - Plane Rides over Scenic Lake Superior & Grand Sable Dunes, Pig Roast at 1:00 p.m.

July 13, 2006 - July 16, 2006

22nd Annual Great Lakes Sea Kayak Symposium

August 5 and 6, 2006

Grand Marais Offshore Challenge

Plans are in the works for a fishing derby out of Grand Marais Harbor! See Capt Jim's Forum ~ more info coming very soon!!!

August 11, 2006 - August 13, 2006

25th Annual Music & Arts Festival
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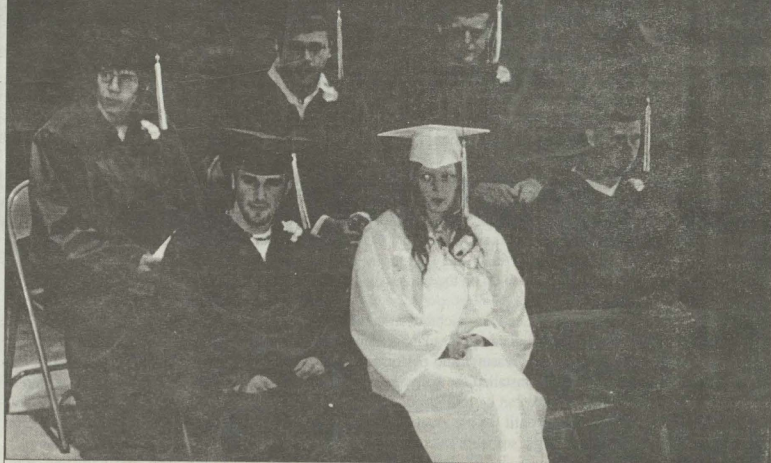
August 26, 2006

6th Annual Memory Walk for Alzheimer's

Contact Gee Petruske for more information.

BURT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL

CLASS OF 2006



Back Row L-R: Dan Norris, Ali Saheb and Justin Tuttle. Front Row L-R: Kevin Brekke, Ashlea Cook and Tim Meek

AD HOC COMMITTEES DRAFT REPORT

The following are excerpts from the Ad Hoc Committees Report, the full version will be available at the Burt Township Office or the Gazette Office on June 16, 2006

On May 9, 2006 the Burt Township Board unanimously passed the following motion to create a temporary committee, which was later named the Ad Hoc Committee on the Management and Accounting of Township Finances:

Establish an ad hoc committee that reports to the Burt Township Board as well as to the community. It's purpose is to look into the payroll tax issue and prepare a written report that will include recommendations for procedural changes to help ensure that this problem does not happen again.

At that meeting, Kay Wampler and Karen Brzys were nominated to be members of the ad hoc committee. We were charged with selecting a third person. George Curtis was asked and agreed to serve on the committee. The board was polled, and a majority approved this selection.

In order to reconstruct what has taken place and develop recommendations for preventing future recurrences, we did the following:

- Examined Oath of Office records to identify seated board members from 2000-present.
- Analyzed existing documentation to compile a spreadsheet chart that lists all relevant information including: federal tax payments, filings of quarterly 941 forms, IRS delinquency notices, and penalties and interest charges.
- Reviewed the Michigan Townships Association website for descriptions of required and recommended duties of officials, financial management, and accounting procedures.
- Researched Internal Revenue Service requirements for payments, procedures, and penalties related to payroll taxes.
- Examined all bill sheets approved by the Township Board for the years 2001 to the present.
- Examined the audit contract between the Board and the accounting firm of Anderson, Tackman & Company.
- Reviewed the audit reports for the years 2001 through 2005.
- Interviewed the township secretary and all Board members and the auditor who served between 2000 and present.
- Reviewed resources available to township officials for training and orientation preparatory to carrying out their duties; also the utilization of these resources by various officials.

Based on what we learned, we find the following:

- According to the document entitled "Evaluating and Safeguarding Township Expenditures" on the website of the Michigan Township Association, "It is the duty of every member of the township board to have an accurate picture of the township's financial situation and to ensure that all procedures and safeguards are being followed. . . . Any member of the township board should be able to give an accurate picture of the townships fiscal situation. . . . The township board is responsible for establishing and maintaining a system of internal controls to reduce the risk that significant errors or irregularities will occur and go undetected. . . . auditors are responsible for evaluating the township's financial internal control procedures."
- Burt Township is required to deposit payroll taxes each month into a Federal Reserve Bank. Of the 64 monthly deposit deadlines since December 2000, only 8 were made on time (12.7%) while 56 were made late (88.89%). Six of the late checks were in fact printed on time, but not deposited. For other months, payments were made late using 941 vouchers. Although the IRS did not sanction us for all of these delinquent periods, we still received penalties totaling \$6,891.16. (On page 7 is a chart that will help explain this situation.)

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Special Meeting of the Burt Township Board

May 12, 2006 – 9:00 a.m.

Attendance: Lee Durrwachter, Kay Wampler, James Seibert, Gordon Kniss, Lois Leavenworth – **Citizens:** 3
May 9th, 2006 Adjournment Vote Note: Lee Durrwachter noted that we had not called for a vote to adjourn on 5/9/2006 on motion by Lois Leavenworth, second by Kay Wampler - 5 ayes.

Public Comment: Howard Baker commented that an ad hoc committee is normally 5 to 7 people, no conflict or bias, self-policing or no board members to keep people with a vested interest out of it. **Closed at 9:06 a.m.**

Approval of the Agenda: Motion by Lois Leavenworth, second by James Seibert to approve the agenda as amended. 5 ayes

Current Business: A) Cert Grant Requests: Need Letters of Support for grants from Alger County Regional Foundation: \$500 for emergency evacuation equipment/cots; \$700 for the purchase of a generator, and \$300 for Workshops for the Arts from the "Jean" Fund. Motion by Lois Leavenworth, second by James Seibert to allow Nancy Weston to pursue the grant [for cots] - 5 ayes. Motion by James Seibert, second by Lois Leavenworth to authorize Nancy Weston to apply for the grant [for a portable generator] as presented and to upgrade the equipment out of Township Funds. - 5 ayes. Motion by Lois Leavenworth, Second by Kay Wampler to approve a grant request for the Jean Fund with instructor fees paid through the payroll - 5 ayes. Motion by Lois Leavenworth, Second by James Seibert to send letters of support to Janice Taylor at ACRF to be written by Lois Leavenworth to go through Clerks office to be included in the township records - 5 ayes.

B) Pre-Approve Payments for Monthly Due Dates, including Utilities, Telephone, Federal, State and County Obligations: Motion by Lois Leavenworth, Second by James Seibert to "include but not limited to" [the items listed] authorize the Clerk to pay the bills in accordance with due dates. - 5 ayes

C) Federal and State Payroll Filings: Kay Wampler reported on current status and process instituted to ensure compliance with current Payroll filings/deposits with copies to the Board. Gordon Kniss felt "blindsided by last deal", Lois Leavenworth felt she was "on the outskirts here", and Lee Durrwachter suggested copies of any correspondence to everyone on the board.

D) Ad Hoc Committee - Members - discussion: Karen Brzys, Kay Wampler, and a third to be chosen by Monday, May 15th. Further discussion: Auditor was authorized to meet with the IRS today, Lee Durrwachter cancelled audit date set up by Kay Wampler, Kay Wampler noted that this is not a good time to change plans with filings already past due (for 2005 and 2006), the auditor is working on the payroll filing problems, and it would be better to get everything completed before we consider hiring a new firm. Motion by Kay Wampler, second by Gordon Kniss to allow Lee to call the auditor and to stay on track for June 5th - 5 ayes.

E) Budget Review - nothing at this time - Kay Wampler reported that we still need to finish the payroll issue before we will know what we need to do on the budgets.

F) Other:

1) Motions to be considered: Lee Durrwachter presented the Board with 5 motions to be considered: James Seibert wants to recognize that computer management is not the duty of the Clerk anymore than electrical work is not the duty of the Treasurer and performing those duties without additional pay is a gift to the community. Kay Wampler installed the software on 5/5/06. Lee Durrwachter was to obtain a backup of the data before the software can be initialized. Motion by Kay Wampler, second by Jim Seibert to leave the Fuel System at Lori's until we are ensured the new Fuel Upgrade software is functioning properly, payment up to \$1000 for the software to come out of the Fuel Fund - 5 ayes. Motion by Kay Wampler, second by Jim Seibert to review what is in place regarding Ambulance Billing and Receiving and to re-visit it at a later date - 5 ayes.

2) Minutes Tabled: Motion by Lois Leavenworth, second by James Seibert to approve the minutes of May 4th as amended - 5 ayes.

3) Revisit Website: James Seibert is concerned that the township has a website and no-one on the board can get into it. Gordon Kniss noted that the person selected to do it opted not to continue to work for the township. Lois Leavenworth wondered who is responsible. No Action was taken on this matter

4) Meeting Dates: Motion by Kay Wampler, second by James Seibert to postpone the Board Meetings scheduled for June 13 to Saturday, June 24th for the Regular Meeting and June 9th for the Special Meeting - 5 ayes.

Adjournment: Motion by Lois Leavenworth and seconded by Kay Wampler to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: May 16, 2006,

Kay L. Wampler, Township Clerk

Special Meeting of the Burt Township Board

May 25, 2006 – 9:00 a.m.

Attendance: Lee Durrwachter, James Seibert, Gordon Kniss, Lois Leavenworth - Kay Wampler, Absent for Training Downstate

Approval of the Agenda: Motion by James Seibert, second by Lois Leavenworth to approve the agenda as amended. 5 ayes

Discussion: State Tax Commission Seizure of Burt Township 2006 Assessment Roll. It was noted by Supervisor Durrwachter that on Monday, May 22, 2006 the State Tax Commission seized/took over the 2006 Assessment Roll as a result of failures on the 14 point review from last year. Burt Township has 90 days to show significant progress in rectifying the deficiencies. Discussion on hiring a new assessor, interviews, and costs (included a quote of up to \$109,000 from one prospect). Financing options were discussed and mentioned borrowing from Peoples State Bank. Lee is interviewing one more candidate on Friday and calls a special meeting for Friday, May 26 @ 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Treasurer Seibert asked that all candidates be investigated/checked out prior to being submitted to the Board for approval. [Note: Special Meeting for the 26th was cancelled/postponed.]

Adjournment: Motion by Lois Leavenworth and seconded by Jim Seibert to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: June 6, 2006,

Sandee Sibbald, Deputy Clerk

These are the unapproved minutes of the May 12 and May 25, 2006 special meetings. Included in the body of these are all of the official actions taken by the Burt Township Board.

BURT TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS HEARING

Date: June 27, 2006 Time: 6:00 p.m. Place: Community Center

The board has received a request from Carol and Robert Thompson to approve a six (6) foot variance, (from 26 ft., which is allowed per the ordinance, to 32 ft.) for the height on their proposed home located on Coast Guard Point Road, Lot #141, Property No. 02-002-475-042-00. This property is zoned Bay.

Copies of the Burt Township Zoning Ordinance and map may be viewed at the Township Office, Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Written comments will be received by the Burt Township Zoning Board of Appeals, POB 430, Grand Marais, MI 4983-0430 or by FAX (906) 494-2627.

Special Meeting of the

Burt Township Board

Work Session

June 7, 2006 – 1:00 p.m.

Attendance: Lee Durrwachter, James Seibert, Gordon Kniss, Kay Wampler, Lois Leavenworth - Absent

Public Comment: Requested to hold an additional comment section at the end of the meeting, Evelyn Morrison gave an update on the Fitness Center, others asked about the Special Meeting scheduled for Friday at 9:00 a.m.

Approval of the Agenda: Motion by James Seibert, second by Gordon Kniss to approve the agenda as amended. 4 ayes

Delivery of the AdHoc Committee Report on Payroll Taxes: George Curtis, Karen Brzys and Kay Wampler presented a synopsis on their findings to date, submitted a "draft" of the report to the board members for their input on Friday, with the final report and presentation at the June 24th meeting. Copies will be available to the public in advance. It was noted that the committee found no evidence of embezzlement or theft but rather that the funds were not transferred into the payroll account from the individual Township Funds to cover the taxes withheld. As such, the funds were used for other purposes. It was also noted that remittance of withholdings to the IRS was not done properly or consistently for the period of January 2002 through March 2006. Many facts about these transactions, training opportunities and recommendations were presented.

Adjournment: Motion by Jim Seibert and seconded by Kay Wampler to adjourn at 2:20 p.m. - 4 ayes

Respectfully submitted: June 8, 2006,

Kay L. Wampler, Clerk

These are the unapproved minutes of the June 7 special meetings. Included in the body of these are all of the official actions taken by the Burt Township Board.

I'd like two pork chops," asked the woman to her butcher, "and make them lean."

"Yes ma'am," said the polite butcher, standing then on end. "Which way?"

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BURT TOWNSHIP BOARD
NOTICE of CHANGE**
The Regular Meeting of the Burt Township Board, originally scheduled for Tuesday, June 13 is rescheduled to
DATE: June 24, 2006
TIME: 12:00 p.m.
PLACE: Community Center



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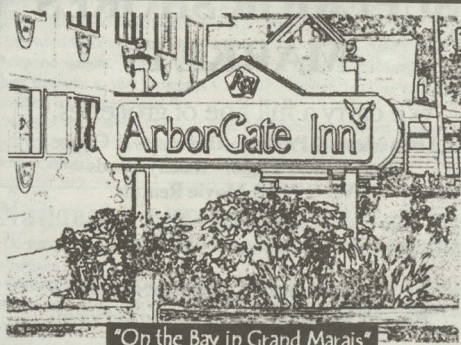


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GRAND MARAIS SENIOR MEALS SCHEDULE

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 June 16
 Beef Cubes W/Mushroom/
 Onion - Mashed Potatoes -
 Rutabaga W/Parsley - Peaches

MONDAY June 19
 Shepard's Pie -
 Wisconsin Blend -
 Strawberries/Pineapple Tidbits

WEDNESDAY June 21
 Turkey - Mashed Potatoes -
 Spinach - Blushed Pears

FRIDAY June 23
 Spanish Rice - Broccoli -
 Diced Beets - Banana

MONDAY June 26
 Beef Stew W/Stew Vegetables -
 Coleslaw W/Pineapple -
 Peaches

WEDNESDAY June 28
 Spaghetti W/Meat Sauce -
 Garlic Bread - Riviera Blend -
 Tossed Salad W/Spinach -
 Pears

FRIDAY June 30
 Country Steak - Mashed Potatoes -
 Corn O'Brian - Fruit
 Juice Jell-O

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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 WMQP 19 Marquette (Fox)	42	Court TV
20 Outdoor Channel	43	The Disney Channel
21 WWJ - Detroit (CBS)	44	Food Network
22 USA Network	45	The Learning Channel (TLC)
23 CNBC	46	Speed Network
24 PAX	47	Comedy Channel



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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	CNBC
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
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17 A&E-Arts & Entertainment	36	WTYS - Detroit
18 USA Network	37	The Outdoor Channel
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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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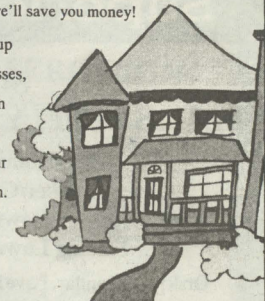
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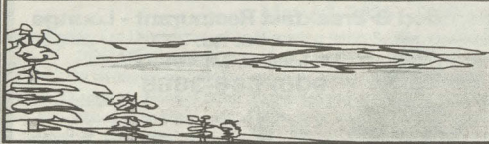
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AROUND THE BAY:
BY EVELYN MORRISON



School is out for the summer, town is getting busier, and the bay is starting to get some boats in. The Bell boys, Steve and Dave have had some terrific sails already.

The planters around town are looking good. The flowers sure brighten up the town. I have heard many comments on the beautiful flowers. Good job, Women's Club and store owners for taking the time to plant the flowers.

Splash-in is this weekend. Take the time to come see the planes and enjoy the annual fish boil on the green space.

Al and Kim Foster from Petokey report the white fishing could be better, but are having a great time while they are here.

Back from Florida is Gerrie Bailey. She will be staying through the fall.

I see the rifle range is getting some good use. It is a great place to site your guns, always think of gun safely when shooting a firearm.

The flower tour is going to be taking place July 15th. Make sure you read the signs in town.

Linda and Bud Caryl invited friends over Saturday to meet their daughter in from IN. There was a nice group there who enjoyed the visit.

Big dump day was this weekend. In talking with Deb Hoffenberger, she says it was slower than last year. She was happy to be there making sure the good junk came her way. You will have to visit her shop on Newberg Rd. She makes beautiful things out of our "junk".

Mark Krempa had a wonderful time brook trout fishing with the O'Brien boys. The fishing was not the greatest but Mark made a heck of a dent in his truck by hitting a bear! Mark is fine and the truck can be repaired, unfortunately the bear did not survive.

Happy Father's day to all you dad's out there. Take the day off and enjoy yourselves.

A belated happy birthday to Neil Beaver. Happy birthday to Bess Capogrossa, Wilma Smith, Helene Burant, Ruth Beaver, Al Young and Jim Bailey. See you Around the Bay. If you have any thing to add to our next issue lets us know.

Keep on smiling...Evie morriso3@jamadots.com

OBITUARY

Charles L.

"Charlie" Senecal

Lifelong Grand Marais resident, Charles L. "Charlie" Senecal, 61, died suddenly Friday May 26, 2006 in Grand Marais.

Born May 11, 1945 in Grand Marais, son of the late Edward & Lavina (Burkett) Senecal, Charlie was a 1964 graduate of Burt Township High School. He served in the United States Navy, the United States Coast Guard and later enjoyed his travels around the country to visit his many brothers and sisters before he finally settled down in Grand Marais. Charlie, as he was known to all, was an avid student of history, current events, home-spun philosophy and hopefully is continuing to enjoy sharing his thoughts with family and friends who have gone before him.

Besides his parents, Charlie is preceded in death by an infant brother Floyd Joseph. Survivors include his siblings Ed (Phyllis) of Portland, Paul of St. Louis, MO, Marla Overlin of Grand Marais, Del Rytter of Schaumburg, IL, Charlene Bamford of Redmond, WA, Trisha (Race) Jones of Anchorage, AK, Joe (Pia) of Bakersfield, CA, John of Grand Marais and Beth (Bob) Micander of McMillan; several nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated June 2, 2006 at 11:00 am at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Grand Marais with Fr. Paul Karottekunnel officiating. Rite of Committal followed at Holy Rosary Catholic Cemetery.

Those who wish may contribute to the Holy Rosary Catholic Church or the Grand Marais Senior Citizens in memory of Charles L. "Charlie" Senecal.

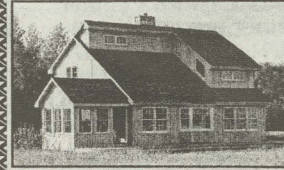
Condolences may be expressed at www.beaulieufuneralhome.com.

Beaulieu Funeral Home in Newberry is assisting the family.

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Rhea Becker Memorial Service

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Correspondence can be sent to: J. Randal Becker at: 9700 Winans, West Olive, MI 49460.

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The Grand Marais Women's Club met at the Dunes Saloon on June 1st for their closing banquet for the year. (We begin again in September.) 22 members and guest attended. After the meal secret pals were revealed and new ones were chosen. As usual the Dunes did an excellent job cooking and presenting our dinner.

At our May meeting the Club decided where we would donate our money. We gave two hundred dollars to each Bay Cliff Health Camp, The U.P. Alzheimer's Association and The Beacon House of Marquette. The Burt Township school received four hundred and fifty dollars for the purchase of two speakers for the sound system in the gym and two hundred and fifty dollars was donated for the purchase of flowers for the barrels and planters around town. Our members also did the planting and will do the watering throughout the season.

Two hundred dollars was donated to the C.E.R.T. group for equipment for the individual bags and another two hundred was donated towards the purchase of rubber floor matting for the new Fitness Center. We have reserved two hundred dollars for a donation towards a summer community concert arranged by the Pickle Barrel Association.

We would like to thank the local Lions club for their donation of over a thousand dollars. When the decision was made to disband, they gave their treasury to the Women's Club. This money puts us in a pleasant position for the next year.

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Between 1959 and 2004, the state of Michigan ranks 13th among all states in the number of lightning deaths, with 101 people known to be killed by lightning. During that same time period, Michigan ranks second only behind Florida in lightning injuries, with 714 people known to have been injured by a lightning strike in the state.

Last year in Michigan, fortunately there were no reported lightning related deaths, but there were 5 reported lightning injuries. Total reported damages from lightning amounted to over 2 million dollars.

During a thunderstorm, each flash of cloud-to-ground lightning is a potential killer. It's only a question of whether a person is in the path of the lightning discharge. Lightning deaths can be prevented only if people are aware of the dangers and seek shelter in a building or car.

Lightning can strike as much as 10 miles away from the rain area in a thunderstorm, which is about the distance that you are able to hear the thunder from the storm. That is why we stress: IF YOU CAN HEAR THE THUNDER FROM A STORM, YOU ARE CLOSE ENOUGH TO BE STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

Where organized sports activities are taking place, coaches, umpires, referees, or camp counselors must protect the safety of the participants and viewers by stopping the activities sooner, so that the participants and spectators can get to a safe place before the lightning threat becomes significant. In May 2000, several children were struck while exiting a soccer field in Northville. Just four months later, one boy was struck and thrown to the ground as children in Warren were rushing off a field during soccer practice.

We encourage everyone to take advantage of Lightning Safety Awareness Week to review their plans and discuss with their children the dangers of lightning. Simply moving indoors when you see lightning or hear thunder can save lives.

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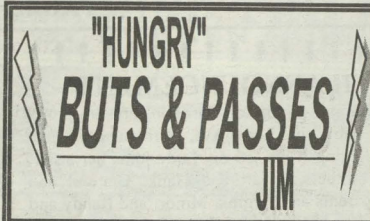
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Abu Musab al-Zarqawi finally bit the dust. There is no doubt in my mind that the world is better off without him but is it worth the price? It is pretty obvious that Georgie boy & company have learned from the "Mission Accomplished" blunder; the reaction was one of cautious optimism by almost everyone that I heard make a comment. Although radicals from both sides are predicting either an explosion of terror activities or an end to most of it, the effect is an unknown but will become apparent shortly. If you think the killing of al-Zarqawi is worth the cost to the USA and others, I strongly disagree with you. The death of all the USA service personnel, for that matter even one of them, far outweighs the value of al-Zarqawi demise. Add to that the death of other country's people and tens of thousands of Iraqis and this is a bad investment. Adding the removal of Saddam Insane and other criminals still makes this war a losing proposition. If we add the hundreds of billions of dollars (that could feed, shelter and provide for our destitute) it has cost the American taxpayer we have made the deal ridiculously one sided. Every day more macho supporters of the war when it began are rethinking their position and it now appears that two thirds of Americans believe that the war is going badly and al-Zarqawi's death doesn't seem to increase the administration's popularity, even among his elephant ex-supporters.

It seems as though every time I turn around there is another scandal because of this administrations policy. Now three "prisoners?" have committed suicide at the Guantanamo detention center. There is something wrong when a man who is guilty of thousands of murders, like Saddam, is treated better and given a trial with state financed lawyers but a person who might have some connection with a terrorist or terror organization is held without charge, trial or representative. There are no doubt some criminals held at Guantanamo and other detention centers/jails but there are also no doubt some people who are squeaky clean. We afford our more vicious criminals, murderers, pedophiles, child abusers, rapists etc. much better conditions and rights. I can understand that these detainees become hopeless and hard to deal with. That in turn causes the suicides and the stress on their keepers who become less and less humane to the detainees. I don't criticize the guards for mistreating prisoners, I am sure it is a maddening assignment and I have no idea of what it is like. I do however place blame on our government, especially the warmongers, for employing conditions that we would not accept, and rightfully so, from others for our citizens. Three years ought to be enough time to find out if these prisoners are in fact connected with terrorist groups or not. As long as this continues you can count on more mistreatment and suicides in these places; some might even be our troops. I don't want criminals set free but I also don't want innocents incarcerated with no hope of freedom. We can do better.

Iran doesn't seem to like the nuclear ultimatum given them by the UN. They have decided to make a counter offer. I certainly hope an agreement can be reached without any killing. I don't think that even Georgie boy and his henchmen are stupid enough to start another war but they have proven me wrong in the past.

While traveling to Marquette, something that I do quite often, I noted a few things of interest. One was gas price; it ranged from \$2.999 in Seney and Munising to \$2.869 at some stations in Marquette. There can't be that much difference in cost in that short distance. Of course our government tells us there is no price gouging happening. I wonder what

their definition of "price gouging" is. They are degrading our intellect expecting us to believe that these price fluctuations and the fact that oil companies are realizing record profits is completely defensible. The second thing that set off questions concerning the use of common sense by our state government was the road work between Munising and Shingleton. It appears that a long passing lane area is under construction. I surely am not opposed to passing lanes but when this road and others are full of pot hole and other deterioration it would seem more intelligent to repair what we have rather than to create more to maintain.

The local issues, IRS filings and assessments are being discussed in a much calmer way than I would have expected. I give a great deal of credit for this to Karen Brzys, George Curtis and Kay Wampler, the Committee. I know there is a lot of discussion going on and incorrect information circulating but there have been many people at the meetings to discuss these problems who are getting the facts. There is much to be decided yet but the work of the Committee has provided us with quite a bit of information to help us to decide what we need to do to resolve these issues. The board meeting on the 24th will spend time on these issues and possibly incorporate a plan for their resolution. I hope that a lot of citizens present their views in a reasonable manner at this meeting or, if they can't make the meeting by communicating with the board before the meeting.

And finally. The trip to Green Bay with the 2nd-6th grade students went well, details are found elsewhere in future papers. My nephew Jake's graduation party was very enjoyable. He did very well in high school and is planning to work toward a profession as a pharmacist. My nephew Jeff and his wife Yulia were also there with their baby twins and Yulia's mother Vera from Russia. All my siblings were there and I had a nice visit with each; damn they are sure getting old. Grannie Annie was there and appears in good health. Being 90 doesn't seem to have affected her much. On my next trip I have to bring my brother-in-law, Dave, a new deck of cards. The deck we used at his place was the same deck that Adam and Eve used to play cribbage. My three kids, Pug, Poo and Seen had a good time at the party, maybe too good. I understand Sherri had a rather loud designated driver trip to the motel. Boo the grandkids and I left about an hour before Sherri and the kids. We all got up reasonably early and went to the "Golden Corral", a place Mr. Hammer took us to on the school trip. It is a great place to eat; the buffet has just about everything you could want and one heck of a desert bar. Then we headed for Bay Beach Amusement Park, the best kids entertainment value that I have ever seen. Ride tickets have escalated to a whopping \$.25 each; they were \$.10 when I was a kid and for a long time thereafter. We left and headed for home around 2:00 pm EDT so that Pug could get back for a softball practice. This past weekend we went to Marquette to celebrate grandson Brady's and son Paul's birthdays. It is June 9 for both of them, 29 years apart. The weather was a bit chilly but the kids still went swimming in their new pool. Brady and his friends spent more time shivering than swimming. Dinner of Swedish meatballs and stuff was followed by cake and ice cream. Sherri and I headed back Sunday morning so that I could get this written and catch up a bit on my township work. Don't want to get behind now; it might delay getting property tax bills out to you. Next week on June 18, Father's Day, Jackson and I will celebrate our birthdays. I won't tell you how far apart in age we are. Might just do some fishing that weekend if my grass doesn't continue to grow as fast as it has been (I've cut it once a week since the middle of May).

Hopefully the killing of al-Zarqawi won't increase the violence in Iraq and around the world. It would be nice if it reduced it a bit, but I won't hold my breath. Our troops around the world remain the targets of terrorists and whackoes. Maybe some day we can bring all our troops home or at least most of them. Until then keep them in your thoughts and prayers. Until next issue.

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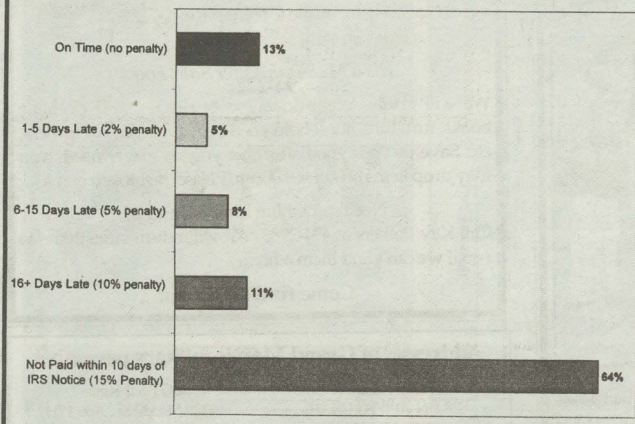
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Figure 2 – Timing of Monthly Federal Payroll Tax Deposits



- Documentation for 2001 is not complete and there is no record of the IRS delinquency notices, although we know from discussions with IRS representatives that some were received. After comparing the amount of tax due and the amount of tax paid, there is an additional amount of \$4,931.71. This amount most likely constitutes extra payments to cover penalties and interest charges.
- Four times a year employers must file a 941 form summarizing total tax due and total payments for the quarter. When the form is filed, any amount of tax due must be paid. Of the 17 quarters that had tax due, payments were not made on time in ten quarters (58.8%) resulting in \$6,005.19 in penalties. Of the 21 quarters examined since December of 2000, we were late in filing the 941 form 14 times. Fortunately, the IRS is penalizing us for only 7 resulting in \$11,965.40 in penalties.
- Each year employers must prepare W-2 statements for employees and file W-2 and W-3 forms with the IRS. Each W-2 statement summarizes the wages, state and federal income taxes withheld, and Social Security and Medicare taxes withheld for each individual employee for the year. The W-3 form totals these figures for all employees, although the IRS has begun their investigation, they will continue only after the payroll tax problem is resolved. Thus far, we have received a penalty of \$146.03. More penalties will be forthcoming.
- The IRS charges interest on all delinquent tax payments. Although some of the interest fees are still being computed, as of the present writing, we have paid \$7,736.95 in interest

charges.

- The annual audit reports clearly identified the payroll tax payment problem in 2001, 2002, and 2003. Also, during the annual audits, meetings were held wherein the auditor verbally identified and described the problem to the entire board.
- Each month the clerk prepares a bill sheet listing expenses that must be paid. The list is reviewed by the board and approved for payment. It includes tax liabilities due to the state and federal governments. The clerk prepares and signs checks for each payment, and delivers them to the treasurer who also signs. The checks then become valid and are distributed to payees. Of the 55 meeting minutes with bill sheets attached, only 14 (25%) had the correct amount of federal tax deposit listed, although for two of these months checks were never printed and paid. The 41 bill sheets that were not correct included:
 - * 20 with no listing at all for either federal or state withholding tax payments.
 - * 7 with the wrong amount listed for the federal payment, most of which were significantly low.
 - * 7 with multiple payments on the same bill sheet (note: there should only be one federal and one state payment each month).
 - * 6 with only a state payment (federal payment was missing).
 - * 3 with no payroll payments of any kind (but employees were paid).

As a result of the IRS investigation, the township has had to pay back taxes of over \$50,000 plus penalties and interest of over \$38,000. One payment was made from available fund balances on April 17, 2006 for \$22,648.02. A loan has been secured (5% interest) from the local bank to cover two other payments of \$39,031.94 on May 4th and \$25,000.00 on May 19th. Another payment is due on June 12th for \$5,307. Additional penalties and interest charges are still expected.

Closing Thoughts

In closing, the committee would like to respond to an often asked question: "Where did the money go?" We feel confident that there has not been embezzlement or any other illegal removal of money from the township accounts. The preliminary search of inter-fund transfers shows a shortage of almost \$25,000. Money should have been transferred from the various fund accounts to the payroll account to cover the payroll tax liability. Instead, most of the money stayed in the original accounts and was spent on other things. Additional monies were transferred, but were spent on making delinquent payments to the Michigan Unemployment Agency. A comprehensive reverse budget analysis could be conducted to determine with a high degree of certainty how the money was spent.

When this ad hoc committee began to study the payroll tax issue, we discussed the positive outcomes that could result. Our community's journey to improve township operations begins by bringing the facts to the surface. We have done that. Our research efforts were diligent and the findings are as accurate as the available documentation would allow.

It is not possible to solve a problem unless you first acknowledge its existence.

Editors Note: This report is open to the public in its entirety, and needs to be read and studied to be understood. Let's take the time to review the information and implement some of the suggestions made by the Committee to make Burt Township a better place to live. This situation is not finished yet, as more information becomes available hopefully we will be able to learn from the mistakes made and move forward in a positive way.

The final report to the citizens of Burt Township will be available this coming Thursday, June 15th at the township office. If you have any thing to say to the township board remember that the next scheduled meeting will be June 24th at 12:00 (noon) at the Community Center. Please come and let your voice be heard.

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As often happens the weather was beautiful early in the day, but when it was time for the dedication the rain moved in, so Treva (Sibbald) Gorski, organizer of the memorial bench purchase and ceremony, held tightly to an umbrella as she read a poem and said a few brief words in memory of Andy.

Thanks go to the Burt Township Board for allowing the bench on Grand Marais property. Grand Marais was one of Andy's favorite places.

A newlywed is trying to console his little bride, who sprawled, dissolved in tears on the couch. "Darling" he implored, "Believe me. I never said you were a terrible cook. I merely pointed out that our garbage disposal has developed an ulcer."



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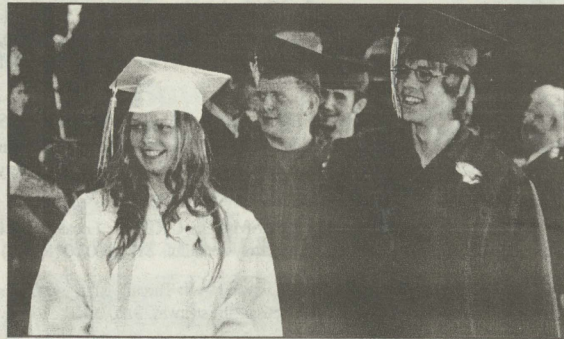
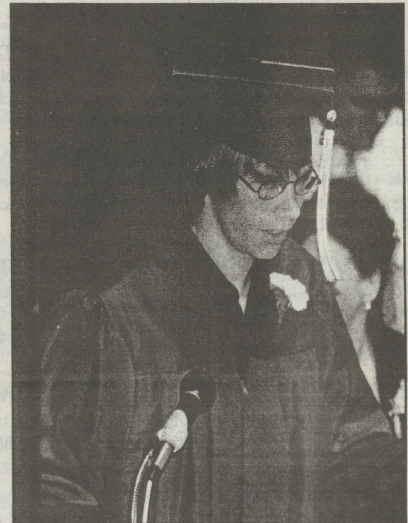
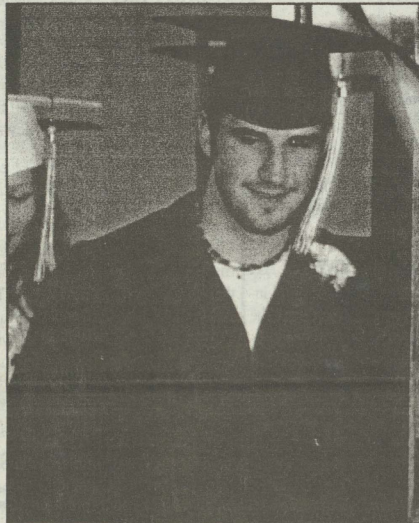
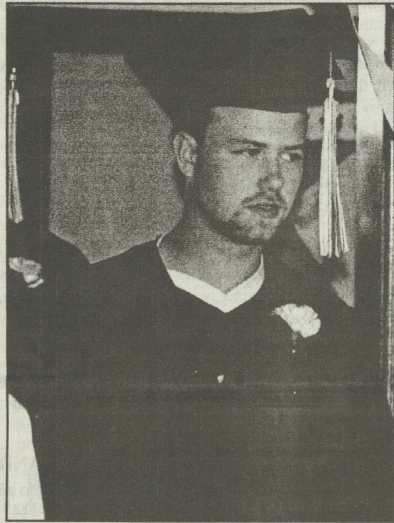
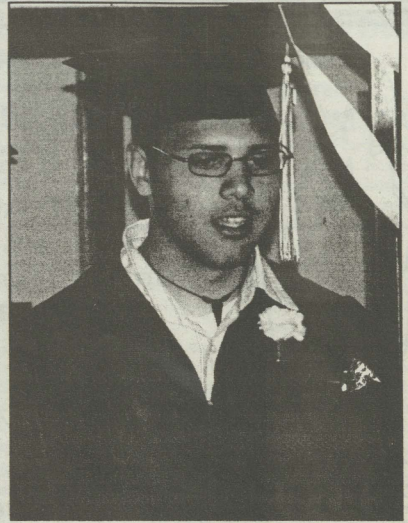
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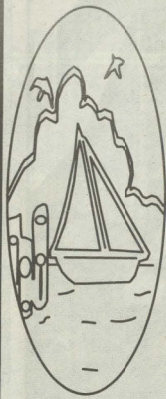
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**"ON THE BAY IN
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NEW: THREE BEDROOM HOME ON GRAND MARAIS BAY: This well maintained cottage has a beautiful fireplace and is only two blocks from downtown. The home is down below the bank across from the school. There is no bluff and the beach is absolutely beautiful. \$239,500.00. (R-170)

NEW: THREE BEDROOM HOME WITH GARAGE ON GRAND MARAIS BAY: This has the best of both worlds. There is a small lake full of ducks and geese in front with big Lake Superior on the other side. The view is spectacular. \$198,500.00 (R-171)

NEW: THREE BEDROOM HOME WITH ATTACHED TWO CAR GARAGE: This home sits on over 3 acres only 1 1/2 mile from Grand Marais. It includes another one care garage, with garage doors in both the front and the rear. The house sits back from the road in a beautiful setting with lots of nice trees. This is an exclusive listing with our office. \$129,000.00. (R-169)

NEW: CUTE HOME ACROSS FROM THE BAY IN DOWNTOWN GRAND MARAIS: This home has two bedrooms, one bath, and a two car garage. It is located on two lots with a nice yard across from the village public beach and has an alley in back.. The inside is beautiful with a large fireplace. \$149,500.00 (R-168)

NEW: FOUR BEDROOM, TWO BATH HOME WITH LARGE POLE BARN: This home is in excellent condition and at the edge of town on Webb Rd.. It is on two 100 foot lots with big trees and lots of privacy. \$139,000.00

NEW: THREE BEDROOM, TWO BATH HOME ON M-77. This home is almost brand new. It sits on three and one half acres only one mile south of Grand Marais. It is easy to get in and out of in the winter. \$139,500.00 (R-166)

NEW: BEAUTIFUL LAKE SUPERIOR PARCEL WITH NO BLUFF: Located in Superior Dunes this is an end lot to State land. There is 233 feet of frontage. Won't last long!! \$229,000.00. (VW-147)

NEW: LAKE SUPERIOR WATERFRONTAGE WITH ALL THE D. E.Q. PERMITS. This parcel has 210 feet of frontage with the drive already in. the permits are in place and it is ready to build a house on. \$170,000.00 (VW-148)

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)

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)

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)

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)

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

TWO 40 ACRE PARCELS WITH MARKETABLE TIMBER: These parcels are located on highway H-58, 15 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)

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)

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

SECURED 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)

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)

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 hot water 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.

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. \$149,500. (VL-143)

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LARGE RESTORED HOME IN DOWNTOWN GRAND MARAIS: This famous home was built back in the late 1800's and has been remodeled with new plumbing, roof, kitchen, bath, electrical, and much more. Located on a corner lot in the quiet area of town this is a real show place. \$182,000.00 (R-153)

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

TOTALLY RESTORED LOG CABIN ON SMALL CREEK: Located only 1 1/2 miles from downtown Grand Marais this is also very 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. \$120,00. (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 SIDE 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 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)

We are open all year, however, during the winter months by appointment only.

Please call ahead and we can make arrangements to show property even in the "deep" snow.

Please call for an update on new listings. For additional information call: Ed Bowen, owner/broker at 494-2700. FAX: 494-2353

GRAND MARAIS -----THE WHOLE POINT OF ALGER COUNTY!

Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore Seeks Volunteers Who Love its Backcountry

Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore recently announced a new "Adopt-a-Trail, Adopt-a-Campsite" program, as part of the park's overall Volunteer in Parks (VIP) program.

"As with many other public institutions, we need the assistance of volunteers to complement and supplement the work of our paid professional staff," Park Superintendent Jim Northup explained. "With over 100 miles of trail and 13 designated backcountry campsites, this is just as true in the backcountry as it is in the developed areas of the park."

A half-day orientation and training session for Adopt-a-Trail, Adopt-a-Campsite Volunteers is scheduled for Saturday, June 17, from 9 a.m. to noon. It will be held at the Grand Marais Ranger Station located at E22040 Coast Guard Point Road in Grand Marais.

Under this new program, interested individuals or groups who love to hike and camp in the park can adopt a section of trail or a backcountry campsites. Adopt-a-Trail, Adopt-a-Campsite volunteers will be asked to visit their section of trail or campsite once a month from May through October for light maintenance duties including picking up litter, light brushing, cleaning out water bars, and breaking up illegal fire rings. Over 20 local citizens have already signed on as trail volunteers.

Volunteers will also be asked to fill out a brief one-page summary and to report on any larger issues that need to be followed up or completed by park staff. The park will provide a VIP uniform shirt and ball cap, basic tools and gloves, and written guidelines on the work to be performed.

The park's trail network has been sub-divided in 37 sections that are available for "adoption". Adoptable sections range from trails that are easily accessible and less than a 10th of a mile to one section of the North Country Trail that is 5.3 miles long. "There is something for every ability and level of interest," said Chris Case, the park's Facility Manager.

"We are actively seeking individuals who want to assist us as citizen stewards," Northup said. "We are hopeful there are a number of individuals in our surrounding communities who hike and enjoy the park's trails on a regular basis, and we are asking them to join with us in protecting park resources and contributing to the enjoyment of current and future generations. This is a great way to get outdoors, get some exercise, and be part of conserving America's first national lakeshore."

If you are interested in participating in this program, please call Pam Baker, the park's Volunteer in Park Coordinator, at 387-3700, or T.C. Collyer at 494-2669.

A new business was opening, and one of the owner's friends sent flowers for the occasion. But when the owner read the card with the flowers, it said, "Rest in Peace"

The owner was little upset and called the florist to complain. After he had told the florist about the obvious mistake, the florist said, "Sir, I'm really sorry for the mistake, but rather than getting angry, you should imagine this: Somewhere there is a funeral taking place today, and they have flowers with a note saying, "Congratulations on you new location."



From the Pastor's Desk: Robert Gardner, First Lutheran A POWERFUL IMAGE

Images fill our lives. Marketing campaigns depict people, products, and symbols. Images are beamed into our homes via television and internet. Billboards, buses, stadiums, and clothing all become canvas for visual communication. In church we touch the baptismal font in remembrance, mediate on the cross, and find peace in a window's rainbow color.

Seen or unseen, images are powerful. An inventor awakes with a problem-solving picture in the middle of the night, and some scientist think in images. The power of images is disputed by very few among us.

For Christians the image of the risen Christ is infinitely powerful. He stirs among us when pride keeps us from answering his knock, and enters lives sometimes bolted shut to grace. As God's true image he reflects that redemption is more than a gruesome death scene on Friday. His resurrected, wounded body is an image of suffering love both for those who saw and touched him and for those who have done neither.

Seeing Jesus as the hinge of history is a life-saving image. On the far side death's wrecking ball destroys all in its path. On this side of Jesus' resurrection the hulk of death dissolves into harmless fog, and Christ reassures those who cannot touch his wounded hands and side that resurrection is coming. He is history's hinge, and in the great resurrection he will mark us forever with the image of the invincible God.

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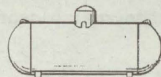
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR
AA-MEETING: Call 494-2384 or 494-2386 for information
ALZHEIMER'S Memory Group meets the 1st Thursday of the each month at 1 pm at the Superior Hotel
BINGO: Every Sunday at 7:00 p.m. at the Holy Rosary Catholic Church.
BURT TOWNSHIP BOARD: Every 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center.
BURT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL BOARD: Every 2nd Monday at 7:30 p.m. at School Library.
GRAND MARAIS WOMEN'S CLUB: Every 2nd Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at Community Center.
BURT TOWNSHIP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Every 3rd Monday at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center.
LIBRARY HOURS: M-F Noon to 2:00 p.m. Wed. 6-8 p.m. at the Community Center.
GERMEASK-VFW HALL: Second Sunday of each month all you can eat breakfast from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
CURTIS LIONS: Third Sunday of each month all you can eat breakfast from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
"OLD TIME GOSPEL HYMN SING": First Sunday of every month at 7:00 p.m. Held at the Methodist Church.
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