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First Tournament Trail Fishing Contest in Grand Marais – Biggest Lake Trout Caught in Tournament Trail this year.

By Ian C. FitzRandolph



Winners of the tournament "Thunder Run", Brad MacNeill, along with Lee, Matt and John Britton

Anglers from the region fished in the Grand Marais, Michigan leg of the "Tournament Trail" on Saturday and Sunday, August 5-6. Sponsors included, among others: Grand Marais Chamber of Commerce; Big Ion downriggers of Interlochen, Mich.; and Watson's Marina, Inc. of Curtis and Gander Mountain.

The big winner was the boat "Thunder Run", with Lee, Matt and John Britton aboard, along with Brad MacNeill, which came in first place after catching 63.50 pounds of fish to edge out second place boat "Spoonatic", which weighed in 60.55 pounds. Captain Jim of Rattler Fishing Charters trailed closely with 59.25 pounds of fish.

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Fred McDonald of the Tournament trail handed a check for \$1000 and a trophy to Captain
Lee Britton of "Thunder Run" and a check for \$500 to "Spoonatic".

John Williams, of Big Jon Sports, presented gift certificates of \$500 and \$250 to other boats completing the tournament. He told the crowd of over 60 at the weigh-in that he loved Grand Marais having ridden his snow mobile here and that he wanted to make the tournament bigger, "The more fishermen the better."

Asked to comment on the low number of boats in the tournament, Mr. McDonald said, "The important thing is the support of the community [Grand Marais]. They provided a chicken dinner. Incredible! The best dinner I have had on the tournament." He envisioned the tournament getting up to 20 boats next year and 30-40 in two years after the word gets out about Grand Marais. He said, "the perception was that you have to be an expert, but you don't. You just have to like to fish."

Other boats, besides "Thunder Run" and Capt. Jim's "Rattler" from the Grand Marais area, included Jack Hubbard's "Wood Tick" and Jim Alexander's "Hooked."

On the first day most success was found out at the Big Reef. Action continued there on Sunday. Matt Britton from "Thunder Run" said his boat went towards Caribou Island the first day. They fought 8 foot waves the second day to the Big Reef where there seemed to be more luck.

Matt Britton, and Brad Muscoe on the boat "Scale Chaser" from Marquette, said they had their best luck with a spoon from Silver Streak called the "Michael Jackson." Asked to explain the lure name, they said the color scheme was half black and half white.

Fred McDonald said that the 19.70 Lake Trout caught by "Spoonatic" on the first day was the biggest he could remember of the Tournament Trail so far this year. The Tournament has over fifteen contests on Lake Michigan. Grand Marais was the first on Lake Superior for the Tournament Trail

Grand Marais Calendar of Events

August 26, 2006 6th Annual Memory Walk for Alzheimer's Sept. 2-4, 2006 3rd Annual Grand Marais Triathlon September 4, 2006, 1st Annual "Little Bridge" Walk in Grand Marais @ 10:00 a.m Green Space October 7, 2006 3rd Annual Barn Dance

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BURT TOWNSHIP BOARD APPOINTS NEW SUPERVISOR

At the special board meeting on August 5, 2006, the Burt Township Board appointed Karen Brzys as the new township Supervisor. The position of township treasurer still needs to be filled. If you are interested you have until August 31, 2006 to turn in your application and letter.

There will be a **special meeting of the Township Board this Saturday**, August 19 to hear testimony in the ongoing investigation of the IRS/Employment Tax Issue. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the Community Center.

A Special Meeting of the Qualified Electors of Burt Township will be held on Tuesday, August 22, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Discussion will be held on the following subjects:

A) Whether Burt Township should seek a loan and/or mortgage on the smith brothers beach property located on the south shore of Grand Marais Harbor for \$150,000.00 or in another amount found appropriate, on just and appropriate terms, the proceeds of which may be used: 1) First, to pay off all unlawful loans made during May and June of 2006, which were used to pay back employment taxes, fines and/or penalties assessed by the IRS, in the approximate amount of \$70,000.00; 2) Second, to pay the cost of the audit being conducted of the Burt Township financial records for the past approximately 5 years as well as the normal financial audit of the books and records of Burt Township for fiscal year ending March 31, 2006; 3) Third, to reimburse the Burt Township General Fund for all monies paid for back employment taxes, fines and/or penalties to the IRS arising out of Burt Township's failure to pay employment taxes in a timely fashion (approximately \$25,000.00); 4) Fourth, to pay the expenses associated with the investigative special hearing set for August 19, 2006 (Transcript, filing fees, subpoena costs, etc.); and 5) Fifth, to deposit the remaining loan and/or mortgage proceeds into a new account designated the "Rainy Day Fund" to be distributed only by further resolution of the Burt Township Electors and/or Burt Township Board to apply to the loan and/or mortgage, defray any further expenses connected to Burt Township's failure to pay the employment taxes described above and/or any other payment found appropriate from time to time. B) Whether the salary currently awarded to the elected Burt Township Supervisor should be reduced, with the supervisor's written consent, in the amount of \$10,000.00 (from \$13,200.00 to \$3,200.00) and the \$10,000.00 savings paid to fund the new Township Manager position. C) Whether the Burt Township Board, in the future, shall be allowed to indebt the township in any fashion without a lawful resolution duly passed at a meeting of the Burt Township Electors.

Special Meeting of the Burt Township Board

August 5, 2006 - 6:00 p.m.

Attendance: Kay Wampler, James Seibert, Gordon Kniss, Lois Leavenworth - Citizens:

Approval of the Agenda: Motion by Gordon Kniss, second by James Seibert to approve the agenda with addition - 4 aves

Agenda and Actions Taken: A) Recommendation re: Kirk Grace from Mike Beek - Mike Beek recommended the termination of Kirk Grace's employment for engaging in unaut conduct ~ Motion by James Seibert, second by Lois Leavenworth to adopt Resolution 2006-06 considering termination at an upcoming meeting/hearing per analysis by the township attorney and Kirk Grace will remain suspended pending further decision by the board. - 4 ayes. B) Contracts for assessor and attorney: John Underhill made an offer to be retained as Burt Township attorney for \$1.00 until November 1, 2006 and all matters/issues thought to even remotely involve legal consequences shall be brought to the attention of John H. Underhill, P.C. in writing or by phone call whichever is appropriate under the circumstances. Motion by Lois Leavenworth, second by Gordon Kniss to accept resolution 2006-05 as submitted - 4 ayes ~ Motion by Lois Leavenworth, second by James Seibert to adopt resolution 2006-07 that the contract between the new assessor, Mike Foust, and Burt Township shall be, and hereby is, approved. — 4 ayes, C) Update by Mike Pond and Tony Schomin of STS Engineering on Grant Projects/commitments: STS presented their report on the following Projects: Well #3, Transmission and Controls, Boat Launch, Dock Up-Grade, Harbor Master Building and Septic System, Well Head Protection, Coastal Zone Application, Future Water and Sewer needs. The well is almost done and will be on-line by fall. Current Application for payment due is \$29,829.92, additional payment requests to follow with a total balance on the contract of \$116,658.65. The Marina Upgrade Projects include contracts with the DNR for Dock Upgrades that were completed in 2004 but invoices need to be submitted for outstanding \$19000 reimbursement due Burt Township. Boat Launch project is expected to cost around \$58,000 with a 75/25 match, they need 30 to 90 days to rework and resubmit the permits that are now expired earliest date to complete the project is spring or early summer 2007. Harbor Master Building, Restrooms, and Septic all need to be resubmitted for the 50/50 grant (possibly 75/25 matching grant). Plans are held up in Lansing and were not approved. STS suggests reworking a package for the entire area with plans for the DPW, Fire, Ambulance, Marina and Chamber office (with their input) to increase funding options and resubmit as appropriate. Total commitment/contract agreements with the MDNR indicate that Burt Township is obligated to provide at least \$69,003 under the current grant agreements. The township has an outstanding offer from STS to provide engineering and project management services on the Boat Launch extension project for \$5,000.00. (Needs to be decided by the board.) D) Attorney update on pending investigation, possible board restructuring, process changes, and recommendations of a new Auditor: Attorney, John Underhill presented several resolutions as follows: to ensure proper han-

dling of resolutions (#2006-08, adopted on motion by Seibert/Leavenworth - 4 ayes), to handle records and papers by Board Members (#2006-09, adopted on motion by Leavenworth/Knissayes), set out procedures for the upcoming investigative special meeting of the Burt Township board on August 19, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. (#2006-10, adopted on motion by Leavenworth/Seibert – 4 ayes), abolishment of reimbursement for medical/health insurance policies for all officers of the Township (#2006-11, adopted on motion by Kniss/Leavenworth - 3 ayes, 1 abstain), creation of the position of "Township Manager" (#2006-12, adopted on motion by Kniss/Seibert - 4 ayes), Anderson, Tackman "attestation" letter and 2006 fiscal year audit (#2006-13, adopted on motion by Seibert/Kniss - 4 ayes), hiring Bruce Dewar of Schneider, Larche, Haapala & Co., PLLC to conduct a financial audit of Burt Township financial records from July 1, 2000 through the prosent and to conduct the normal audit of Burt Township for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2006 (#2006-14, adopted on motion by Leavenworth/Kniss - 4 ayes). E) Update on loans, budgets, insurance/bonds, financial state of the Township, and options: John Underhill reiterated the use of a special meeting of the electors to approve a loan by the township to pay off the illegal loans, indicated that the current budgets are not appropriate to the needs and are overstated, that the bonds on the officers has not been updated and will not pay off on the failure to file or pay employee taxes, the funds are very low and other options need to be explored; i.e. grants and other sources of revenue. F) Special Meeting of the Electors: Resolution to order a special meeting of the Qualified Electors of Burt Township to be held on August 22nd at 7:00 p.m. (#2006-15, adopted on motion by Seibert/Leavenworth – 4 ayes). G) Approve Hiring of 2 people to sort and file records in the archives and clerk's office for the investigation: Resolution #2006-16 on motion by Seibert/Leavenworth - 3 ayes, 1 abstain. H) Review/Appoint Supervisor: Resolution #2006-17 approved on motion by Leavenworth/Kniss to appoint Karen Brzys as Township Supervisor to fulfill the remaining term of past Supervisor, Lee Durrwachter - Roll Call vote: Leavenworth – aye, Kniss – aye, Seibert – aye, Wampler – aye. I) FOIA Policy: Underhill read a letter from the State Tax Commission regarding use of FOIA requests for access to tax rolls and public records, that process is to be stopped immediately. Attorney Underhill will prepare a revised FOIA policy that mirrors the state's. J) Assessor, Mike Foust, note on reappraisal: Mr Foust introduced himself and commented on the process of reassessment and it's impact on individual taxes. A copy of his statement is on file in the Clerks office.

Public Comment:

Adjournment: Motion by Lois Leavenworth and seconded by James Seibert to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 p.m. – 4 ayes

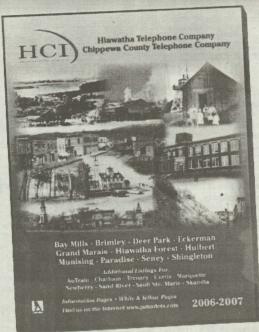
Respectfully submitted: August 9, 2006.

Kay L. Wampler, Township Clerk

An official copy of all resolutions passed at this meeting are on file in the Clerk's office at the Burt Township Hall and are available for inspection/review by appointment.

These are the unapproved minutes of the August 5, 2006 special meetings. Included in the body of these are all of the offical actions taken by the Burt Township Board.

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MONDAY August 21 Green Pepper Steak - Carrots -Mashed Potatoes - Plums

WEDNESDAY August 23 Pasty pie - Stewed Tomatoes M'Orange

FRIDAY August 25 Baked Fish - AuGratin Potatoes - Green Beans w/Pimento -Banana

MONDAY August 28 Meatballs - Mashed Potatoes -Italian Blend Vegetables -Plums

WEDNESDAY August 30 Roast Beef - Mashed Potatoes -Carrots - Peaches

FRIDAY September 1 Hamburger Steak w/Onions -Baked Potato - Baked Beans -

MONDAY September 4 HOLIDAY LABOR DAY

WEDNESDAY September 6 Roast Pork - Savory Carrots -Baked Potato -Rosy Applesauce

FRIDAY September 8 Beef Cubes W/Mushroom/ Onion - Mashed Potatoes -Rutabaga w/Parsley - Peaches

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DATA is compiled by Karla Bugg

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Aug. 3	76	54			
Aug. 4	78	59			
Aug. 5	83	59			
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Aug. 7	78	65			
Aug. 8	77	48			
Aug. 9	80	59			
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18 The Discovery Channel
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The festival is now over and on to the next event. That would be the Campbell Street Gallery Concert with Michael Stadler, the Alzheimer's walk on the 26th, and the Triathlon over Labor Day weekend.

Old time friend Helene Bruant passed away August 11th in Ohio. She was the owner of Burant Cabins formally "Grahams Cabins", and also had a beauty shop in her home. She enjoyed life in Grand Marais until Alzheimer's force her back to Ohio. Helene was a dear friend to many and will be missed.

Bess Capogrossa has returned home from Tender Care in Munising after her hip surgery this spring. She is glad to be back and is happy to see her cat.

On Saturday July 29th, Larry and Sue Allyn officially held a welcome picnic for Ed and Ardis Hanish now residing in Albuquerque, NM. Thirty five old friends spanning the U.U. group, book club, and Market Place greeted them and talked over "memories". They also brought their 7 year old granddaughter, Shanta and daughter Robin with them. Shanta was hunting for rocks with Karen Brzys and Robin; Karen educated Shanta to the "rock world while in AQQ". The Hanishs spent 4 days and then went on to Ohio to celebrate Ardis' mothers 100th birthday

In for a few days were Yale Bailey and daughter Debbie from IN. It was nice to see them. Gail (LaFraniere) and husband Bob Hubler were in from Shepard with son Mark and daughter Bobbie. Gail was able to work at LSBC for a few nights.

Janice (Peterson) Moss had a few friends of sister Janet's come in from Texas for the week. Barb and Don Pass and Mary enjoyed their

time here and found plenty to do. Nice to see them again.

Blaine Whaley celebrated his 2nd birthday on the 12th. It was nice that Grandma Renee' (Beaver) Stocking was able to come up for the festivities. My understanding is, Renee' will soon be back to her old job as the school secretary this fall. It will be great to have her back, and I'm sure her mom and Dad, Ruth and Neil Beaver, will be delighted to have her

John and I enjoyed the weekend with two of my friends that I graduated with. Cheryl and her husband Sid Hull and Kathy Densmore and friend Pete Salyer from Ithaca. We had a great time at the festival, wen to camp and caught up with our childhood memories. It was wonderful having them here and hope they come back soon. Pete Salyer, found out that Ted Geiger, lived here in town and looked him up. They graduated together in Ovid. A small world we live in as we all know.

Daughters Jenny and husband Ben Cooley were up with son Logan from Ithaca. We celebrated Logan's 2nd birthday. Wendy and her husband Steven Sohl are up with their boys John, Evan, and Lenz from Goodrich

Brother, Jim Bailey from CO. flew in for a few days and picked up a fishing boat. Brother Bruce was able to come up for a few days to go fishing.

Nelson and Janie Dowe are proud grandparent of Kyle Nelson Dowe Born August 7th in Tucson, AZ to Wally and Amy Dowe. Happy birthday to Jack Newberg, Amy Ross, Deb McKinstry, Logan

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Frank B. Nordman

Nordman, Frank B. Whitmore Lake, MI (formerly of Ypsilanti) Age 101, passed away August 8, 2006.

He was born May 19,1905 in Ann Arbor, MI the son of the late Edgar and Nellie (Hubbard) Nordman. On August 7, 1927 in Ann Arbor, MI. Frank married Mildred (Gross) Nordman. preceded him in death in 1989. He was employed as a Foreman for Kyle Model Laundry in Ann Arbor for 37 years. He was a member of The National Laundry Assoc., The Ann Arbor Eagles, The Pittsfield Historical Society, and was active in Pittsfield Twp. Senior Citizen's. He was treasurer of Town Hall, a oneroom schoolhouse (which is now on the EMU Campus) when it was located at the corner of Morgan and Thomas in Ann Arbor.

Frank's family remembers him as a gentle and loving man. He loved gardening and his grandchildren. Survivors include his daughters: Elane Lee of Grand Marais, MI; and Gail (Dave) Smalley of Whitmore Lake; daughter-in-law Jane Nordma of Ann Arbor; nine grandchildren; 15 great grand children and three great, great grandchildren. His son Douglas (August 29,2000), six brothers and two sisters precede him in death.

A Celebration of Frank's life was held Friday, August 11, 2006 at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Hamburg Chapel with Rev. Tracy Huffman officiating. Burial followed in Washtenong Memorial Park. Memorial contributions are suggested to Arbor Hospice.





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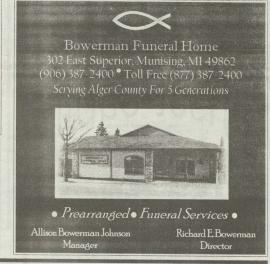


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Park Announces the Experience Your Lakeshore Program

Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore Superintendent Jim Northup announced today the park's first ever "Experience Your Lakeshore Program" designed specifically for the local

The program will be conducted on five consecutive Friday afternoons from 1 p.m. until approximately 5:30 p.m., beginning on September 8. Over the course of the five week program, participants will visit key locations in the park, will receive formal presentations on park operations and issues by key park staff, and participate in a variety of fun hands-on ac-tivities. Participants are requested to participate in the full program. An optional all-day hike into the park's backcountry with the superintendent will be offered to program participants on Saturday, September 23.

Similar to programs operated in several other national parks, the Experience Your Lakeshore Program is intended to provide an opportunity for local community, civic, and business leaders to spend quality time in the park, learn more about the park's natural and cultural resources, gain a better understanding of park operations and issues, and have some fun!

"As members of the Alger County Community, we want and need our neighbors to understand and appreciate what the park has to offer and means to the area, and this is a great way for all of us to get to know each other, and each other's concerns better," Northup said. "This is part of our on-going effort to reach out to the local community, and we really hope to get a good turn-out"

If you are interested in participating, please contact Brenda St. Martin at Park Headquarters at 906-387-2607 no later than Friday, September 1. Space is limited.



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Dear Editor:

I want to thank the voters of Alger County for their strong support of the Alger County MSU Extension program during the recent primary election. The renewal of .25 mills for 5 more years allows us to continue to provide valuable educational programs and services. We are very appreciative of the strong support, as shown by the poll numbers, from each township and City of Munising residents. We will continue to do our best to offer a strong, diverse extension education program for the people of Alger County. I also want to thank our friends and supporters who worked hard to make voters aware of the activities and impacts of MSU Extension in Alger County. We look forward to continuing our work. Jim Isleib

Alger County Extension Director

The Grand Marais Gazette,

Thank you for the 1st Annual Grand Marais Garden Tour. Please excuse the handwriting -our computer is at home (where it should be).

The \$10.00 ticket was a bargain. All those beautiful gardens to enjoy and we never had to pull a weed.

After peering over fences and peeking into yards it was wonderful to fi-nally stroll through those gardens. It was obvious a lot of love and effort went into them. We drove through town every day for a week before the tour and watched as finishing touches were put on the gardens -we even saw a rock garden magically appear overnight.

Not only were the gardeners friendly and gracious but so were the at-tendees. But then would you expect anything else from anyone inter-

ested in gardens?

The plant sale and silent auction (even though I was out bid) were great ideas -and an 18" Grand Marais plum now grows in our yard. We are looking forward to next year's tour.

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Most Michiganders ought to hang their heads in shame. I heard that a whopping 18% of Michigan voters voted in the Primary Election of August 8, 2006. There was a considerable increase in the number of Burt Township residents but still fewer than 50% from what numbers I got. Given the ease of obtaining an absentee ballot this is terrible. There were only a few choices to make but there were some of local concern including a millage (tax) request that affects all Alger County tax payers and a Road Commissioner. It is no wonder that politicians are able to be elected with only the support of a small percentage of the electorate. I am confident that the numbers will be better in November; but as far as I am concerned less than 90% is BAD!

A cease fire in Lebanon between the Hezbollah and Israel has stopped the killing there for awhile but only for awhile. It don't know what it will take to eliminate the hate between Jews and Arabs that has kept them at each others throats for thousands of years. Although I can accept Israel's anger at the Hezbollah and a need to reduce their ability to attack Israel, it is difficult to accept the demolition of so much of Lebanon, especially the number of children that have been killed. According to Georgie Boy Hezbollah was defeated; according to Hezbollah and other Arab nations Israel was defeated. As far as I am-concerned bother were losers as is true in all wars but more so in this one because it will solve nothing and caused death and destruction to both sides.

Although the Mid-east war has taken center stage, much to the relief of the Bush administration, the killing goes on in Iraq, Afghanistan and other places. There seems to be a war of semantics between Georgie and his henchmen and others as to whether the current killing in Iraq constitutes a civil war or not. Believe it or not, I think it is a battle between two religious extremist factions, not a civil war. I really don't think it makes a difference what it is called to the families of those killed or maimed. The pressure to bring our troops home seems to be gathering strength as shown in the sizable victory of Ned Lamont over Joe Lieberman in Connecticut's senatorial race. The big issue in that primary race was the support of Lieberman for the Iraq invasion and continued occupation. That obviously did not sit well with the electorate strengthening the idea that most Americans want us out of Iraq PDQ.

One more report is out showing the failure of Homeland Defense to do their job properly and monitor its spending. We are talking \$BIILLIONS folks! Enough money to feed, clothe and house many of our homeless and poor for a year or so. Contracts are being given without any follow up and much of the money spent on these contracts is either waste or extortion. I heard of money being spent on golf lessons at a country club, hiring an elevator operator (no doubt a pay off for someone) and many other examples of waste. At a Congressional Hearing one of the officials of Homeland defense said that they had put a couple hundred \$million in their next budget to hire people to insure the contracts are being complied to. Maybe they could hire Halliburton

to do this job. Right Cheney? One of the success stories of the department is the invention, purchase and use of hundreds of bomb detectors that can't tell the difference between Uranium and cat litter. Do you still think we are safer today than we were last year? Five years ago?

On the home-front we have a bunch of meetings of the township. Hopefully they will put the issues to bed so that this community can get back to some semblance of normalcy. I am looking forward to my retirement from governmental positions and some time to actually enjoy this area, especially fishing. I wish my successor the best and welcome him/her to the shooting gallery (he/she will be one of the targets).

And finally. Other than Boo the whole crew plus Mara Dempsey were here for the 25th Music Fest and they all stayed at our house. We had air mattresses covering the living room floor and people wall to wall. Poo, Hoo & Too arrived Thursday night. I watched a movie about a rather unusual three man baseball team that had some of the better humor that I have seen in many years AND it was done without profanity. Of course the boys allowed me to buy ice cream at the "Lility Spit" (Lickety Split). Too got some of his Macinac Island Fudge ice cream on various body parts and clothes; Hoo managed to eat his with no mess. Pug, Sandy, Lizzard and Doc arrived Friday around six pm and Sean and Dizzy rolled in around 7:00 pm. We all headed for the Music Fest and around 10 pm Sherri, the kids (including Mara) went home. I am not sure what time the kids went to sleep but know it was after mid-night because they were still awake when I got up to go to the bathroom On Saturday everybody except me went to the Music Fest around noon while I did some paper work. We had a spaghetti dinner that evening before heading back to the Music Fest. The kids were all having a blast and Hoo was making a killing collecting empty cans and bottles; I think he wound up with over \$50.00 worth. I asked for a loan but he said he had better things to do with his money. Around 10:00 pm there was a fireworks display (by Steve Bell I think) sponsored by the Grand Marais Chamber of Com merce. When it was time for the kids to go home only Too was ready. The rest of them were not happy campers; they wanted to stay until midnight. Parental guidance won out and Sherri, I and the kids headed for home about 10:45 pm. When we got home the kids played hot potato (with a real potato) and had ice cream. I hit the sack at midnight, I have no idea when the kids did. On Sunday some of the crew went to the Fest for awhile and then Pug, Sandy, Lizzard and Doc headed for home followed shortly by Sean and Dizzy. The "oo" crew stayed Sunday night and Poo accompanied Sherri to Bingo. The boys and I spent some time at the school playground and the beach then went home for another movie, pop corn and of course ice cream. They left in the morning while I was at the Township office. It was a very enjoyable though tiring weekend. I also got an article from the front page of the Mining Journal raving about the pitching performance of Doc in a downstate tournament, will probably show it to

Although there is a cease fire in the Mid-East, there doesn't seem to be one in many areas of Eurasia or Africa. Many people are being killed including our troops. The threats by Bush against Iran and Syria don't paint a peaceful picture even if Iraq settles down and Osama Bin Laden is destroyed. Our troops will remain a target for many factions. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers. Until next issue.

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The vocal/performance workshop is being hosted by Lorrie Hayes, also of the Flat Broke Blues Band. Lorrie is a veteran singer who has been performing for over 20 years. She has a background in a multitude of vocal styles ranging from blues to rock to country and jazz. She also has a strong background in stage performance and has appeared on nightclub and festival stages from Marquette to Japan.

The workshops are open to area youth who attend the festival. Remember that children 14 and under get free admission to the festival when accompanied by a paying adult. The workshops get underway Saturday, September 2nd at noon in the workshop tent at the park.

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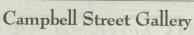
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GRAND MARAIS HISTORICAL SOCIETY **NEWS**





On Thursday, August 10th the Grand Marais Historical Society honored Donna Oglevie for her 20 years of service as "curator" for the light-keepers home. We are proud of her accomplishments and invite others to join us in the endeavor to preserve history such as the Light-keepers home and the Pickle Barrel mu-

We Need Your Help

If you like to meeting people and can volunteer 3 hours once or twice month, the Grand Marais Historical Society needs greeters at the Pickle Barrel House and the Light Keepers House museums. We need people at each house to welcome visitors. There is information at each house so you don't need to talk about the museum, but rather be there so that people can visit the houses. We'd like both houses to be open daily from 1-4 PM throughout August and weekends in September. At present we don't have enough volunteers to be able to do this. Visitors enjoy seeing our two museums. If you can help, please call Pat Munger, 494-2404, or Susan Bennett, 494-2501. You'll have fun and meet new people.

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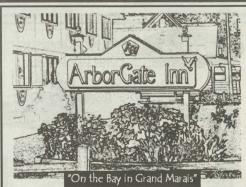
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School District	Limited Enrollment	Unlimited Enrollment	Limited Enrollment	Unlimited Enrollment	
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Burt Township	-	X		X	September 27
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Ishpeming	-	X			September 27
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Munising		X		X	September 27
Negaunee		X (except gr 4)			September 27
NICE	-	X (except gr 4)	Soldie -	-	September 27
North Star Public Academy	- 1	X		X	September 27
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Republic-Michigamme	-	X	-	X	September 27
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*Public Act 297 of 2000 amends Section 105c to permit school districts to accept schools of choice enrollment applications from students in contiguous ISDs/RESA, regardless of district contiguity. Information regarding the grades, schools and special programs for which applications will be accepted is currently available in the Superintendent's Office of each school district.

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9/7	Grand Marais @ Munising Baptist	5:00 p.m.
9/8	Copper Country @ Grand Marais	5:00 p.m.
9/12	Bay de Noc @ Grand Marais	5:00 p.m.
9/13	Paradise @ Grand Marais	5:00 p.m.
9/15	Grand Marais @ Soo N	5:00 p.m.
9/20	Grand Marais @ Paradise	5:00 p.m.
9/22-23	Northwest Academy @ Grand Marais	5:00 p.m./ 9:00 a.m.
9/26	Grand Marais @ Ojibwe Charter	5:00 p.m.
9/29-30	Hannahville @ Grand Marais	5:00 p.m./ 9:00 a.m.
10/3	Munising Baptist @ Grand Marais	5:00 p.m.
10/6-7	Grand Marais @ Mackinac Island	5:00 p.m./ 9:00 a.m
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220 FEET OF VIEW PROPERTY OVERLOOKING LAKE SUPERIOR: This parcel has the driveway in, also a building site has been cleared. Lots of nice trees and privacy, and the location is only two miles from downtown Grand Marais. \$125,000 (VL-146)

THREE BEDROOM HOME WITH ATTACHED TWO CAR GARAGE: This home sits on over three acres only one and one-half miles from Grand Marais. It includes another one car 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. \$129,500 (R-169)

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TWO COMMERICAL BUILDINGS IN DOWNTOWN GRAND MARAIS, ACROSS FROM THE PUBLIC BEACH: these buildings currently have three year-round tenants, and there is an additional area with space for two more stores, making a total of five tenants. A lot of work has been done, such as new roofs, to improve the property. There is also a large area upstairs which would make an apartment. The property has city water and an updated septic/sewer system. \$175,000.00 (C-204)

A GREAT FIXER-UPPER: This home is located on Highway H-58, three quarters of a mile East of Grand Marais. The house has nice windows and interior wood walls and flooring. The property has city water and an updated septic/sewer system. The decks need to be replaced, and some trees need to be trimmed around the house. \$86,500.00 (R-173)

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NEW: CUTE HOME ACROSS FROM THE BAY IN DOWNTOWN GRAND MARAIS: This home has two bedrooms of the the saw o car garage. It is located on two lots with a nice yard across from the village of the care hand has an alley in back.. The inside is beautiful with a large fireplace. \$149,500 (R-168)

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