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Gazette's New Web Site

The Gazette has been working on a new web site and it is now on line with two or more web cams. At the present time you can find it at grandmarais.net. Take a look through and keep checking back for more changes as they happen. One web cam can also be seen on grandmaraismichigan.com website. Look around and let me know what you think. We hope to have additional cameras around the downtown area in the near future.

Kay Wampler Wins Burt Township Clerk's Position

Kay Wampler was elected Burt Township Clerk at the November 7, 2006 General Election with 216 votes versus 78 for Brent Hammer (a write-in candidate). Burt Township has 442 registered voters; 319 voted in the election for a 71.49% voter participation. Kay has twice held the Clerk's position. She resigned recently because of her inability to work with the Supervisor/Township Manager. Her name was on the ballot because it was too late to remove it. Although she had previously stated that she wasn't running, a sizeable number of citizens convinced her to change her mind. People liked her willingness to stand up for what she believed whether her position agreed with that of the other board members or not. Brent Hammer, a school teacher at Burt Township, School put together an impressive campaign but was unable to overcome his association with Karen Brzys and the fact that winning as a write-in candidate is very difficult. Many people looked at the election as a referendum on support/nonsupport of the Township Supervisor-Township Manager.

GRAND MARAIS WOMEN'S CLUB ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

NOVEMBER 18TH
10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
COMMUNITY CENTER
Lunch Available

For table call Mary Alice - 494-2644

Hunters' Dinner

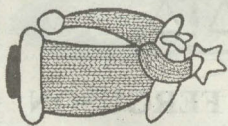


The annual hunters' dinner was held on Monday November 13, 2006. The event was held at the Grand Marais Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall. The Proceeds will go to Father Joe's mission in India. As usual the event was well attended by hunters and locals who come for the delicious dinner and enjoyable fellowship. The food was good and plenty. If anyone left hungry, it wasn't for lack of available sustenance. Those who set up, prepared the food, served it, tore down, cleaned up or in any other way contributed to the success of the dinner are to be commended for a fine job.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DAY SUPPER

November 23, 2006 4:00 p.m.
@ the First Lutheran Church
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Starry, Starry Night

Annual Grand Marais Christmas Celebration
Friday, November 24th 4 to 9 p.m.

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WHAT IS STARRY, STARRY, NIGHT???? It's a festive, holiday oriented shopping day in Grand Marais. Shoppers can visit and shop for Christmas Gifts, enjoy the atmosphere, holiday treats, and special shopping, seeing friends and neighbors. Shoppers go from shop to shop. Hope to see you there.

Township Meeting to be held November 14, 2006

The regular meeting of the Burt Township Board is to be held Tuesday, November 14, 2006 at 7:00 pm at the community center. Due to opening day of hunting season falling on the normal publication day for this paper, I moved the publishing date up one day. This will prevent any reporting on what happened during the meeting in this issue. Rumor has it that some important and controversial topics will be discussed and decided (maybe). In addition to the normal items, the last agenda I have shows several items for discussion and possible resolution. The major subject will be to turn over control of the financial investigation being conducted by Supervisor/township manager Brzys and township attorney Underhill to the Attorney General for handling. This directive was decided at the November 5, 2006 special meeting of the electorate by a vote of 63 to 16 in favor. Most people at that meeting believe that it should be given to the experts to decide if any action should be taken. Getting this investigation away from local control will also enhance the odds that it will be fair and impartial. A few bills are also being questioned and finally the budget amendments will be presented. Hopefully the meeting will be well attended.

WELCOME HUNTERS HAVE A SAFE AND
FUN TIME WHILE VISITING GRAND MARAIS

OFFICIAL BALLOT RESULTS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION, November 7, 2006

<p>STATE GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR</p>	<p>CONGRESSIONAL UNITED STATES SENATOR</p>	<p>STATE REPRESENTATIVE 109TH DISTRICT</p>	<p>STATE PROPOSALS:</p>	<p>PROPOSAL 06-4</p>
<p>Dick DeVos 119 Republican Ruth Johnson Jennifer Granholm 194 John D. Cherry Jr. Democratic Douglas Campbell 2 David Skrbina Green Bhagwan Dashairya 0 Carl G. Oehling U.S. Taxpayer Gregory Creswell 1 Scotty Boman Libertarian</p>	<p>Michael Bouchard 116 Republican Debbie Stabenow 186 Democratic David Sole 3 Green W. Dennis FitzSimons 3 U.S. Taxpayer Leonard Schwartz 1 Libertarian</p>	<p>Joel Westrom 117 Republican Steven Lindberg 176 Democratic COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 1 Catherine A. Pullen 224 Democratic</p>	<p>PROPOSAL 06-1</p>	<p>A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO PROHIBIT GOVERNMENT FROM TAKING PRIVATE PROPERTY BY EMINENT DOMAIN FOR CERTAIN PRIVATE PURPOSES YES 281 NO 84</p>
<p>SECRETARY OF STATE</p>	<p>REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS 1ST DISTRICT</p>	<p>COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 1</p>	<p>A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO REQUIRE THAT MONEY HELD IN CONSERVATION AND RECREATION FUNDS CAN ONLY BE USED FOR THEIR INTENDED PURPOSES YES 266 NO 34</p>	<p>PROPOSAL 06-5</p>
<p>Terri Lynn Land 158 Republican Carmella Sabaugh 138 Democratic Lynn Meadows 11 U.S. Taxpayer</p>	<p>Don Hooper 75 Republican Bart Stupak 232 Democratic David J. Newland 1 Green Joshua J. Warren 2 U.S. Taxpayer Ken Proctor 1 Libertarian</p>	<p>TOWNSHIP TOWNSHIP CLERK</p>	<p>PROPOSAL 06-2</p>	<p>A LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE TO ESTABLISH MANDATORY SCHOOL FUNDING LEVELS YES 146 NO 155</p>
<p>ATTORNEY GENERAL</p>	<p>LEGISLATIVE STATE SENATOR 38TH DISTRICT</p>	<p>Kay L. Wampler 216 Democratic Brent Hammer 78 Write-In</p>	<p>A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO BAN AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAMS THAT GIVE PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT TO GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS BASED ON THEIR RACE, GENDER, COLOR, ETHNICITY OR NATIONAL ORIGIN FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION OR CONTRACTING PURPOSES YES 210 NO 94</p>	<p>According to the official Voters Registration Role for Burt Township there are 442 registered voters in the Township. On November 7, 2006 319 votes were cast in Burt Township.</p>
<p>Mike Cox 157 Republican Amos Williams 135 Democratic Charles F. Conces 3 U.S. Taxpayer Bill Hall 4 Libertarian</p>	<p>Pete Mackin 100 Republican Mike Prusi 207 Democratic</p>	<p>JUDGE OF THE PROBATE COURT 5TH DISTRICT INCUMBENT POSITION</p>	<p>PROPOSAL 06-3</p>	
		<p>Bill Carmody 210 Judge of the Probate Court</p>	<p>A REFERENDUM ON PUBLIC ACT 160 OF 2004 - AN ACT TO ALLOW THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HUNTING SEASON FOR MOURNING DOVES YES 104 NO 198</p>	

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Kathleen Correll
Burt Township
Treasurer

ADDRESS CHANGES

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**Applications for Land Use Permits
Approved by Burt Township for 2006**

NAME	ZONE	APPROVED	USE
DeWolff, Larry	R-1	09-06-06	Driveway
Murphy, Richard	R-1	09-13-06	Storage Bldg.
Phelps, Eric	Bay	09-22-06	House
Aho, Steve	Bay	10-11-06	House



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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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**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 November 17
Baked fish - Green Beans W/
Pimento - AuGratin Potatoes -
Banana

MONDAY November 20
Meatballs W/Gravy -
Mashed Potatoes -
Italian Blend - Tropical Fruit

WEDNESDAY November 22
Roast turkey W/Dressing -
Cranberry Sauce - Mashed Potatoes -
California Blend -
Dinner Roll - Pumpkin
Custard - Fresh Orange

FRIDAY November 24
HOLIDAY

MONDAY November 27
Shepards Pie - Wisconsin
Blend - Strawberries/Pineapple

WEDNESDAY November 29
Roast Beef - Mashed Potatoes -
Carrots - Peaches

FRIDAY December 1
Baked fish - Green Beans W/
Pimento - AuGratin Potatoes -
Banana

MONDAY December 4
Country Fried Steak -
Mashed Potatoes - Carrots -
Tropical Fruit

WEDNESDAY December 6
Pasty pie - Stewed tomatoes -
M'Orange

FRIDAY December 8
Baked fish - Green Beans W/
Pimento - AuGratin Potatoes -
Banana

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



**WEATHER
SUMMARY**

DATA is compiled by Karla Bugg,
Cooperative Weather Observer.

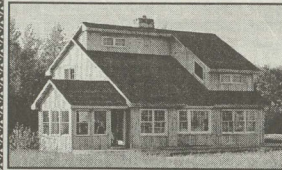
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5 G.M. Community Channel	28	FX
6 WLUC--Marquette (NBC)	29	G.M. Community Channel
7 WDIV--Detroit (NBC)	30	Lifetime
8 WTBS--Atlanta, GA	31	Sci-Fi Channel
9 CNN--Cable News Network	32	TV Land
10 Fox Sports Detroit	33	FAM--The Family Channel
11 ESPN 2	34	Home & Garden
12 ESPN--Ent. Sports Network	35	Hallmark
13 WNNM--Marquette PBS	36	Home Shopping
14 The Movie Channel... Premium	37	QVC--Shopping Channel
15 TNT--Turner Network TV	38	C-Span
16 WXYZ--Detroit (ABC)	39	CHS - Country Music Videos
17 A&E-Arts & Entertainment	40	The Weather Channel
18 The Discovery Channel	41	FOX News
19 WMQF 19 Marquette (Fox)	42	Court TV
20 Outdoor Channel	43	The 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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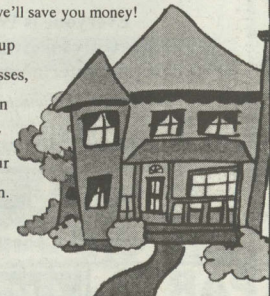
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**AROUND THE BAY:
BY EVELYN MORRISON**



When Marc called and reminded me it was time again for Around the Bay I wondered what the heck news I could come up with for this issue because I have been gone for two weeks.

When I got back on Saturday, we did go out for lunch and supper. Cooking was not the first thing I wanted to do. I did see a few camps were in town. Beerslayers were getting ready to open camp and Crab Orchard has been here and expecting a few more to show up.

There will be music at LSBC Saturday evening. Come join in the fun. According to Dianna Bell at Bay Shore Market, the weekend was steady with hunters and ran out of bait so good luck to you all.

Congratulations to Kay Wampler for being elected by the people. Let hope things will start to go smoother at the township level.

Janie Dowe will be hosting her 3rd annual trash or treasure party. We all look forward to that gathering.

Linda Caryl will be getting her car fixed after trying to remodel the Peterson's garage over the weekend. At least no one was hurt that was the important part.

Marge Maki will be taking off the winter this week. Her daughters are picking her up from IL where she will be staying for the winter. Marge says she is looking forward to having many lunches with her sister that lives in the area.

Happy birthday to Gerrie Bailey, Brooke Whaley who is going to be 30, Rachel Scaife, and John Monache,

Get well to John LeClair. John has been hospitalized at Marquette and hopes he will be able to come home soon.

See you Around the Bay. Keep on smiling....Evie

If you have any news for Around the Bay, make sure you get it to the Gazette or email it to me at: morriso3@jamadots.com

THANK YOU

I would like to thank the 216 voters that voted for me in the General Election. As promised, I will take the oath of office and perform the duties of Township Clerk to the best of my ability.

Kay Wampler

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A local Marine
Gee Petruske

If you have a Christmas Card that you want to place in the paper please get them to the Gazette Office as soon as possible. The cut off date for the Christmas issue is December 15, 2006.

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE
THANKSGIVING THROUGH CHRISTMAS**

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP SERVICE.

Wednesday, Nov. 22nd, 7:00 p.m., Mennonite Church

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DAY SUPPER,

Nov. 23rd, 4:00 p.m. Lutheran Church *No Cost*

ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICES:

Wednesday, December 6th, 7:00 p.m., Methodist Church

Wednesday, December 13th, 7:00 p.m., Lutheran Church

Wednesday, December 20th, 7:00 p.m., Mennonite Church

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT:

Wednesday, December 13th, 7:00 p.m., Lutheran Church

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Friday, December 15th Methodist Church

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE:

Saturday, December 24th, 11:00 p.m., Methodist Church

CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER

Lutheran Church 4 p.m. *No Cost*

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I couldn't believe my eyes. Could it be? Is it true? It was just before the bear season of this year.

My son TJ kept telling Terry and I that on his way home from duck hunting on M 77 that he had often seen a moose going across the road. So, one day I said to Terry, " Lets get a camera and drive down to where TJ has been seeing those moose." With a quick trip to the store to get a one time use camera we were on our way.

Sure enough, there he was, walking across the road. You could hear his hooves hitting the pavement has he walked across the highway. We were about 8 miles south of town and it was just starting to get dark.

When he got to the eastside of the road he took off running (of course not from fear) but most likely because he heard me yelling, "OH MY GOD, LOOK AT HIM!!!!"

I wanted to share this sighting of the moose with the people of Grand Marais. Here is proof that moose are not only found in Luce County but also roaming the woods and forests of Grand Marais on the eastern edge of Alger County.

Sincerely: Delphine Wilson

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She drove out, somewhat amazed and a little confused. She looked at the radio and said, "Nelson." The radio responded, "Ricky or Willie?" She was astounded. If she wanted Beethoven, that's what she got. If she wanted Nat King Cole, she got it.

She was stopped at a traffic light enjoying "On The Road Again" when the light turned green and she pulled out. Suddenly an enormous sports utility vehicle coming from the street she was crossing sped toward her, obviously not paying attention to the light. She swerved and narrowly missed a collision.

"Idiot!" she yelled and, from the radio, "Ladies and gentlemen, the President of the United States."

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Psalm 8:4- 7

(Kethubim; "The Writings" traditional Hebrew text)

"When I behold Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and stars that You set in place, what is man that You have been mindful of him, mortal man that You have taken note of him, that You have made him little less than the angels and adorned him with glory and majesty. You have made him master over Your handiwork, laying the world at his feet."

I am an early riser, up long before the sun. Living in Grand Marais I have the opportunity to head out to either the beach or the 'point' and watch the sunrise. It is always kind of exciting to be out there watching and seeing a freighter come over the horizon with all of its lights blazing. It looks like a small village out in the middle of that vast lake.

I have imagined, how when it is dark out on the water and the lake may be raising one of its fits, what it must be like for the sailors on those freighters to see the lights of Grand Marais. Not just the warning light on the point, but the lights of the village sitting there low on their horizon. The other morning when I was out there watching this, the old hymn "Brightly Beams Our Father's Mercy" came to my mind and especially the refrain, "Let the lower lights be burning! Send a gleam across the wave! Some poor fainting, struggling seaman you may rescue, you may save."

As I mused over this refrain, the words of Psalm 8 came to my mind, "You have made him little less than the angels," and the combining of the hymn and the psalm were striking. We are the 'lower lights.' Not that high great light of God that seems not to be seen by all humans, but the lower light that all may see. Or more precisely we are the ones through whom God's high great light can shine. It can be a dark, cold world and there are many fainting, struggling 'seamen' hoping for rescuing and looking for the 'lower lights along the shore.' It is our light, as the people of God, which just may light their way and bring them to safe harbor.

The members of the Grand Marais Clergy Association wish all of you a most blessed Thanksgiving.

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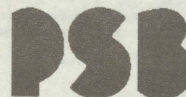
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"HUNGRY" BUTS & PASSES JIM

I guess the vote for Kay Wampler made a loud and clear statement to just about everyone except Brzys. She seems to think this is a case of "shooting the messenger"; at least that is what she is quoted as saying by the *Marquette Mining Journal*. I read with interest the information she gave to them about the situation here. Best damn fiction I've seen in a long time. It is almost inconceivable to believe that after a four to one vote to take the investigation from her and a three to one vote to elect Kay Wampler, whom she didn't want, that anyone would think she is still supported by the majority. I hope Brent Hammer isn't disenchanted by the results of the clerk's election and that he continues to take an interest in this community's government. The anti-Karen vote did him in. I wish this paper came out after the meeting of the fourteenth because there are a few items that will raise some discussion—hopefully orderly—especially if the board decides to ignore the vote of the electorate concerning turning the investigation over to the Attorney General and dropping any further action by this board except to cooperate with the Attorney General. I really doubt if Karen can ever regain the trust and confidence of this community and ought to resign from both positions in order to help return this community to peace and tranquility. Her attempt to hang me at the electors' meeting with half truths, no truths and lies met with some strong rejection from many of my friends. I thank each and every one of you. After the meeting I asked Karen why she didn't at least warn me that she intended to hang me and give me the false information that she intended to use knowing it was not the whole truth. She said she probably would have except for my letter. The letter she refers to was a response to a non-response she wrote me concerning a letter that I wrote to the board asking her to apologize for her lies and retract the false information she cited. I guess that means that if you try to put a disagreement with Karen to rest by asking for an eye ball to eye ball private meeting and dare to criticize her, plan on an all out attack at an open meeting with no warning. Sure doesn't seem to me to be a step toward creating open and honest communication between the board and the community. What has happened to this community since she became Supervisor/Township Manager is a crime. If she and John Underhill are really interested in the betterment of this community, the best thing that they can do is to resign their positions and leave town.

The national election also made a loud and clear statement. In my opinion the vote was a denouncement of Georgie Boy, several members of his cabinet and the republican congress.

I really don't think that people voted for the Asses as much as they voted against the Elephants. I agree that we the people should throw out the majority party if they don't work for the people. This congress was the biggest pork barreling, most fiscally irresponsible, most deceitful and crooked congress in my lifetime and maybe since inception. I am cautious to believe that the next congress will be much better but there is always hope.

I guess the administration is saying that Rumdum is the cause of all the problems with our occupation of Iraq. See, I told you that Georgie Boy could use Rumdum as a scapegoat. All indications are that Rumdum did not listen to anyone concerning the Iraq war and occupation and Cheney and Georgie Boy let him have the reigns despite many complaints and disagreements about his performance. He refused to consider advice from the top military generals and admirals, he openly opposed the best member of the cabinet, Colin Powell, and disrespected Condoleezza Rice as National Security Adviser and later as Secretary of State. He was a micromanager, rude to anyone that dared to question him or criticize him and constantly lying to everyone, with the support of Bush and Cheney. I don't know much about the guy that Georgie Boy wants as his replacement but it would be difficult for him to be worse. Now Cheney won't have Rumdum to help him misinform us concerning the Iraq occupation etc.

I did not support or vote for Jenny or Debbie but didn't vote for their opponents either. If you look at the voting tally sheet, I am one that voted Libertarian, sometimes the only one. I am not satisfied with what either one did during their first term but had a bad feeling about DeVoss and Bouchard. All the local races were pretty much fore drawn conclusions. Our next state representative, Steve Lindberg, will no doubt hear from me regularly. On most of the races about which I knew little or nothing I voted Libertarian or not at all. I assure you that I am no more a Libertarian than an Ass or Elephant but I think the time is right for a third party. I doubt if a third party will ever be the majority party but if it has enough votes to make or break a vote, it will be powerful and not have to be concerned with the party leadership; they can vote their consciences.

And finally, Turkeyday will be celebrated at our house this year. I don't yet know how many will be here but I am sure there will be plenty of good food to go around and to make me more round. Sleeping arrangements will be on a first to the space basis.

And finally, finally. Last Saturday was Veterans' Day and I took some time to think about all Veterans but especially the new ones. This Iraq War-Occupation is now longer than World War II and unless there is a big change in our policy it will be at least two years longer. We still have troops in Afghanistan, Kosovo, Korea and several other places throughout the world. I hope each and everyone becomes a live and well Veteran but know that that isn't going to happen. I hope everyone took a little time on Veterans' Day to express their gratitude to all Veterans for giving us the freedom that we have. Keep our present day troops in your thoughts and prayers every day.

Hungry Jim

A Jewish Parrot

Three Jewish sons left home, went out on their own and prospered. Getting back together, they discussed the gifts that they were able to give to their elderly mother.

The first said, "I built a big house for our mother."

The second said, "I sent her a Mercedes with a driver."

The third said, "I've got you both beat. You know how Mom enjoys reading the Torah and you know she can't see very well? I sent her a large brown parrot that can recite the entire Torah. It took twenty rabbis 12 years to teach him. I had to pledge to contribute \$1,000,000 a year for twenty years but it was worth it. Mom just has to name the chapter and verse and the parrot will recite it."

Soon thereafter, Mom sent out her letters of thanks. She wrote to the first son, "Milton, the house you built is so huge. I live in only one room, but I have to clean the whole house."

She wrote to the second son, "Marvin, I am too old to travel. I stay home all the time, so I never use the Mercedes and the driver is SO rude."

She wrote to the third son, "Dearest Melvin, you were the only son to have the good sense to know what your mother likes. The chicken was delicious."



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Letters to the Editor



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

After attending most of the township meetings since July, I can't see where we are any better off than we were then. Now that the electors have voted to send all of the investigation to the county prosecutor, maybe the Township Manager will have time to write grants and do the many other things that were in the job description.

One thing that really needs attention is our harbor. Nothing has been said or done since July. Shouldn't this be part of the Manager's job to keep in touch with the people that can make this happen?

Also, very few people seem to know our new trustee. It might help if he and the supervisor were to volunteer their services in the community such as at the UP 200, the Kidz Ink breakfasts, the Music Festival, etc. People feel a lot more comfortable with someone who shows a genuine concern for the community.

Sal Brooks

To the Editor,

Well, I guess all the controversy about our town board, past and present, is good for something. The "Marquette Mining Journal" is having a field day with articles about our town appearing almost daily. We come off sounding like a bunch of ignorant backwoods rubes who can't get along with each other. We need to demand that every board member realize they are our representatives. We need to demand that they put their personal feelings aside and behave in a courteous manner to each other. Please quit copying the raucous Detroit City Council. They can't agree on anything either.

Martha Smith

Marc,

I received my Gazette tonight, and after reading it have come to the conclusion that the Gazette is no longer the media by which everyone can learn what is happening in this village. To be able to do that, both sides of an issue must be given. I know you have refused to print any information from other members of our Township Board, even though after reading what was sent to be printed certainly showed no derogatory or other matter except for informing information that, by rights, all our voters, and non-voters should know.

Since it has apparently turned into such a "partisan" media I want my name removed from your subscription list and would request no further advertising for my business be put in. I am very disappointed that this is happening since from the time of the first issues of the Pilot, it was considered "our village newspaper". I know many, many people do subscribe to it for that reason.

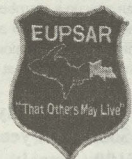
I will also inform you at this time that I have returned both your real estate license and also Jim Seibert's to the Real Estate Commission. Perhaps you might find some other realty to do this with.

I truly regret things have come to such a state as this.

Rosie

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PREGNANT TURKEY STORY

One year, at Christmas time, my mom went to my sister's house for the traditional holiday feast. Knowing how gullible my sister is, my mom decided to play a trick.

She told my sister that she needed something from the store and asked if my sister wouldn't mind going out to get it. When my sister left the house, my mom took the turkey out of the oven, removed the mixed stuffing, took a Cornish hen and inserted it into the turkey...then re-stuffed the turkey with the dressing and placed the bird(s) back into the oven.

When it was time for dinner, my sister pulled the turkey out of the oven and proceeded to remove the stuffing. When her serving spoon hit something, she reached in and pulled out the little bird. With a look of total shock on her face, my mother exclaimed, "Barbara, you've cooked a pregnant bird!" At the reality of this horrifying news, my sister started to cry hysterically.

It took the entire family almost two hours to convince her that turkeys lay eggs!

Yes, my sister is a **BLONDE!**

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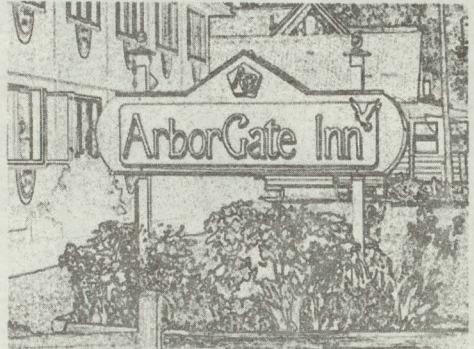
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Notes from the Library

The Retirement Reception for Edna Jean Johnson was a very pleasant evening. The Friends of the Library hosted the evening and were joined by several of Edna Jean's friends and library patrons.

Thank you, again, Edna Jean, for all the hours and contributions of books you have given to the establishment of our township library. In appreciation for all she has done the Friends of the Library proposed that the Township Board name our lovely room the Bailey-Johnson Greenhouse/Library. Even though Edna Jean has retired, she will remain on the Library Board as a our expert consultant.

The Friends of the Library is a group established when the new library room was completed. From the group a Library Board was organized to help with the purchase of new books and materials needed to run efficiently. We have been financing the library by having book sales of used books and by the Annual Book Fair sponsored by Snowbound Books from Marquette. The next book sale will be on Saturday, November 18, at the Women's Club Harvest Bazaar. We welcome anyone who is interested to join our group in order to keep the library growing. Just stop in at the library and express your interest. The winter hours are 12-2 on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

New books are added to our collection every month or so. We hope to add to our small non-fiction selection this year. There have been requests for U.P. and Grand Marais history as well as bird and wildflower information. Do you have a suggestion or preference? Let us know.

Would there be an interest in a story hour for 3-4 year olds? We have some story/picture books and are thinking of 11:00A.M. on Wednesdays. It would also be appropriate for an adult to accompany the children.

We look forward to having you visit the library on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday 12-2. If you have not yet checked out the collection of material we have available, you may be pleasantly surprised.

Andy Bailey Fitness and Wellness Center.

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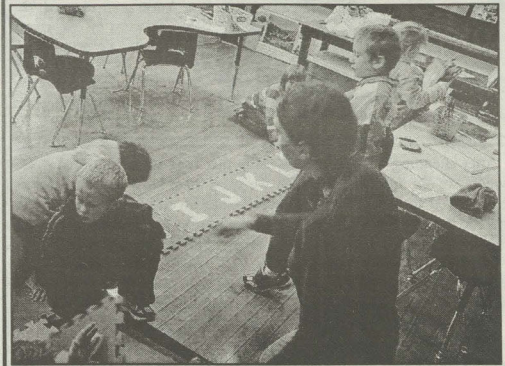
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Laurel Frazier's early elementary class puts the alphabet in order.

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With that said and done, the next time God looked, the women are gone and there are two lines. The line of the men that were dominated by their women was 100 miles long, and in the line of men that dominated their women, there was only one man.

God got mad and said, "You men should be ashamed of yourselves. I created, you in my image and you were all whipped by your mates. Look at the only one of my sons that stood up and made me proud. Learn from him! Tell them my son, how did you manage to be the only one in this line?"

The man replied, "I don't know, my wife told me to stand here."

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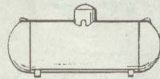
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**BURT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL
October Students of the Month**

Miranda Potter



Miranda Potter was awarded the elementary Student-of-the-Month for October. This was presented at the November 13, 2006 regular meeting of the Board of Education. Miranda is in 6th grade at Burt Township School. Miranda is the daughter of Edward Potter II. She likes to sing and to play soccer. Miranda's favorite subjects are Math and Spelling. She is also involved with Kids Club and her future plans are to become a teacher.

Jessica Reeves



Jessica Reeves was awarded the secondary Student-of-the-Month for October. This was presented at the November 13, 2006 regular meeting of the Board of Education. Jessica is in 10th grade at Burt Township School. Jessica is the daughter of Chuck and Brenda Reeves. Her interests and hobbies are sports, music: friends and family. Jessica's favorite subjects are English and Drama She is also on the Soccer and Volleyball team. Future plans are to go on to College and study to become a Vet.

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Thank you,
Jessica Reeves

**BURT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL
POLAR BEARS 2006-7
VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE**

Volleyball Coach: Helen Scaife

12/1-2	Hannahville @ Grand Marais	6:30PM/9:00AM
12/6	Grand Marais @ Ojibwe Charter	5:00PM
12/9	Mackinac Island TOURNAMENT	10:00AM
12/14	Bay De Noc @ Grand Marais	6:00PM
1/3	Ojibwe Charter @ Grand Marais	5:00PM
1/5-6	Grand Marais @ Mackinac Island	6:30PM/9:00AM
1/12-13	Paradise @ Grand Marais	6:30PM/9:00AM
1/16	Maplewood Academy @ Gr. Mar.	6:00PM
1/19-20	Grand Marais @ Hannahville	6:30PM/9:00AM
1/23	Grand Marais @ Bay De Noc	6:00PM
2/2-3	Grand Marais @ Paradise	6:30PM/9:00AM
2/10	Grand Marais @ Maplewood Academy (Pickford)	4:00PM
2/16-17	Mackinac Island @ Grand Marais	6:30PM/9:00AM
2/23-24	Grand Marais @ Beaver Island	6:30PM/9:00AM
3/2	Copper Country @ Grand Marais	6:30PM
3/3	District Tournament	

**BURT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL
2006-7 BASKETBALL
SCHEDULE**

Varsity Basketball Coach: Rick Capogrossa
J.V. Coach: John Bauknecht

12/1-2	Hannahville @ Grand Marais	6:30PM/9:00AM
12/6	Grand Marais @ Ojibwe Charter	5:00PM
12/12	Grand Marais @ Engadine (J.V)	6:00PM
1/3	Ojibwe Charter @ Grand Marais	5:00PM
1/5-6	Grand Marais @ Mackinac Island	6:30PM/9:00AM
1/12-13	Paradise @ Grand Marais	6:30PM/9:00AM
1/16	Maplewood Academy @ Gr. Mar.	6:00PM
1/19-20	Grand Marais @ Hannahville	6:30PM/9:00AM
1/26	Munisig Baptist @ Grand Marais	6:30PM
2/2-3	Grand Marais @ Paradise	6:30PM/9:00AM
2/6	Engadine @ Grand Marais (J.V)	6:00PM
2/10	Grand Marais @ Maplewood Academy (Pickford)	4:00PM/2/10-
2/13	Grand Marais @ Munisig Baptist	6:00PM
2/16-17	Mackinac Island @ Grand Marais	6:30PM/9:00AM
2/23-24	Grand Marais @ Beaver Island	6:30PM/9:00AM
3/3-4	Copper Country @ Grand Marais	6:30PM/9:00AM
3/5-10	TOURNAMENT WEEK	

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**BURT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL
LUNCH MENU**

- Thursday, November 16
Chili - Fruit - Roll
- Friday, November 17
Chicken Nuggets - Tater Tots - Fruit - Veggie
- Monday, November 20
Macaroni & Cheese - Veggie - Fruit
- Tuesday, November 21
Pizza - Veggie - Fruit
- Wednesday, November 22
Thanksgiving Break
- Thursday, November 23
Thanksgiving Break
- Friday, November 24
Thanksgiving Break
- Monday, November 27
Tuna Casserole - Veggie - Fruit
- Tuesday, November 28
Turkey & Stuffing - Veggie - Fruit
- Wednesday, November 29
Spaghetti - Veggie - Fruit - Garlic Bread
- Thursday, November 30
Chili - Fruit - Roll
- Friday, December 1
Nachos - Fruit
- Monday, December 3
Chicken Parmesan - Rice - Veggie - Fruit
- Tuesday, December 4
Spaghetti - Veggie - Fruit - Garlic Bread
- Wednesday, December 5
Hot Dogs - Baked Beans - Fruit
- Thursday, December 6
Ham - Scalloped Potatoes - Veggie - Fruit
- Friday, December 7
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SCHOOL FOREST DAY



Chris Burnett and Amy Ross' class ponder the bank restoration project done during last year's School Forest Day.



Becky Otto from the Marquette Alger Conservation District takes a soil sample in the School Forest with Laurel Frazier's early elementary class.



Botanist Deb LeBlanc from the Hiawatha National Forest demonstrates planting procedures for some native species on School Forest Day.



Frank Kolson from the Newberry DNR discusses water quality in the Sucker River as evidenced by aquatic insect populations.



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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)

NICELY WOODED CORNER LOT 5 MILES EAST OF GRAND MARAIS: This parcel is in Agate Point Subdivision of School Forest Road. \$15,000 (VL-147)

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. \$68,500. (R-165)

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)

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. \$129,500.00 (R-166)

MAGNIFICENT VIEW PARCEL OVERLOOKING THE GRAND MARAIS HARBOR: This is unbelievable. The land is very deep and heavily wooded. It's 200 feet in width and the driveway is already in. Standing where a building site could be you can see downtown Grand Marais and the breakwall. It looks like it could be on a post card. \$149,500.00 (VL-130)

VIEW PARCEL: This is located along the ridge overlooking Lake Superior one mile East of Grand Marais. This heavily wooded site has acreage and a lot of privacy with access at the top of the hill off Webb Rd. the width of this parcel is 150 feet. It is priced at \$60,000.00. (VL-137)

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. New driveway is in, septic perk test is approved. Residential mobile homes not allowed. \$39,500.00 (VL-141)

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 SOLD and -VL-145 Available)

TWO COMMERCIAL 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. \$170,000.00 (C-204)

SUPERIOR DUNES IS A GATED COMMUNITY AND THE GATE MAY OR MAY NOT BE OPEN. LOCATED NINE MILES EAST OF GRAND MARAIS ON BEAUTIFUL LAKE SUPERIOR. A REALTOR MUST BE PRESENT FOR ALL SHOWINGS.

LAKE SUPERIOR WATERFRONT PARCELS 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. \$39,000.00 (VW-149) Lot #16

LAKE SUPERIOR WATERFRONT: This is an acre parcel located in Superior Dunes Development east of Grand Marais. It has 25 feet of beachfront. \$170,000(VW-146) Lot #17

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) Lot #29

LAKE SUPERIOR WATERFRONT: 210 feet of nice beach with no large bluff. This ten acre parcel is located in Superior Dunes Development 4 miles East of town. \$150,000.00. (VW-141) Lot #14

BEAUTIFUL LAKE SUPERIOR PARCEL WITH NO BLUFF: Located in Superior Dunes this is an end lot next to State land. There is 37 feet of frontage. Won't last long!! \$221,000.00. (VW-147) Lot # 1

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)

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: 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)

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 health approved well and septic already in place and a temporary electric service 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)

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. \$198,000.00 (R-171)

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 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.

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 nice trees and lots of privacy. \$139,000.00 (R-167)

WOODED THREE ACRE PARCEL WITH SMALL CREEK: Located three miles from Grand Marais on a year round road, this property is very secluded. \$49,500. (VL-143)

A WELL BUILT RETREAT THREE MILES FROM GRANDMAR AIS: Includes a large pole barn. \$95,000 (R-172)

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Deer Hunters Reminded to Visit Check Stations

With archery season in full swing and the 2006 Firearm Deer Hunting season close at hand, the Department of Natural Resources is encouraging hunters to visit check stations throughout the state.

A complete list of the DNR's 90 check stations and the hours of operation are on the DNR Web site at www.michigan.gov/dnr. The Web site also has Deer Management Unit maps, regulations, frequently asked questions about deer hunting and much more.

Hunters who bring their deer to a check station can learn about their animal and receive a Deer Management Cooperator/Successful Hunter collector's patch.

"Hunters are often surprised at how much information they receive when they visit a check station," said DNR Wildlife Division Chief William Moritz.

Moritz said information gathered through hunter participation at check stations helps wildlife biologists evaluate the health and condition of the herd for future management. He added that the check stations also help monitor the possible presence of disease in deer.

At check stations, staff will examine the teeth wear of the deer to determine its age. Staff will record age, sex, total antler points and antler beam diameter, and harvest location. Some check stations, such as the Marquette Operations Service Center, have a scale so hunters can also weigh their deer.

The DNR wishes every hunter a safe and enjoyable deer hunting season.

DNR Announces New Cougar Web Site

Michigan Department of Natural Resources wildlife officials today announced that up-to-date scientific information regarding cougars is now available on the DNR Web site at www.michigan.gov/dnrcougars.

"The DNR recognizes the potential for the presence of cougars is alarming to many Michigan citizens. Providing information about cougars on our Web site is an important first step in educating the public," said DNR Director Rebecca A. Humphries. "We encourage people to visit this Web site if they have any questions about cougars."

As part of the education strategy, DNR staff also will be participating in a national cougar training event in New Mexico next March.

"It is critical that DNR personnel are trained to correctly identify cougar tracks, scats, markings and characteristics of animals that have been attacked by a cougar," said Bill Moritz, DNR Wildlife Division chief.

Moritz said the DNR is making it a priority to get staff trained about cougars so biologists can make accurate, informed decisions when conducting field investigations.

Cougars originally were native to Michigan, but were extirpated from the Midwest around the beginning of the 20th century. The last known wild cougar taken in Michigan occurred in 1906 near Newberry. There have been periodic reports of cougar sightings since that time from various locations throughout the state.

Currently, available evidence indicates cougar numbers in the Midwest are very low and, therefore, the likelihood of cougar encounters and attacks is correspondingly very low. Sightings of cougars may be reported online at www.michigan.gov/dnr under "Wildlife and Habitat," then "Viewing Wildlife."

The DNR will follow up on reported sightings when physical evidence of a cougar (scat, tracks or carcass) is present. If physical evidence is present, or livestock depredation suspected, contact the nearest DNR Operations Service Center. Phone numbers are listed on the DNR Web site. If the contact is made after normal business hours, call the DNR Report All Poaching hotline at (800) 292-7800.

It is extremely important to not disturb the area where the evidence was found and to keep the physical evidence intact until it can be investigated.

Wife's Devotion

A woman accompanied her husband to the doctor's office.

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"If you can do this for the next 10 months to a year, I think your husband will regain his health completely."

On the way home, the husband asked his wife, "What did the doctor say?"

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Deer Hunters
Two redneck hunters were dragging their dead deer back to their pickemup truck. Another hunter approached pulling his along too. "Hey," says the lone hunter, "I don't want to tell you how to do something... but I can tell you that it's much easier if you drag the deer in the opposite direction. Then the antlers won't dig into the ground." After the lone hunter left, the two rednecks decided to give it a try. A little while later one says to the other, "Ya know, that guy was right. This is a lot easier!" "Yep," the other added, "but we're gittin' further away from the truck...."

**COMMUNITY
CALENDAR**

AA-MEETING: Call 494-2364 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.
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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.
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LIBRARY HOURS: M-F Noon to 2:00 p.m. Wed. 6-8 p.m. at the Community Center.
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"COMMUNITY HYMN SING": (April thru Dec.) First Sunday of every month at 7:00 p.m. Held at the Methodist Church.
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