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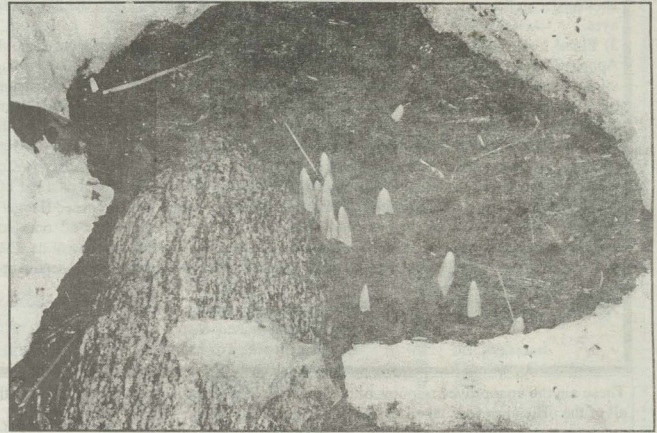
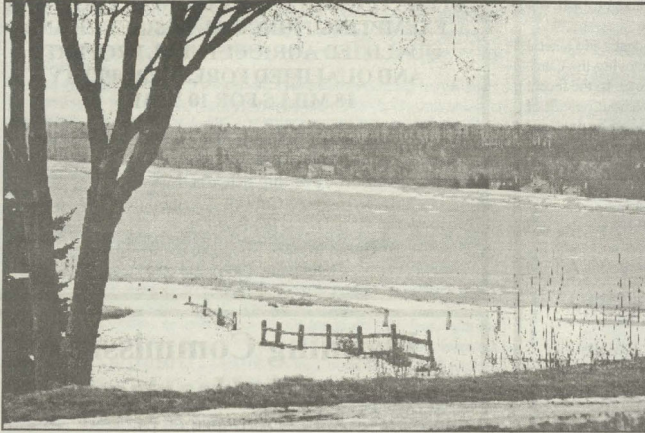
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Burt Township Annual Meeting Saturday, March 31, 2007 Noon @ the Community Center

State of the Township Address by Supervisor Jack Hubbard
Give your input on the budgets, salaries, wages, benefits, and fees and other topics
Let your Voices be Heard—this is your chance!

Special Meeting of the Board & Budget Hearing Immediately following the Annual Meeting

Agenda:

- 1) Adopt the 2007/2008 Budget, General Appropriations Act, and Salary Resolutions, as needed
- 2) Act on other recommendations from the Annual Meeting of the Electors, as needed.

Community Lenten Services

- Wednesday, March 14th, Lutheran Church, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 21st, Methodist Church, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 28th, Lutheran, 7 p.m.
- Maunder Thursday, April 5th, Methodist Church, 7 p.m.
- Good Friday, April 6th, Mennonite Church, 1 p.m.
- Stations of the Cross, Fridays, Catholic Church, 3 p.m.

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Special Meeting of the Burt Township Board and Budget Hearing

March 3, 2007 – 12:00 p.m.

Attendance: Kay Wampler, Marc Oglevie, Lois Leavenworth, and Scott Wieting – Supervisor Hubbard in Hospital. **Public:** 7

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Lois Leavenworth, second by Kay Wampler to approve the agenda – 4 ayes.

Agenda:

1) **Appointment of Moderator:** Motion by Marc Oglevie, second by Scott Wieting to appoint Kay Wampler as moderator – withdrawn. Motion by Lois Leavenworth, second by Kay Wampler to appoint Scott Wieting as Moderator – 4 ayes.

2) **Harbor Committee Request:** Clerk Wampler read letter from the Harbor Committee requesting the Board to hire Earthscape Resource Management, Inc to obtain funding for a breakwater structure to prevent erosion into Grand Marais Harbor. Motion by Lois Leavenworth, second by Kay Wampler to approve the contract with Earthscape to be paid from the Harbor Fund out of the CD's and be booked as using the administrative fee in the budget for the March payment and adding a line item in the 2007/2008 budget for it – 4 ayes.

3) **Fiscal Year 2007/2008 Budget:** Clerk Wampler presented the proposed Cost Center budget and General Appropriations Act for the 2007/2008 Fiscal Year Budget. Discussion was heard regarding moving the Community Center expenses/income back into the Woodland Park Fund and out of the General Fund. In the recent past, the expenses were moved to the General Fund but Woodland Park reimbursed them without benefit of the income. Discussion over the possibility of raising water rates to increase our bottom line and be prepared for major repairs and upgrades to the mains. The 40 year bonds are almost paid up [monetarily] and we haven't done any upgrades to the system, only band-aid repairs. The new Water Advisory Committee will make recommendations on the rates. It was noted that the \$100,000 loan is to be repaid out of Woodland Park in accordance with the Deficit Elimination Plan over the next 3 years. The Proposed Budget was prepared averaging the last 3 years actual figures and adding 10% along with elimination of some items not needed and adding others that were. The budget will be finalized after the Annual Meeting of the Electors on March 31, 2007. Motion by Marc Oglevie, second by Lois Leavenworth to approve the General Appropriations Act and budget as presented – 4 ayes.

Adjournment: Motion by Leavenworth to adjourn the meeting at 1:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: March 5, 2007

Kay L. Wampler, Township Clerk

These are the unapproved minutes of the March 3, 2007 special meeting. Included in the body of these are all of the official actions taken by the Burt Township Board.

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Important School Board Election Dates

April 9 - Last day to register for election.

May 5 - BY 2:00 p.m. - Deadline to request or apply for an Absentee Ballot.

May 7 - up to 4:00 p.m. - Electors Qualified to obtain Absent Voter Ballots may vote in person at the Clerk's Office.

May 8 - up to 4:00 p.m. - Emergency absentee voting for election.

Ballot Language Summary:

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Planning Commission Public Hearing

April 9, 2007 @ 6:00 p.m.

Burt Township Community Center

To review the addition of an amendment to the Burt Township Zoning Ordinance, namely:

ARTICLE IX: ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.

To include: Section 1006: Enforcement and Violation

This section shall be changed by having Item D read: "The fine for not adhering to the Burt Township Zoning Ordinance will be a maximum of \$10,000 and construction will be halted".

Item E will read as item D had read: "All violations will be corrected within a period of time as specified on the notice of violation. A violation not corrected within in this period shall be reported to the Township Board who shall initiate prosecution procedures".

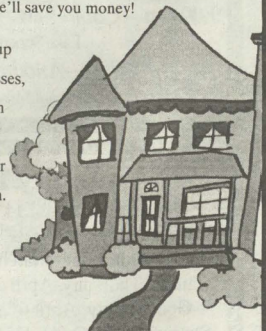
Copies of the Zoning Ordinance and Map may be viewed at the Township Office Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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Participants will be able to choose to attend four, Mary McLellan, State Master Gardener Coordinator at Michigan State University, will give presentations on the Gardens of Europe (Holland, Belgium & France, including The Floriade & The Courson Flower Show) and Gardens of England. The European presentation will feature "De Tintelhof" garden located in Veere, Netherlands, Claude Monet's garden at Giverny and the formal gardens of Versailles. The England tour features beautiful gardens of southern England including Exbury Gardens, Cotswold village gardens, Bamsley House gardens, Blenheim Palace gardens, Hever House gardens and the world-famous Chelsea Flower Show.

There are sixteen other sessions offered at the conference. Topics include: native plants, groundwater protection, fruit tree pruning, flower garden design, cut flower gardening, deer management, monarch butterfly, vegetable gardening, beekeeping, butterfly gardening, container gardening, exotic pests, and pruning ornamental trees.

The cost of the program is \$35 per person. This includes morning refreshments, lunch and up to four classes. Registration deadline is March 21. Only pre-paid registrations will be accepted. For a registration brochure contact the Delta County MSU Extension office at 786-3032. Brochures are also available by calling the Alger County MSU Extension office at 387-2530. The program is open to anyone with an interest in gardening. The program also qualifies for Master Gardener educational credit.

U.P. Championship Rodeo's Tickets on Sale

The U.P. Championship Rodeo's 40th Anniversary Event, scheduled for June 7, 8, and 9th, 2007, is pleased to announce that its 2007 Limited Edition Raffle Tickets are now on sale to the public.

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Only 600 tickets will be sold, making the odds of winning a prize very favorable. Tickets sell for \$100.00 each, and the purchase includes admission to the U.P. Championship Rodeo performance of your choice.

The Raffle drawing is scheduled for Saturday, June 9th at 7:00 p.m., prior to the final rodeo performance.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.upprorodeo.com, by mailing a check to P.O. Box 3, Iron River, MI 49935, or at the following locations: Angeli's Riverside Plaza, Iron River Chamber Office, Dickinson County Chamber Office, at Wells Fargo Bank of Iron River or Crystal Falls or Miner's State Bank's Iron River locations.

For more information, call 888/879-4766 or talk to a Rodeo Committee member. All proceeds go to help fund the 40th Anniversary U.P. Championship Rodeo's 2007 performances.

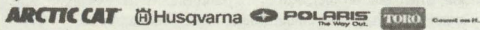
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Further, the views expressed by our writers and guest correspondents are welcome additions to the forum. They reflect, however, opinions of the writers and correspondents and are not those explicitly endorsed by the Gazette.

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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 March 16

Corn Beef /Cabbage - Carrots - Boiled Potatoes - Green Fruited Jell-O

MONDAY March 19

Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce - Spinach - Cauliflower - Garlic Bread - Fruit Sorbet

WEDNESDAY March 21

Cook's Choice

FRIDAY March 23

Baked Fish - Oven Browned Potatoes - Baked Beans - Strawberries w/Pineapple

MONDAY March 26

Veal Cutlet - AuGratin Potatoes - Green Beans - Apricots

WEDNESDAY March 28

Cook's Choice

FRIDAY March 30

Lasagna w/Garlic Bread - Broccoli - Wax Beans - Plums

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

Two old guys are pushing their carts around Wal-Mart when they collide

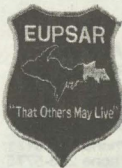
The first old guy says to the second guy, "Sorry about that. I'm looking for my wife, and I guess I wasn't paying attention to where I was going."

The second old guy says, "That's OK, it's a coincidence. I'm looking for my wife, too. I can't find her and I'm getting a little desperate."

The first old guy says, "Well, maybe I can help you find her. What does she look like?" The second old guy says: "Well, she is 27 yrs old, tall, with red hair, blue eyes, long legs, and is wearing short shorts. What does your wife look like?"

To which the first old guy says, "Doesn't matter,--- let's look for yours."

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44 Food Network
45 The Learning Channel (TLC)
46 Speed Network
47 Comedy Channel

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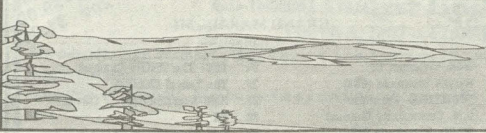
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Can it be that we are seeing the light at the end of the tunnel? Pavement is beginning to show, the snow is starting to get that dirty look. I'm ready for spring! Don't get me wrong there is still plenty of snow in the woods for the snowmobilers. Trailing to the staging area so you don't have to ride on pavement would be a safe bet. Less than 20 days remain for grooming.

Cabin Fever is Saturday. Check out the times of the events. Lake Superior Brewing Company is also having a St. Patrick's Day party. Check out the signs in town for details.

I forgot to mention in the last issue the nice job the Woman's Club did on the volunteer dinner. We have many volunteers that virtually make this town function. I have to admit I was very disappointed in the low numbers attending. Hopefully next year you will attend the dinner to show your support to the volunteers.

Wendy (Morrison) & Steve Sohl were up with children Johnny, Evan, and Charles Lenz from Goodrich. Johnny tackled snowshoes for the first time and did very well. He also enjoyed skating and sledding.

Sounds like the 18 woman that went out on the bus shopping had a wonder adventure. They all seemed to take the delays in stride and still had a good time. It started off by the buses heating system failing and another bus had to be sent in its place. This delayed the trip over an hour. When coming home the bus could not get any speed, so they had to wait for another bus to come and get them on US 2. All in all the entire day trip was fun for the ladies and nice to get out of town.

Happy birthday to Lou Lundquist. Happy Anniversary to Wendy and Steven Sohl.

Get well to Janie Dowe who had surgery last week. Jack Hubbard is on the mend after a week stay in Marquette General Hospital. He is doing some walking and taking care of business in the office.

See you Around the Bay. Keep on smiling.
Evie
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Thank You! We would like to thank everyone who helped our family out when Jack was hospitalized. Thanks to everyone who cleaned our motel rooms, took care of our dogs, kept the parking lot plowed and kept the wood boiler going. Thanks also for the cards, phone calls and gifts.

One of the main reasons we make our home here in Grand Marais are the wonderful, caring people we are proud to call our friends.

Jack is on the mend and doing well, although moving a little slower than usual.

Again, we cannot adequately express our thanks to all the folks who pitched in to keep everything going for us.

Thank You
God Bless All of You
Jack & Aleta Hubbard
& family

OBITUARY

JAMES L. ROGERS

Sept. 20, 1928-March 1, 2007



MIDDLEBURY, Ind. — James Lloyd Rogers, 78, 521 W. Wayne St., died at 2:05 a.m. Thursday at his residence.

He was born Sept. 20, 1928, in Millersburg, to Roy Edward and Dorothy Maude (France) Rogers.

On Jan. 6, 1951, he married Beverly J. Mann. She died Dec. 19, 2002.

He was a 1946 graduate of Millersburg High School and played basketball on the varsity championship team.

He was a veteran of the Marine Corps and served from 1946 to 1948.

He began flying planes at 16 and purchased a 1942 Super Widgeon Grumman sea plane in the 1970s and has

exhibited it across the United States. He earned the honor of Grand Champion Sea Plane in 2004 in Lakeland, Fla.

He enjoyed spending time at his tree farm in Michigan and was actively involved in animal rights. He was a 32nd degree Mason, served as president of the Middlebury Town Council in the 1970s and was founder of Middlebury Moulding (Abitibi).

He was a historian and enjoyed studying western war history, including Napoleonic, Civil War and World War II.

He is survived by four sons, Michael J. Rogers, Nashville, Tenn., Richard W. (Manette) Rogers, Elkhart, John E. Rogers, Key West, Fla., and Theodore Rogers, Rockford, Mich.; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a sister, Helen (Bud) Moser, Millersburg; and a brother, Edward Rogers, Millersburg.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; a brother, Roy Rogers Jr.; and a sister, Ruth Lantz.

The funeral service were held Sunday, March 4 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Middlebury, with the Revs. Donn Abdon and James Simposon officiating.

Burial followed at Brown Cemetery, Millersburg. Memorials may be directed to the Elkhart County Humane Society or to the agency of the donor's choice.

Jesse Lloyd Quartz

NAPERVILLE, IL—Jesse Lloyd Quartz, 86, of Naperville, IL., passed away on Friday, Feb. 2, 2007.

He was born in Metropolis, IL. He spent his early life in Kentucky, moving to Michigan when he was five and eventually to Grand Marais, on beautiful Lake Superior.

He joined the Navy at 17. After nine years he settled in California.

In 1967 he moved his family back to Michigan where he worked for the Corp of Engineers in Sault Ste. Marie as a welding inspector. In 1969 he moved to Escanaba to work at the paper mill as a pipefitter welder.

He was a member of Local 506 Plumbers and Pipefitters union. Jesse's days were filled with the things he loved. When he wasn't spending time with family and friends or sharing his faith teaching others from the scriptures, you could find him in the garage welding and building countless trailers for himself and others.

He is survived by his wife, Darlene; children, Linda, Virginia, and Renee of California, Scott, Mandi and Alan of Illinois; sister, Mary Jane of Mason, Michigan; brother, Robert of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Virginia, and his dad, Robert, of Grand Marais.

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One good tool to find consulting foresters is a web-based directory maintained by Michigan State University (see below). More locally, Conservation Districts employ foresters that serve as good sources of information. Regionally, the DNR has a handful of service foresters to assist private forest owners. In some cases, foresters also work for large mills, conservancies, cooperatives, and other organizations that work with private forests. Foresters come in several breeds, with variable sets of skills, and provide differing levels of professional service. Pick one that suits you, just like you might select an investment counselor or medical doctor.

Managed forests provide more of all outputs than unmanaged forests, from timber to environmental quality. Yet, making the connection between your forest and just the "right" forester can sometimes be challenging. Most forest owners value their forests for a wide range of reasons and the idea of management implies a perceived degree of risk that often prevents owners from exploring their options. Meanwhile, benign neglect typically and gradually erodes the very values owners hope to maintain.

Usually, it's the fear of getting rooked by loggers that keeps many forest owners from considering a timber sale and getting involved with good forest management. In reality, there are few criminal loggers but the news of timber-sales-gone-bad travels fast and persists for a long time. Nevertheless, forest owners do need to be cautious, especially when considering the high monetary values of many forests. A professional forester that works for you will be the best insurance. Joining groups, such as the Michigan Forest Association, goes a long way in learning about good forestry.

With timber sales, the most unscrupulous practices fall into one of three groups; trespass (theft), deception, and failure to pay. Trespass is the cutting of trees that don't belong to the logger. Sometimes this happens intentionally but most times it happens accidentally or through negligence. Most commonly, trespass occurs when property lines or timber sale units are not well defined. It's usually a good idea to have a familiar relationship with your neighbors and keep them informed. Alternatively, timber sales can purposely cross boundaries to the benefit of cooperative neighbors.

Will the sales pitch from a friendly face at the door translate into a satisfactory job? A creative set of deceptive practices can fool the forest owner. These practices may be the most feared, as nobody likes to be fooled. Most forest owners lack the confidence to engage a logger. Fly-by-night operators will take advantage of this. Unscrupulous loggers might overcut a timber stand, or take unmarked trees, or purposely scrape trees then call them "damaged," or remove species they are not supposed to, and the list goes on. Again, here is where a forester will help protect you from such practices.

Lastly, payment can be a gray area for forest owners. How does one know if the offer that's on the table is a fair one? Timber prices, or stumpage, are not consistent values that can be published like the price of corn. It doesn't work that way for many good reasons. Sometimes, loggers will take more wood than they pay for, even when the stumpage price is good. They might under-report volumes harvested. With pay-as-you-go or "scale sales," scale slips from mills might be switched to show lower values from the mill, which would mean less stumpage to the forest owner with the logger banking the difference. Shady schemes can be difficult to distinguish from those that are legitimate.

Keep in mind that most loggers are honest businessmen and their business relies on a good reputation. Most loggers work on slim margins, manage huge monetary investments, and operate under increasingly strict guidelines. They are good people and integral parts of our communities. In most rural areas, they represent one of the most important economic drivers.

Regardless, a good timber sale contract is the best way to guarantee good communication between you and the logger. Most "horror stories" result from misunderstandings that should have been clarified in a contract. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Working with a logger requires a level of responsibility and accountability from the forest owner. A forester working on your behalf is the best way to assemble a good contract, manage your forest in the manner in which you choose, and maximize all the benefits for both you and society.

MSU Extension consulting forester list: [<http://forestry.msu.edu/extension/extdocs/consultfor/consult.htm>]

Conservation District foresters: [www.michigan.gov/documents/MDA_FAPDirectoryFY05_111959_7.pdf]

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Michigan Forest Association: [www.michiganforests.com]

WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE

A young man, who was also an avid golfer, found himself with a few hours to spare one afternoon. He figured that if he hurried and played very fast, he could get in 9 holes before he had to head home. Just as he was about to tee off, an old gentleman shuffled onto the tee and asked if he could accompany the young man as he was golfing alone. Not being able to say no, he allowed the old man to join him.

To his surprise, the old man played fairly quickly. He didn't hit the ball far, but plodded along consistently and didn't waste much time. Finally, they reached the 9th fairway and the young man found himself with a tough shot. There was a large pine tree right in front of his ball and directly between his ball and the green. After several minutes of debating how to hit the shot, the old man finally said, "You know, when I was your age, I'd hit the ball right over that tree."

With that challenge placed before him, the youngster swung hard, hit the ball up, right smack into the top of the tree trunk and it thudded back on the ground not a foot from where it had originally lay.

The old man offered one more comment, "Of course, when I was your age, that pine tree was only 3 feet tall."



Public input sought on state land strategy in 11 counties

The Department of Natural Resources will host a series of meetings in April to give citizens an opportunity to discuss public land consolidation strategies for 11 counties across the state. This is part of a multi-phase, ongoing process to consolidate the state's land holdings, retain and manage parcels that present the best opportunity for high quality public recreation and natural resource protection and dispose of parcels that do not benefit the state from a recreational, cultural or natural resources standpoint.

Every seven months, the DNR reviews a group of counties to determine which parcels will be disposed of and which will be retained. These parcels are outside of the new dedicated project boundaries for all state parks, recreation areas, state game and wildlife areas, and state forests adopted by the DNR in 2004. Once the reviews are completed by the DNR field staff, the parcels are classified one of three ways: retention under state ownership and DNR management, offer to another unit of government or an alternative conservation organization or disposal because the parcel has limited natural resource, recreational or cultural value.

The meetings in April will allow the public to review parcels for retention and disposal in 11 counties: Alger, Schoolcraft, Allegan, Barry, Montmorency, Presque Isle, Bay, Gladwin, Midland, Lake and Wexford.

The meetings are scheduled for:

***Alger and Schoolcraft counties: From 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 10, at the Munising Township Hall, E9630 Prospect St. in Wetmore;**

***Allegan and Barry counties: From 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 10, at the Gun Plain Township Hall, 381 8th St. in Plainwell;**

***Montmorency and Presque Isle counties: From 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 11, in the Onaway City Courthouse, 20774 State St. in Onaway;**

***Bay, Gladwin and Midland counties: From 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 11, at the Midland County Training Facility, 222 S. Homer Rd. in Midland;**

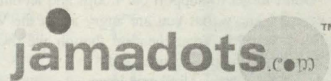
***Lake and Wexford counties: From 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 12, at McGuire's Resort located at 7880 S. Mackinaw Trail in Cadillac.**

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for these meetings should contact Kerry Wieber at 517-373-9905 a minimum of five working days before the event. Requests made less than five days before this meeting may not be accommodated.

For more information on the DNR's land consolidation process, visit the DNR Web site at www.michigan.gov/dnr and click on Land Consolidation Strategy on the site's front page. Maps and parcel information will be posted on the DNR's Web site two weeks prior to each meeting.

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"HUNGRY" BUTS & PASSES JIM

It appears that some people are serious about doing something about the deplorable condition of Veterans facilities and the bureaucracy involved in the system. Although some of the higher echelon have been fired, it still hasn't gotten to where the final blame should be. Firing the General in charge of Walter Reed Hospital and the Secretary of the Army is justified; but putting the guy who was in charge six months ago back in charge is stupid. The same problems existed and grew under his command. Why fire the guy who inherited the mess and reassign the man responsible for at least part of the problem? Makes it look like the firings were not for incompetence but rather for the inability to hide the problems. I hear Senators and Congressmen spouting off as to how terrible it is to treat our veterans this way. I hear Georgie Boy saying this is inexcusable and will not be tolerated (or something to that effect). They however have not taken the responsibility for the problem and they are the culprits! The loudest complaining comes from the Asses and understandably so. The Elephants have been in control of the White House and Congress for six years and in charge of Congress for much longer. During that time, despite the misinformation this administration tells us, total Veteran funding has been reduced while the number of Veterans has increased. The Asses, however have little to show for their improvement of Veterans programs when they were in power for many years before they lost the reigns. As far as I am concerned neither party nor many individuals are willing to do what is necessary to eliminate the problem. This administration and past Congresses have spent hundreds of billions of dollars invading and occupying Iraq, trying to control Afghanistan and catch Osama Bin Laden, continuing to provide South Korea with border security (while letting ours go to Hell) and giving billions to countries despite the fact that they know that very little of it will go to help the poor of that country. It is time to put our Veterans ahead of all those things and many more. I plan to hold the Asses that control the Congress responsible to make big time adjustments to VA funding and to the Armed forces for proper care of our troops while they are in active service.

Flash! I know this is hard to believe but this administration is about to ship some more good jobs out of the country. This time it is truck driving. Right now Mexican drivers can only go twenty five miles into the USA from the border to deliver their load. If the destination is over twenty five miles from the border the load must be forwarded by USA drivers. Well Georgie Boy and his staff who don't seem to care how many jobs are exported, are going to allow these Mexican drivers and their trucks go anywhere in the states. According to the Secretary of Transportation the drivers, trucks and lading will all be checked at each crossing. Let's see; first off there is the fact that there are not enough inspectors to do the extra work without unacceptable delays. Then there is the problem, what is required to obtain a truck driver's license in Mexico? In the USA a truck driver must go through rigorous testing to get his or her license. What about the truck? Will it be roadworthy? Will the driver be properly rested? Will he be free of drugs and alcohol? The guards and inspectors will be afraid to do anything to a driver hauling a load of drugs knowing if they do anything to the illegal they might wind up in jail while the drug runner goes free. Bottom line is another of Georgie Boy's attempts to take care of a few wealthy individuals and foreigners at the expense of the middle class. Damn, isn't it 2009 yet?

I understand that Jenny is out and about trying to sell her new battle plan to get Michigan's economy moving. I heard it includes an income tax hike; that ought to do wonders for her popularity. I guess that doesn't matter though since she can't run for governor again in 2008. I also heard that a major bank headquartered in Michigan is moving its headquarters to Texas. Then there is the story about the state building a new headquarters building for the state police. We need more policemen/women much more than a new building. I have no problem believing that the present building is in poor shape but I think a new one would be low on my priority list. Hey maybe they could move into the headquarters that the bank is deserting. The state government (governor, state senate and state house) would be wise to do whatever is necessary to keep businesses here that are here and attract new ones. Right now the economy of the rest of the country seems to be improving while Michigan's is at best stagnant if not deteriorating further. We need to improve our business climate! Yesterday!

Seems to be a little dissent concerning the building of the break wall. I sure don't begrudge him or them the right to have an opinion on this issue. At least one person thinks that we need a study by someone "unbiased and who understands these things from a scientific point of view". It is my understanding that this has been done. And done. And done. If we did hire an engineering firm to do another study. It would be a waste of money no matter what the results were. There is no way in Hell that the Corps or federal government will accept those findings. We have studied this thing to death; probably have spent enough on those studies to build a sizeable portion of the break wall. I don't know how many "quite a few of us" is but I bet there are more that support the present plan than oppose it. I also don't know from where their information as to the disaster that will occur if we build the break wall came. If there are, quite a few put, on a dog and pony show or two and convince the majority of the people that you are right and they are wrong. There have been several people in this community that have given a huge amount of time, effort and money to get this project where it is today. If the dissenters believe as strongly about their cause then quit writing letters and get to work. I support the decision by the board to hire some professional lobbyists to take our case to Washington and Lansing. They will be paid with tax money that the citizens of Burt Township approved and approved and approved for the harbor project.

And finally. The trip to Hawaii is getting close. In less than two weeks we will leave for Green Bay and stay with my brother, George (baptized name Richard), on Sunday the 25th. We will catch an early morning flight out of Green Bay, change planes in Chicago and land in Los Angeles about noon (PDT). Terry and Marian will meet us at the airport and we will visit for awhile at their place before checking into a motel across the street from the cruise ship piers. We will have dinner with them that night at a restaurant of their choosing. On Tuesday we will board our ship and begin a life of leisure for the next two weeks. I am positive about only two things: one, I will put on some weight (Ya I know that I don't need it); and two, I won't want it to end. Missed out on the greatest grandkids' games due to the terrible weather we had. Apparently it wasn't as bad west of here because they played the games. I am sure that they all did well. Got word that Dizzy won the scrabble tournament at her school. Way to go Dizzy. No doubt that they are all doing well in school and behaving like angels. Well some of them. Maybe a few of them?

Don't forget to support our troops and let our government know that you are angry about the Walter Reed Scandal. Treat them as though we owe our freedom to them. Because we do!

Until next issue.
Hungry Jim

THEY WALK AMONG US

I walked into a Blimbie's with a buy-one-get-one-free coupon for a sandwich. I handed it to the girl and she looked over at a little chalkboard that said "buy one-get one free". "They're already buy-one-get-one-free", she said, "so I guess they're both free". She handed me my free sandwiches and I walked out the door.

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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.

Editor:

Regarding the plea for a recognized study of the bay other than taken by the Corps of Engineers. Perhaps you should read the report of the study made by Dr. Guy Meadows and his group from the U of M Engineering Lab Dept. of National Architect and Marine College of Engineering.

I have been told that the proposed breakwall would be ok as agreed by one person from Burt Township and a Mr. Slanpe from the Corps of Engineers. A so called gentleman's agreement, this being the cheapest way it can be done. Dr Ron Kinnunen, District Sea Grant Agent made the arrangement with Dr. Meadows to make a thorough study of the Bay, which he did.

I wonder where all of these people have been for the past eleven years, can't recall any of them making an offer of help til now. Our only hope & desire was to save the harbor & East Bay also Sucker River and we were not just fantasizing on the project. I spent 11 years working with all of the political help we have and the Dept. of Natural Resources, Waterways Commission, Corps of Engineers etc. However I am pleased that Jack Hubbard is working on it now, Thank You Jack!

Wally Parish

To the Editor:

I have been following with great interest the discussions and activities pertaining to the need to build a proper breakwall to protect the harbor, most recently the letter from Frank Farwell that was published in the 01 Mar 2007 edition of the Gazette.

Let me state up front that I strongly support the construction of a breakwall, inasmuch as it is obvious that substantial quantities of sand are entering the harbor, and something must be done to stop it. As we know, there are those opposed to a breakwall. Indeed, if we did not face a problem with sand threatening the harbor, I would personally lead the effort to oppose a breakwall on the simple grounds that it would serve no useful purpose. But, unless I have missed something, there is no one who does NOT believe there is a problem with sand entering the harbor (anyone please correct me if I am wrong about that).

Over the course of many months, a number of people have written to the Gazette, most recently Mr. Farwell, arguing against a breakwall from the point of view of aesthetics. Mr. Farwell correctly notes that many tourists come to Grand Marais to enjoy its natural beauty. Indeed, that is why I have been coming here for 45 years, and is why I intend to build a summer home here.

Like so many things in life, it would be wonderful if the appearance (above the surface of the water, at least) of Grand Marais harbor could remain as it has been for the last forty years. But this is just wishful thinking. It is time to be realistic. The harbor is, in point of fact, threatened, and it is past time to do something about it. As Mr. Farwell says: "man-made piers and breakwaters are common in most harbors. Open unspoiled beaches on a pristine bay are not." I can only wonder if Mr. Farwell has asked himself WHY most harbors have these man-made structures. I doubt that anyone has ever gone to the trouble and expense of building these structures for the sole purpose of ruining the view, or as a device to trap sand that would otherwise escape the harbor as Mr. Farwell also suggests.

Mr. Farwell and others have made it clear that they favor more study before acting. At this time, I am aware of studies having been made in 1978, 1980, 1993, and 2003 by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE); and in 2000 by Dr. Meadows of the University of Michigan. Asking for more study puts me in mind of the Bush administration saying it wanted to wait until "all the science" was in before acknowledging the undeniable fact of global warming, which scientists had been observing for decades. Ladies and gentlemen: the science is already in.

Speaking of science, I must take issue with a few other statements made by Mr. Farwell. First, he claims that "much of the bay's sand infilling comes from currents sweeping the southwest corner of the bay." This claim is in direct conflict with the finding by the USACE that the west end of the bay had accreted by 67 feet in the period of 1982 to 1992 alone. Moreover, a casual glance at the 1939 and 2005 aerial photos (to which Mr. Farwell himself makes reference) on the Grand Marais website confirms this accretion. Second, he refers to a strong "west-to-east current" emanating from west of the mouth of Carpenter Creek. Inasmuch as there are no streams whatsoever entering the west end of the bay, I am left to wonder what could possibly be the source of this mysterious "current." Third, Mr. Farwell challenges people to look at the Google Earth (www.maps.google.com) image, on which he claims "plumes of sand moving east are readily visible." Accepting this challenge, I looked at the Google Earth image as Mr. Farwell suggested, and could clearly see evidence of sand moving from EAST to WEST from the mouth of the Sucker River (which I need not point out has a flow rate that is at least one order of magnitude greater than that of Carpenter Creek!).

As many others have said, I would like to hear what alternative plans are being offered by opponents of a breakwall such as the "Save the Bay the Right Way" group. All I have been able to glean from their statements are laments about aesthetics (with which I certainly sympathize) and completely unscientific claims about the root cause of the problem.

Sand is entering the bay from the EAST, for the simple reason that the harbor is not protected from easterly winds. The primary source of the sand (as the studies state) is from the erosion of Lonesome Point, and the driving force is east and northeast winds. If Mr. Farwell were correct that the sand is coming from the west end of the bay, driven by a "current" of unknown source, then we would not be as worried about the filling of the bay with sand as we would be with the disappearance of the town itself, as the ground underneath it is swept into the bay!

I submit that we should leave the science to the scientists. The science is in, and it is no longer the time for wishful thinking. It is the time to solve the problem.

Sincerely,
John King

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To The Editor:

I agree with John King's letter regarding the importance of relying on engineering and scientific expertise when evaluating the causes of the filling and, if not stopped, eventual ruin of the harbor.

A lay or amateur evaluation lends little value to the debate. Carpenter Creek, for example, has emptied into the harbor right in front of my house for many years and I know that during summer and through the winter months (when it is frozen solid) virtually no water flows through it. I find it impossible to take seriously an assertion that Carpenter Creek's contribution materially affects the huge quantities of sand we are gaining. I've watched the beach on its march north and west during months when the creek was virtually dried up! It should be obvious to anyone that the sand filling the harbor is drifting in from the open lake!

But my opinion or personal analyses of other, unqualified, observers is of little value when it comes to gathering the consensus needed to attract the millions of tax dollars needed to save the harbor. That's why I'm suggesting that some of the funds the township has collected for the purpose of saving the harbor be invested in publishing and circulating pertinent information from the many Corps and the Meadows studies. The studies are full of information that clearly and convincingly explains the causes of, and potential solutions to, the problem.

Actually, millions of dollars have already been spent evaluating this issue. We need to leverage the knowledge gained from these expert studies and use it to focus on getting the break wall replaced. Plus, once we all understand the facts the personal agendas behind some of the objections may also become more apparent.

Returning the harbor's protective structures to something like the state they were in from the 1880's through the 1960's seems a lot more desirable than a pristine view in the short term that will result in the ruination of Grand Marais for our children and grandchildren.

Hank Leach
Grand Marais/Sedona, AZ

Letter To The Editor:

In reference to the article in the last issue of the Gazette, not only do I dare not sass my wife, I should get all the information correct regarding her Martial Arts accomplishments.

On February 4th. Karla received her Black belt in Tae-Kwon-Do, through the Straits Area Tae-Kwon-Do Club. It took eight years of hard work with classes held every week throughout the year in Rudyard, Mi.

Thanks, Ed Bowen

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Born a Baptist

Each Friday night after work, Bubba would fire up his outdoor grill and cook a venison steak. But, all of Bubba's neighbors were Catholic...And since it was Lent, they were forbidden from eating meat on Friday. The delicious aroma from the grilled venison steaks was causing such a problem for the Catholic faithful that they finally talked to their priest.

The Priest came to visit Bubba, and suggested that he become a Catholic. After several classes and much study, Bubba attended Mass, and as the priest sprinkled holy water over him, he said, "You were born a Baptist, and raised a Baptist, but now you are a Catholic."

Bubba's neighbors were greatly relieved, until Friday night arrived, and the wonderful aroma of grilled venison filled the neighborhood. The Priest was called immediately by the neighbors, and, as he rushed into Bubba's yard, clutching a rosary and prepared to scold him, he stopped and watched in amazement.

There stood Bubba, clutching a small bottle of holy water which he carefully sprinkled over the grilling meat and chanted, "You wuz born a deer, you wuz raised a deer, but now you a catfish."

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We have a great search and rescue group but they need people who are trained for this type of search. We need people who understand the confusion and mistrust that comes with dementia.

As we enter spring and our snowbirds return—we know some of them are counting on us to protect them from harm and return them home safe and sound.

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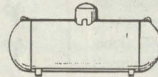
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**From the
Pastor's Desk
By Pastor Stephen Post
Grand Marais Mennonite Church**

"Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." Luke 7:28 (NIV)
A banquet had been prepared for a special guest that evening. The house was filled with excitement as other guests arrived who wanted to see and hear for themselves this one called Jesus. Would He do a miracle? Would He reveal that He was the long awaited Messiah? No one of importance wanted to miss this occasion.

The guests, with much attention as to how close they were seated to Jesus, had taken their places when quietly and unexpectedly a woman entered the banquet hall and fell at Jesus' feet. She broke a jar of perfume over His feet and bathed them with her tears.

Her presence at this feast began to draw many remarks of shock and disapproval from the host and his fellow Pharisees. She was well known throughout the city as a sinner. Surely Jesus knew who was touching is feet.

At first, Jesus allowed this woman to continue to bathe His feet with her perfume and tears. She had done for Him what no one else that evening would do, even though social custom and common courtesies required it of all guests.

The woman who anointed Jesus' feet had only one thought in mind and that was to demonstrate her love and devotion to Christ. Jesus didn't turn her away. "Her sins, which are many," He said, "have been forgiven for she loved much." (Luke 7:47)

That night Jesus was not moved by the power and influence of those around Him. He saw the love and humility demonstrated by this woman and His heart was touched with compassion

Jesus did not answer this woman's sins and failures with a long list of things to do in order to be forgiven or accepted. It was this woman's faith in Christ, and His ability to forgive and restore her that saved her.

Thoughts On Aging

Some people try to turn back their odometers.
Not me I want people to know "why" I look this way.
I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved

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Local 2nd, 3rd, and 4th graders have recently completed a science unit on the Earth and its surface. As a culminating activity they made paper mache volcanoes that were erupted using vinegar and baking soda.



Our elementary students were treated to a much deserved winter break. They went to Minneapolis Hill in Sault Ste. Marie where they went tubing. There were mixed results as to what was more fun: tubing down the hill or being towed back up. Thank you to the parents that braved the bus ride and those who followed in vehicles. Your being there made the day extra special.



Elementary students have been working in cooperative groups on a special unit about the Iditarod. Students have been using the internet to follow their mushers to each checkpoint. They have also been tracking the weather, and doing special projects to learn about the culture in Alaska. With the end drawing near, students are hopeful that one of their mushers will be the lucky winner. Students will be running their own Iditarod race on Thursday, and on Monday a trip to Nature's Kennels in McMillan will close the fun filled unit.



BURT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Thursday, March 15
Macaroni & Cheese - Veggie - Fruit

Friday, March 16
No School

Monday, March 19
Port Patty Sandwich - Veggie - Fruit

Tuesday, March 20
Spaghetti - Garlic Bread - Veggie - Fruit

Wednesday, March 21
Ham - Scalloped Potatoes - Veggie - Fruit

Thursday, March 22
Chili - Fruit - Roll

Friday, March 23
Hamburgers - French Fries - Veggie - Fruit

Monday, March 26
Pizza - Veggie - Fruit

Tuesday, March 27
Sub Sandwich - Potato Salad - Fruit

Wednesday, March 28
Tomato Soup - Grilled Cheese - Fruit - Chips

Thursday, March 29
Meatloaf - Baked Potato - Veggie - Fruit

Friday, March 30
Nachos - Fruit

Monday, April 2
Hamburgers - French Fries - Veggie - Fruit

Tuesday, April 3
BBQ Chicken - Rice - Veggies - Fruit

Wednesday, April 4
Chicken Nuggets - Tator Tots - Veggies - Fruit

Thursday, April 5

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Safety Reminder: School is In session!

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- Please Slow Down
- Watch for Students particularly from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 to 4:00 p.m.

BURT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL FEBRUARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH

JULAINA JACK



Julaina Jack was awarded the elementary Student-of-the-Month award for February. This award was presented at the March 12, 2007 Board of Education meeting. Juliana is in 1st grade and is the daughter of Rhonda Scott and Phil Jack of Newberry.

Juliana is interested in learning Math and her favorite subjects are science and social studies. She loves to ride scooters and she is involved in Big Brothers and Big Sisters. Future plans for Juliana are to become a nurse.

ISAAC MILLER

Isaac Miller was awarded the secondary Student of the Month for February. Isaac is in 9th grade and is the son of George and Linda Miller of McMillan.

Interests and hobbies of Isaac are music, art, singing, film making and web design. School activities include yearbook, school video and drama. Favorite subjects include history, geography and english. Community involvements include his church youth group and charity web design. Future plans include volunteering in an orphanage in Mozambique.

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NEW: BEAUTIFUL LOG CABIN WITH VIEW OF THE BAY: This three bedroom, three bath home is brand new. It has a two car attached garage. A huge wrap around porch has a sunken hot tub in back. Located on a back street in Grand Marais it is only four blocks to town. \$249,500. (R-178)

NEW: LARGE ELEVEN ACRE ESTATE AT THE EDGE OF TOWN: Located at the end of one of Grand Marais streets about 3/4 of a mile from the downtown beach this home has everything. Three bedrooms, two baths, and attached 2 car garage and a 30' X 40' pole barn. A gorgeous stone fireplace is in the living room. Tucked way back from the road this home has had extensive remodeling done along with several new additions. Lots of room for hunting or raising horses. \$319,000. (R-179)

NEW: RANCH HOME WITH TWO CAR ATTACHED GARAGE: This home is nestled in the hardwoods about 2 1/2 miles from town. The home is currently being rebuilt and remodeled by a local builder and now would be a good time to pick out your decor. This site is one acre and the street is a year round road. \$165,000. (R-180)

ONE OF THE NICEST RESTORED HOMES IN DOWNTOWN GRAND MARAIS: This three bedroom, 3 and 1/2 bath home is in beautiful condition. It is located on two village lots with an attached two car garage. The home is surrounded with flower beds and the property is only 1 1/2 blocks from the Township Beach. Our listing office must be present for all showings. \$239,000.00 (R-175)

A LOG SIDED CABIN WITH LARGE POLE BARN: Wow with 36 acres in back for hunting, this three bedroom, one bath home is nestled in the pine trees on M-77 1 1/2 miles south of town. The house has had a lot of remodeling including a new full bath. A beautiful stone fireplace is in the living room. The pole barn is new with two large garage doors. Priced at only \$119,500. (R-176)

40 ACRES WITH RUSTIC HUNTING CAMP: THIS PARCEL IS LOCATED ABOUT 4 1/2 MILES SOUTHEAST OF Grand Marais. The Sucker river runs through the property. \$185,000. (R-174)

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)

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)

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)

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)

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)

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

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)

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.

NEW: HUGE LAKE SUPERIOR WATERFRONT HOME WITH TEN ACRES: Located on site #8, this home has a one car garage underneath and a detached two car garage with a large storage area overhead. There are three bedrooms, two baths with lots of living rooms and a big kitchen. The property features a wood walk down to the 216 feet of sandy beach. \$539,000. R-177

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 WATERFRONTAGE WITH IN THE D.E.Q. PERMITS. This parcel has 210 feet of frontage with the driveway already in. the permits are in place and it is ready to build a house on. \$159,000.00 (VW-149) Lot #16

LAKE SUPERIOR WATERFRONT: This ten acre parcel located in Superior Dunes Development east of Grand Marais. It has 225 feet of beachfront. \$170,000 (VW-146) Lot #17

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) Lot #14

BEAUTIFUL LAKE SUPERIOR PARCEL WITH NO BLUFF: Located in Superior Dunes this is an end lot next to State land. There is 337 feet of frontage. Won't last long!! \$221,000.00. (VW-147) Lot # 1

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. \$179,000.00 (C-204)

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)

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)

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)

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2007 Hunting and Fishing Licenses on Sale Starting March 1



The Department of Natural Resources announced that 2007 hunting and fishing licenses go on sale March 1, 2007. The prices for the licenses remain unchanged from 2006, however if a fee increase is approved by the Legislature later this year, it may take effect before next year, DNR officials said.

"We encourage hunters and anglers to purchase their licenses early this year if they would like to take advantage of the current prices," said DNR Director Rebecca Humphries. "We are continuing to work with the Legislature to develop a new license fee package that will likely see incremental increases spread over the next few years. Should the Legislature approve new fees, we hope they will be enacted immediately, but for now licenses remain at 2006 prices."

Anglers who purchase a 2007 license should hold on to and use their Michigan Fishing Guide from last year. The guide is now a two-year publication, as a cost-saving measure to the department. A new guide will be published again in 2008. The guide also is available online at the DNR Web site at www.michigan.gov/dnr under the Publications and Maps section.

Hunting and fishing licenses are available at several retailers around the state, and a list of locations to purchase licenses can be found under the Hunting section of the DNR Web site. Licenses also can be purchased at DNR Operations Services Centers and some DNR field offices, or can be purchased online at the DNR Web site by clicking on the Hunting and Fishing License Section. The online site accepts Visa, MasterCard, Discover Card and American Express. A valid Michigan driver's license, Michigan identification card or MDNR Sportcard is required to purchase a license.

DNR officials also remind hunters and anglers there is a 15 percent discount when four or more licenses are purchased at the same time. Also, when purchasing a license for a minor who does not yet have a Michigan driver's license, you are required to purchase an MDNR Sportcard for \$1.

"The revenue from license sales goes into the Game and Fish Protection Fund, and is used to support the bulk of the conservation work the DNR performs every day to provide exceptional hunting and fishing opportunities in our state," Humphries said. "For decades, the hunters and anglers of Michigan have strongly supported the conservation of natural resources in our state."



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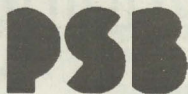
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Severe Weather Awareness Week in Michigan

(LANSING, MI) The three lightning fatalities and 10 tornadoes that struck Michigan last year highlight the need for residents to be prepared in the event of thunderstorms, tornadoes and flooding. As another severe weather season approaches, Governor Jennifer Granholm has declared March 25-31 as Severe Weather Awareness Week in Michigan.

"Last year's severe weather season was about average for Michigan," said Lori Conarton, Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness Chair. "However, since Michigan weather can change swiftly, it is important to monitor weather conditions and take seriously watches and warnings issued by the National Weather Service."

The Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness encourages residents to review tornado safety procedures, and to have a preparedness plan in place. Members of the severe weather coalition are: National Weather Service, Department of Environmental Quality, American Red Cross, Insurance Institute of Michigan, Emergency Management Association, Michigan Department of State Police, WDIV-TV, State Farm Insurance and Michigan Earth Science Teachers Association.

In 2006, northern lower Michigan had a record number of severe events, while southwest lower Michigan was well below its average. Ten tornadoes were recorded in the state, which is below Michigan's average of 16. The 10 tornadoes did not cause any deaths or injuries, and damage was limited to less than \$1 million.

Lightning across Michigan in 2006 was different story. Lightning killed three, injured eight and caused over \$2 million in damages. Severe thunderstorms caused two injuries and about \$50 million in damages, with \$30 million occurring July 15-18 alone.

The first significant severe weather event hit the southern third of lower Michigan on March 31. Widespread severe wind and hail were reported in many locations, including an F1 tornado which struck Leoni in Jackson County, causing minor roof damage and uprooting a dozen large spruce trees.

A cold front moved through the state from July 15 through 18. Temperatures were in the 90s ahead of the cold front, and this in combination with the cold front, led to the most significant round of severe thunderstorms of the season. These severe thunderstorms produced a recorded wind gust of 69 mph at Michigan Technological University, and hailstones nearly the size of baseballs fell near Leroy. Several areas recorded a "blow down" where hundreds of trees were downed by winds estimated up to 100 mph. The hardest hit areas were Long Lake (west of Traverse City), the lower Au Sable River valley, and in Oceana, Mason and Huron Counties.

The season ended with a few additional severe weather events. On July 28, hail up to 4 inches in diameter resulted in \$750,000 worth of damage to roofs, siding, and automobiles in Wakefield, located in Gogebic County. The last round of severe weather in 2006 for Michigan was baseball size hail in Benzie County. An F1 tornado occurred near Cadillac and did extensive damage to a home.

Michigan residents should not be complacent when it comes to severe weather. Michigan's history is littered with significant severe weather events that unfortunately brought millions of dollars in damages along with deaths and injuries. This year will mark the 10th anniversary of the July 2, 1997 tornado outbreak. Sixteen tornadoes rolled through lower Michigan that one day, including the last F3 or stronger tornado to hit the state.

The Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness reminds all citizens in Michigan the best time to prepare for severe weather is before it happens. Plan ahead. Be sure everyone in your household knows where to go and what to do in case of severe weather no matter whether they are at home, workplace or school. As a thunderstorm approaches and you hear thunder, run to the nearest shelter. You are not safe anywhere outside. If a tornado warning is issued for your county or if you feel threatened by the storm, go to the basement and get under something sturdy. If no basement is available, go to an interior part of the building on the lowest level. A good rule of thumb is to put as many walls between you and the tornado as possible. Listen to NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards, or local radio, television and cable stations for the latest weather updates.

Although southern Michigan traditionally experiences more severe weather than northern Michigan, the MCSWA emphasizes that the entire state is at risk for tornadoes, severe thunderstorms, hail, floods and lightning, as was experienced in 2006.

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BINGO: Every Sunday at 7:00 p.m. at the Holy Rosary Catholic Church.
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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-W-F Noon to 2:00 p.m. at the Community Center.
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