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MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

**MONDAY, MAY 28, 2012
at 11:30 A.M.**



Services will be held at the
Veterans Memorial
Then go on to the Marina with a
service for those
Lost at Sea.

FOLLOWING

A potluck luncheon will be held at the Community Center. Meat is provided please bring a dish to pass and your own table settings. Everyone is Welcome

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This year entertainment will be included:

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If you would like to sing please contact:
Melissa: 658-3478

Straw Bale Gardening Time is Here!

It's time to start thinking about getting your straw bales ready to plant. This year, Superior Hardware is carrying pre-measured "starter kits" that have all the fertilizer needed to get one straw bale ready to plant. The hardware also has straw bales. Since it takes a few days longer in our northern climate to get a bale ready to plant, you can start any time.

Why use straw bales?

Straw bale gardening is an old idea that's gaining new fans. A basic straw bale (not hay, which has too many seeds) becomes the planting medium, rather than soil. Because the bale heats up as it decomposes, it keeps the plants warmer than they would be if planted in our northern garden soil. Best of all, a straw bale garden can be planted anywhere the bales will get at least 6 hours of sun - even on a concrete or gravel surface.

I. Getting Started :What you'll need:

However many straw bales you wish to plant

Approximately 3 1/2 cups of high-nitrogen granular fertilizer per bale (at least 20% nitrogen). Don't use weed-and-feed. Try to use "immediately available" nitrogen rather than "slow-release". Urea pellets, which are 46-0-0, are ideal and can be found at feed and grain stores.

Stakes, if you plant tomatoes or taller vegetables

Approximately 1 cup of 10-10-10 (or similar, like 13-13-13) basic granular fertilizer per bale

Placing Your Bales

Choose a sunny spot in which to set your straw bales. If you are planting more than one bale, you can place them end-to-end in a row or side-by-side to make a square. If planting rows, try to leave 24 inches of space between the rows to allow access. If your bales get sun in the morning, it will help dry the leaves and lessen the chance of disease.

If possible, orient your bales so they face north-south. This makes the sun hit them more evenly. It doesn't matter if they are set on grass, concrete, or gravel - the surface underneath simply provides drainage.

The strings of the bale should be on the sides, not on the top or bottom. If you look at the bale, you'll notice that one side of the bale looks like the straw is folded; the other side looks like the straw has been lined up and cut off. Place your bales with the cut ends of the straw facing up. The water will go down in the cut straw.

Conditioning Your Straw Bales (takes 10-14 days)

The straw bales need to be conditioned before you can plant in them. Conditioning simply means you start getting them to decompose. Then they will hold plenty of water, and generate heat as the straw gradually breaks down.

About fertilizers: granulated fertilizer has three numbers on the bag, such as 27-0-3. The first number is the percentage of nitrogen; the second is phosphorous, and the third is potassium. Look for a fertilizer that has a high first number - 30 or more is ideal - and low or 0 second and third numbers. Nitrogen speeds decomposition, which is needed to get the straw bales "cooking". Urea has a composition of 46-0-0 and might knock several days off your straw bale conditioning time, but a lower nitrogen percentage will still work. Remember to use "immediately available" nitrogen - check the bag for information. *Continues on Page 9*

Community Health Screening

**Cholesterol, Blood Sugar, BMI
and Blood Pressure Testing**

Date: Wednesday, May 30th

Time: 8:00am until 10:00am

Where: Community Center - Grand Marais
(next to Woodland Park)

Cost: Blood Sugar / Cholesterol - \$7.50
Blood Pressure - free
BMI (body mass index) - free

For accurate blood sugar and cholesterol results, a 12 hour fast is necessary prior to testing.

To properly fast, eat nothing and drink only water.
Do continue to take your medications.

For more information, contact Deb Doyle at 293-9130
or visit us on the web at www.hnjh.org.

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Bayshore Playground Build Only Ten Days Away!

The playground equipment for the Bayshore Park Playground has arrived, and we are just about set for the Build Day on Saturday, May 12th. We still need a few more volunteers. Can you help? We'll begin around 8 am and will be able to erect the equipment in one day. No experience needed - we'll have a supervisor on site who has done many community build projects and will keep us straight. If you can help, call the Township Office at 494-2381 and talk to Kay.

We have raised almost enough money to pay for the playground equipment and the benches and picnic tables. If you are considering making a donation of \$500 or more, the deadline to have your name listed on the donor plaque is May 15th. After that, we'll have the plaque created and names will be difficult to add.

We need to raise about \$4,000 to completely finish the project. We are so close - if you haven't already given, will you please consider making a donation to this great project? Every bit helps! Donation forms are available at the township office, at local stores, and online at www.grandmaraismichigan.com. Don't forget, if you donate \$100 or more, you'll receive a nice gift.

By the time the next Gazette comes out, we'll have a beautiful new playground at Bayshore Park. We're almost at the finish line of the project. With your help, we can get there!

If you are already signed up to help build, please bring these items if you have them:

Tape measure

Ratchet, 3/8" drive with 9/16" and 5/8" socket

9/16" and 5/8" wrench or crescent wrench

Pencil or dry erase markers

Rakes and shovels for spreading wood fiber - Work gloves are also a plus!

See you on May 12th!

Regular Meeting of the Burt Township Board

April 17, 2012, 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: Jack Hubbard, Dore' Stevens, Kay Wampler, Lois Leavenworth, and L Scott Wieting.
Public Comment: None.

Approval of Agenda: Motion offered by Wieting, second by Stevens to approve the agenda as written – 5 ayes.

Karin Cooper of UP Engineers & Architect (UPEA) regarding the EMS/DPW Building: Ms. Cooper explained cuts being made to bring the project within budget. Some items will be deferred and possibly added back in if the contingency fees are not needed for unforeseen costs. These include partial paving of the parking area in front of the building, carpets and tile, and cabinets in the training room. Options were discussed to retain these items which would involve an installment loan which was rejected. She also explained that due to the extent of changes in the engineering that UPEA is requesting an additional \$11,000 in fees. **Motion offered** by Wampler, second by Stevens to award the contract to Olsen & Olsen (low bidder) not to exceed \$840,000 for the EMS, Fire and DPW Building – 5 ayes. **Motion** by Wampler, second by Leavenworth to approve the budget for the building as prepared by UPEA for the total of \$912,000 – 5 ayes

Correspondence: Letters were received from 1) DEQ revising our dredging permit to store dredged materials at the north-west corner of M-77 and Lowder Rd.; 2) Anita Rudell regarding sidewalk replacement on Randolph – Supervisor Hubbard re-iterated that until the water system project is completed, there will be no point in replacing sidewalks that would be damaged as a result of the construction; all sidewalk replacement work is postponed until after completion of the water system project; 3) Gee Petruske requesting permission for the annual Flag burning on June 14th by the Veterans Monument. **Motion offered** by Hubbard, second by Stevens to approve the request – 5 ayes.

Approve Minutes: Motion offered by Leavenworth, seconded by Stevens to approve the minutes of March 20, March 27, and April 2, 2012 as presented – 4 ayes, 1 abstain. **Motion offered** by Wampler, second by Stevens to approve the minutes of March 22 and March 23 as presented – 3 ayes, 2 abstain. **Motion offered** by Wampler, second by Stevens to approve the minutes of March 13 – 3 ayes, 2 abstain.

Department Reports: Written Reports were submitted by the Ambulance Corps, DPW/Water Departments and Woodland Park. Lou Bailey, on behalf of the Ambulance Corps, thanks the DPW for fixing the Recreation Center door and the board for the use of the Recreation and Youth Centers during the building construction. They have installed locks and added lights – they will be placing a banner out front for the construction period indicating that the Fire and Ambulance is housed within and no parking signs have been posted. **Supervisor Report:** Break wall: Supervisor Hubbard reported on the preconstruction meeting held earlier in the day. Cathy Egerer will be helping out with the Plover Monitoring. They will probably start construction May 20th and will bring in the equipment on barges. The Army Corps of Engineers will put out a request for bids for the reconstruction of the south end of the east pier. Jack is working with Kevin Sprague from the Soo office of the Army Corps of Engineers on the project. Fish and Wildlife are requiring us to monitor the accreted sand on the east side of the break wall for 10 years, beginning 5 years after completion of the break wall and are requesting a bond or letter of credit for \$40,000 (\$4000 per year). We should have that handled within the week. The current Harbor budget will be amended to show the \$4000 for Piping Plover Monitoring on **motion** by Wieting, second by Leavenworth – 5 ayes.

Treasurer Report and Payment of bills: Treasurer Stevens gave a brief report of the township funds, total funds on hand came to \$1,150,986.10 after the bills are paid, Clerk noted that she received an addition \$13,872.80 in bills since the report was completed on Thursday last, amending this figure to \$1,137,113.30. Total bills to be paid came to \$30,638.63 plus \$265.32 added at the meeting for Menards. The post audit bills paid since last meeting came to \$65,950.02, including payroll (this includes \$35,000 to Wolf Creek in advance for the new pole barn on Ridge Road). **Motion offered** by Wieting, second by Leavenworth to approve both the post-audit and bill sheet with the addition – 5 ayes. Treasurer Report, Bill Sheet and Post Audit Reports are available for inspection.

Unfinished Business: A) Set Date for Park Employment: A special meeting to conduct interviews for the Park Manager position will be held 4/23 (Monday) from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.. **B) Electric Bids for the Pole Barn:** No new bids were received aside from Hitching Post Electric. Bid will be considered during the special meeting on 4/23.

New Business: Airport Hanger Lease Renewal: Motion offered by Wampler, second by Stevens to approve the airport hanger lease with change to the date [April 30 vs. 31] – 5 ayes.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, April 19, 2012: Kay L. Wampler, Clerk

These are the approved minutes of the April 17, 2012 regular meeting. Included in the body of these are all of the official actions taken by the Burt Township Board.

ELECTION DATE NOTICE

- Partisan and Nonpartisan Candidates must file Nominating Petitions and Affidavit of Identity for the August Primary no later than May 15, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. with the township clerk. Forms are available at the township office.
- Petitions to place county and local questions on the August primary ballot must be filed with county and local clerks by May 15th.

THE AMBULANCE CORPS NEEDS YOUR HELP!

If you would like to join the great people of the Ambulance Corps now is a great time. We are in need of drivers. If you want to help your family and neighbors we can use you. Get a hold of Evie Morrison or Lou Bailey if interested. Training and requirement for fulfilling the job are available from Corps members. Come and join the Corps and help everyone.

Burt Township Land Use Status 2012

Name	Zone	Approved	Use
Burt Township	R-2	3/19/12	Pole barn
United Jewish F.	LS/R	3/13/12	Bathhouse
Montgomery, G.	Bay	3/19/12	Garage/basement
Burt Township	Bay	4/11/12	DPW building
Fountain, R.	RP	4/23/12	Storage building
Paull, D.	C-1	4/25/12	Porch roof
McDonald, I.	R-2	4/25/12	Basement

Diabetic Support Group

Got Diabetes? ... Get Educated!

Please join us for the Diabetic Support Group. Meetings are held each month and are open to anyone with Diabetes or friends and family of those with Diabetes.

Date: Thursday, May 10, 2012

Time: 12:00noon – 2:00pm

Location: Huron Conference Room

Lunch will be provided

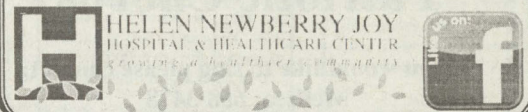
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 HNJH Rehabilitation Department

Hosted by Lynn Kihm, RN, CDE
 HNJH Diabetes Educator

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Supervisor's Report

Things are moving ahead with the new services building. The Board held a special meeting this morning to approve the Bond Resolution and we will move on to the closing at a later date. The contract has been awarded to Olsen & Olsen from Manistique. We had wanted to start construction on May 1 but this has been pushed back to a date yet to be determined. I am not happy about the delay but things had to be readjusted to stay within our budget of this project. The interviews have been held for the opening of Woodland Park Manager. I would like to thank all that have applied and interviewed for this position. Sheila Tobias has been hired for the position and will be working under the supervision of the current Manager Bette Somes until everyone is comfortable to make the transfer of the position. The Breakwall project is moving forward and we hope to start construction the end of May. The core and filter stone are being tested to make sure it meets the specifications set forth by the engineers. The Township Plover Monitoring Plan is in place and the monitoring has started, to date no Plovers have been sighted in this area. The Fish & wildlife will be here this week to give the training to the necessary individuals associated with the construction and monitoring for the project. There will be an article in this issue of the paper to inform everyone of how this works and what is involved. Once again I would like to mention that all the seats on this Township Board are open for election this year and your nominating petitions are due in by May 15. I am not running for re-election as I am running for State Representative of the 109th District and can not run for two seats in Michigan at the same time. Petitions can be picked up at the Township or County Clerks office or I believe on line through the Sec. of State.

I would like to thank the citizens of this Township for your continued support,

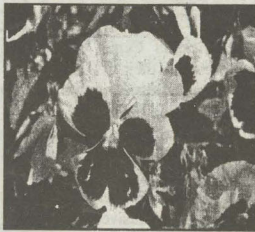
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GRAND MARAIS SENIOR MEALS SCHEDULE

Monday, May 7
Sloppy Joe on a Bun -
Sweet Potato Puffs - Peas -
Mandarin Oranges

Monday, May 14
Polish Sausage -
Parsley Potatoes - Sauerkraut -
Pineapple Tidbits

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



Plover Monitoring and the Breakwall Project

By Cathy Egerer

There is some confusion around town over the piping plovers and the breakwall project. This article explains the plover monitoring program, how it operates, and hopefully answers your questions.

As part of the permit to build the breakwall, the Corps of Engineers and the US Fish & Wildlife required Burt Township to have a plover monitoring program in place to monitor a half-mile stretch of beachfront for plover nests. This stretch of beach runs ¼ mile on either side of where the breakwall will approach shore on the south side of the bay. The permit stipulates that monitors must be trained by the Fish & Wildlife Service and must be paid. This cannot be a volunteer program.

The monitoring program has two phases. In Phase I, which has already started, beach monitors walk the beach every day, for two hours in the morning and two hours in the afternoon. They watch for the plovers to arrive and look for signs that nests might be built on that stretch of beach. Daily reports are filed with the Corps of Engineers. These seven monitors will take a full-day training session on May 3 with the Fish & Wildlife Service, along with some other key people.

If no nests are built on that half-mile stretch of beach by June 30th, the monitoring program ends. So, we will continue to monitor until at least June 30th.

If the plovers build a nest along that half-mile, then we will go to Phase II. With the permission of the property owner, a protective cage will be placed over the nest, and the nest will need to be watched at all times when there is construction activity. That will require a larger team of "nest monitors," who will receive a shorter training from local plover expert Evelyn Wood. The nest monitors will watch for signs that the plovers are disturbed by the construction activity. If no nest is built, then we won't need to train any nest monitors and the program will conclude.

It's important to know that Burt Township is only monitoring plover activity along the half-mile activity zone on the south side of the bay. The US Fish & Wildlife will be doing their own annual monitoring, which they have done every year.

Payment of the monitors is required by the Corps permit. All seven beach monitors offered to volunteer their time, but the Corps has stipulated that they must be paid something. The money is coming from the Harbor Fund and is based on the cost of the yearly Fish & Wildlife program here.

The seven beach monitors are Evelyn Wood, Cathy Egerer, Mary Gail Heacox, Jan Siegwart, Bill Egerer, Sal Brooks, and Pat Munger. Nearly 20 people have agreed to be "nest monitors" in the event we need them. Evelyn is a well-known plover expert and we're lucky to have her expertise and support.

If you see a plover on the beach, the best thing to do is just leave it alone. The monitoring activity area is marked by stakes with orange streamers.

Grand Marais has hosted the piping plover birds for decades and is recognized as a prime nesting location. These plovers are an endangered species and keep coming back to our beaches because of the ideal habitat and the long-standing willingness of local residents to help protect them. The new breakwall will increase the available habitat and the plovers should benefit from our "nature in abundance."

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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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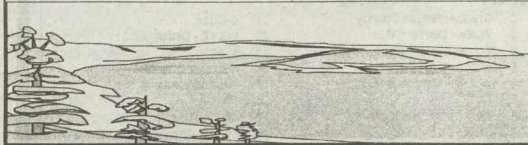


THE BURT TOWNSHIP OFFICE HAS A DROP BOX IN THE NORTH DOOR FOR PAYMENT OF WATER BILLS.

One day a boy asked his grandpa "grandpa make a frog sound"

The grandfather asked why? The boy said, "Grandma says when you croak we are going to Hawaii"

**AROUND THE BAY:
BY EVELYN MORRISON**



The school has been very busy this month. The Drama Class went to Houghton for the First Annual Upper Peninsula Theatre Festival at Michigan Tech. It was a real learning experience for them. They were able to attend workshops on speaking, costume adventure, how color works, auditioning and interviewing, plus creativity.

Last week was Excellence in Education Dinner. Thanks to Penny Barney and Seth Hoopingarner for cooking a wonderful meal. Congratulations to the students that were recognized for their achievements. On May 19th at the school the First Annual Community and School Art Show, the artistic endeavors of the area artists of all ages will be on display from 11a.m. through 5p.m.

Trout season has started so that brought in a few fishermen. The Lake Superior Brewing Company is now open for the season.

Nick Dongvillo held the First Annual Crawfish boil. I heard it was a great success.

Few of the local gals headed out of town to Mackinac Island for the weekend. The weather was exceptional and had a wonderful time.

Happy birthday to Judy Kay, Maggie Smith, Doris Krempa, Karen Bontrager, Amy Hassenzahl, and Craig Winnie, Nancy Winnie and Warren Scaife.

If you have any news for Around the Bay let us know. If you are interested in a volunteer job writing Around the Bay contact Marc. Thanks! And keep on smiling.... Evie

**Happy Mothers Day
May 13th**

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We will be reopening
Memorial Weekend!

Erickson Center

Calendar of

Events

The Erickson Center for the Arts presents their 5th Annual Above the Bridge Songwriter's Weekend June 14 - June 17, 2012 at Chamberlin's Ole Forest Inn and the Erickson Center in Curtis, Michigan. The Above the Bridge Songwriter's Weekend is an all inclusive weekend workshop with award winning musicians/songwriters. The skilled and experienced staff includes returning staff members Annie & Rod Capps and John Latini, Dave Boutette and Jill Jack. The public is welcome to come and listen to participants of the Above the Bridge on Thursday and Friday evenings, June 14 & 15, at Chamberlin's Ole Forest Inn. On Saturday night, June 16, the public is invited to the Erickson Center in Curtis, where the Above the Bridge staff will perform in concert.

For more information or to register, contact Kelly Chamberlin at 906-586-6000 or chamberlininn@sbcglobal.net or online at www.ericksoncenter.org.

OBITUARY

Marvel M. Wallace



Marvel M. Wallace, 65, of Newberry, died Friday morning April 20, 2012 at her residence surrounded by her loving family and the care of North Woods Hospice following a short battle with pancreatic cancer.

Born March 29, 1947 in Grand Marais, daughter of the late Lawrence and Mildred (Kettering) Nyman, Marvel was a 1965 graduate of Burt Township School and on June 19, 1965, she married William "Bill" Wallace in Newberry.

During her lifetime, Marvel worked outside the home in hotel housekeeping for several years and also, with the assistance of her husband, raised several foster children, babysat and watched their grandchildren until they were in school. She always found a friend to talk to no matter where she went and had a passionate devotion to her children and grandchildren.

Marvel was a member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Newberry and her hobbies included flower gardening, puzzles, camping in Grand Marais, golfing and date nights to the casino.

In addition to her parents, Marvel is preceded in death by her infant daughter Dottie Lynn and siblings Helen, Ted and Larry.

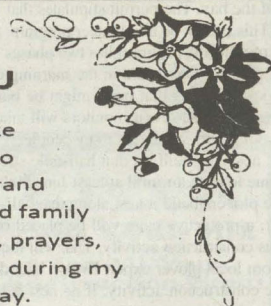
Survivors include her loving husband of 47 years, Bill, of Newberry; children Jason (Ginger) of Whitmore Lake, MI, William "Scott" (Lisa) of Newberry and Rose (Mark) Swartz of Plymouth, IN; grandchildren Jared, Collin, Isaac, Rachel, Allison, Gavin, Grant, Sarah, Rebekkah, Curtis and David; siblings Tom (Bonnie) Nyman of Clarksville, MI, John (Sue) Nyman of Seney, Bob (Stephanie) Nyman of Grand Marais and Bill (Lucille) Nyman of Grand Marais; sister-in-laws Nina Nyman of Marquette, Tina Nyman of Grand Rapids, Clara Jo (Cleo) Porter of Flintstone, GA and Pat (Chuck) of Grand Rapids; brother-in-laws Gerry Purple of Grand Marais and Jerry Wallace of Chattanooga, TN.

Memorial services were held at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Newberry with Reverend Jesse Brown officiating.

Memorials may be directed to the family until future decisions are made.

THANK YOU

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of my Grand Marais friends and family that offered time, prayers, cards and flowers during my recent hospital stay.



It is going to take me a few weeks to get back on my feet and it is very comforting to know that our small community is always there to help.

I love you all very much,

Carol Miller

The Grand Marais Women's Club wishes to invite all

women in the area to:

"A Day Just For You"

Pamper Day in Grand Marais

Saturday, May 5th, 2012

Grand Marais Community Center

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Questions?

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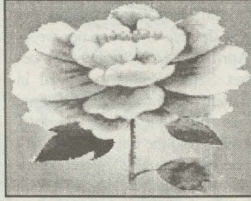
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Work Continues on Chapel Road and Parking Improvement Project

MUNISING, Mich. Work on the Chapel Road and parking area continues this spring at Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore. Visitors are reminded that last year's road closure at Chapel remains in effect.

Due to the extent of construction and heavy equipment at the work site, the last half mile of the Chapel Road and the Chapel-Mosquito trailhead parking area is closed until May 24. Limited parking is available at the beginning of the construction closure area. Foot traffic through the construction project is permitted.

The project began last November 21 and is expected to be completed by July 1. Work includes replacing two stream crossings, upgrading the last quarter mile of the Chapel Road, upgrading the Chapel-Mosquito trailhead parking area, and replacing the old vault toilet.

Facility Manager Chris Case explained that the project will eliminate runoff and siltation into two creeks in the area, improve the roadway, and provide a new parking area with circular traffic pattern with increased capacity to 49 cars and 4 RV/bus stalls. The project also includes a new fully accessible vault toilet unit.

The general contractor for the project is AMEC of Traverse City with AECOM of Marquette providing design and survey services and Gerou Excavating of Munising undertaking construction.

"We appreciate the public's understanding and cooperation as we continue with the construction activities of these significant improvements to the Chapel area," Case commented. "This project has been scheduled during the late fall and early spring to minimize its impact on the public. We look forward to improved access and more visitor friendly facility at this popular area of the national lakeshore."



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"HUNGRY" BUTS & PASSES

JIM

Here is an example of what a bunch of liars our government is. These lip service only jerks have outdone themselves this time. The "Pentagon" has asked congress to form a 9 person committee to update military retirement benefits. This wouldn't be too bad if that is what they meant but what they want is to cut benefits. Not only will that mean that promises made to military retirees will again be broken just like it was when congress decide to increase health insurance costs for retirees and their dependants. When most of these retirees joined the military they were "guaranteed" free health care for the rest of their lives if they served 20 years or more and that was in writing. Well our lip service government decided to renege on that and guess what? When a suit by the retirees went to the supreme court the clowns on the bench said that the contract was not binding because different people agreed to its provisions. Ain't that wonderful? That seems to me to say that any contract or agreement any government makes with anyone becomes null and void when new people take over. That would mean that we don't have to pay taxes? I digress; back to the committee. The makeup of this committee can have no more than four veterans or active service members on it and none of them can be retired. That of course means that those members who have never served one day in the Armed Forces can vote up any provision they want and vote down any provision that the veterans want. Not anti-retiree enough yet? Well none of these members can be a member of any service organization such as the VFW, American Legion, DAV or VVA and can not have any contract with or other association with these veteran groups. All of the veterans groups vehemently oppose this kangaroo court but that won't stop it. I don't know what our senators, representative and for that matter the president will want in the law but I intend to let them know my feelings; I ask that you do too. This is a committee that will make a recommendation to congress and the congress will no doubt pass it and the president, probably OhMama, will sign it. With few veterans and even fewer retirees in congress and neither probable president having any time in the armed forces why should they care? They all have a fantastic retirement even if they serve only two years. I bet their retirement won't be cut. If a bill passes that reduces benefits for retirees all the services will have to follow the Army that has already lowered its quota to meet actual enlistments.

In another ridiculous statement by our secretary of the Navy, Mabus, said that he supports reducing the Navy's ship size to 300. This is the same jerk who a year ago was fighting to keep the number at 313. Both OhMama and Romney agree that 300 ships is way too low but I bet they both would sign a bill reducing the number of ships to 300 the smallest it has been since 1917. True advances in technology make each ship a more potent weapon but so has our potential enemies' arsenal has been updated too.

Syria remains a problem for our government. Our Secretary of defense, Panetta, states "No American boots on the ground in Syria. He then softens that statement saying we would contribute to a U.N force. Believe it or not there is agreement from the elephant camp. Is this a sign of true bipartisanship? That we have learned from our screw ups in Iraq, Afghanistan, Vietnam and others? No way in Hell. Public opinion is what has caused this apparent agreement. In an election year neither party wants to pee off the voting population.

With the Secret Service debacle and Student Loan debate taking center stage, the media has again put our Armed Forces combat mission in Afghanistan on the

backburner. Just so we don't forget, our soldiers and sailors are being killed at the rate of 8 or so per week; 6 during the week of April 12-18 and 10 the week before. As for the Secret Service/Military scandal in South America, I guarantee you this isn't the first time this has happened. Maybe this is one of the bigger parties that the tax payers have paid the bill for but it isn't the first and won't be the last. Actually a more expensive one came to light recently involving a federal agency and a conference supposedly going on in Las Vegas. I don't recall any prostitution involved in that party but I seem to recall that it cost the tax payers around three quarters of a million dollars. Actually many junkets for our congressmen cost a whole lot more but many of those are paid for by companies buying the congressman's support for a bill favorable to them. It sounds to me like there are several employees because of this latest party.

Then we have the student loan issue. There is agreement between the parties that the interest rate for student loans shouldn't double. Again it would be nice if that meant that there is some bipartisanship. It would be nice but it ain't so. Again this is a hot potato and either a bill will be passed or an extension made to keep the interest rate at its present rate, 3 1/2% I think. The problem is that the elephants want to pay for it with money from an entitlement program and the asses want to pay for it by eliminating some of the tax breaks that oil companies get. Bet they haven't thought of taking half from each. Hell that eliminates the arguing and name calling and therefore won't suit either major party.

And Finally. Took a trip south with son Pug to watch grand daughter Lizzard play some softball. We left on Friday morning expecting to watch two games Friday, two Saturday and two Sunday. Before we got on he road he Friday games were cancelled due to rain. Shortly after crossing the bridge we saw snow on the ground and all the way to within a few miles of Alpena there was snow on the ground and in a couple of places it was still falling. In place of watching softball we went to a movie, the first one I had gone to in about ten years or more. On Saturday it cleared up but was cold; they played two games losing both by close scores. On Sunday they played the same team and should have won both but in the first game they gave up two runs in the last inning that tied the score and lost the game in the second overtime inning. It looked like they might repeat the first game but hung on and won the second game by two runs. Lizzard did well both at third base and hitting. I was told that Doc was named player of the month for her softball prowess. It was prom night in Marquette the Saturday we were in Alpena. I saw a picture of Doc all dolled up standing with her date. I imagine that Dizzy went too and like Doc looked great. Hoo took a date to the prom also. I guess my little grand daughters and grand sons are growing up. I don't mind them getting older but it reminds me that I am too. Hoo had a soccer meet this past weekend and Poo said that he did well. Too went fishing with his buddies and is into track big time as co-captain of his team. I don't know when our next get together is but it probably be after school is out for the summer.

And finally, finally. Don't let the media loll you to sleep with regards to our troops in Afghanistan. As of the 18th of April our government has killed 1,927 of our troops for what? Iraq wants us out and Afghanistan considers us enemies. Because of Georgie boy and his war mongering henchmen and OhMama failing to keep his promise to have us out of there 16,700 troops have been injured. Congress and OhMama might hold the VA harmless from budgetary cuts but there are over 40,000 more veterans who are injured and need health care help not to mention those veterans who are not considered wounded who need help because of no health care in the civilian world. Join me in telling our government this is unacceptable. Until next issue. Hungry Jim

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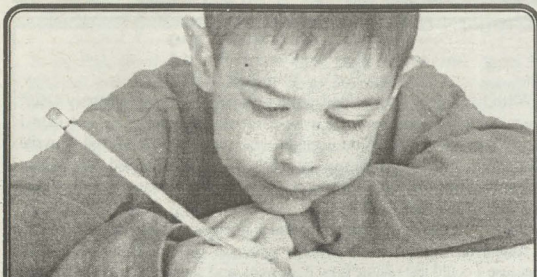
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On the following days:

Tuesday, May 8th

Tuesday May 16th

Wednesday, May 23rd

*In order for this to happen, I will need a commitment from at least 25 people!
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WHAT TITLE?

By Virginia Minor

When I first thought to write, I considered for a title "A Cautionary Tale," because of a woods road visit with a friend I met one day. But then I thought of some other items I might write about, so considered to write "Odds and Ends." Anyway, my last article was a bit on the sad side, writing about loved ones dying. I'll write one a bit more light in mood. So...no particular title up there!

I hope Janie Dowe won't mind too much if I share a funny story she told at a recent meeting of the coffee/prayer group at Bessie's. It cracked me up because I could just picture how it all went, and she told it so well, which I probably won't!

Janie and her husband, Nelson (Hawk, as many of us know him) drove downstate recently to visit their children, I think she said. For quite awhile, they have had an agreement that if Janie wants to stop at the outlet mall in West Branch, in the middle of the Lower Peninsula, they will, BUT, no stopping on the way back to exchange, or buy clothes!

Well, on their way back this time, Hawk was driving along and they were about 25 miles north of West Branch, getting closer to home. Janie was reading a very sad story in a book she had along with her. She couldn't help herself, (I know the feeling) and started crying quietly.

Hawk turned to her and said; "Oh, if it means THAT much to you, we can go back to the mall!" Of course, Janie told him why she was crying. We women at Bessie's forgot to ask if they ended up laughing about it, but the way she told it made us laugh.

My 'cautionary tale' title came about when I took a spring walk on Carpenter Rd. and met up with casual friend, Grace, who lives nearby and walks that road. We hadn't seen each other all winter and hugged warmly when we did. In talking, she told me about a harrowing experience she had recently when driving down to visit with her children. As she was ready to come back, she realized she was out of her high blood pressure medicine. I think it was her sister, or someone, who gave her medicine to help her get back home.

By the time Grace was on the Mackinac Bridge, she could feel her cheek getting puffy. To make the story short, by the time she got home, her nose, lips and tongue were also swollen. She was taken to the hospital, so the caution is to not take medication not prescribed for you. Glad she's fine now. She's a nice woman.

The other day I was coming from Carpenter and down Masse Hill. As I passed Tom and Helen Scaife's house, I couldn't help smile at how Tom has his several upside-down tree roots arranged alongside the road. I wrote earlier about those roots pointing to the sky, perkily. Tom probably has fun rearranging them in different patterns every so often.

On another note about trees, one day I was parked at the Sable Lake overlook, reading and drinking coffee. It was quite windy and the evergreen branches were swaying every which way. In my mind, I imagined the tree trunks were their mothers, and they were saying to their children; "Now children, settle DOWN!" Such was my silly mind on that day.

As many of you know, having grandchildren is such a blessing. Yesterday I drove to Marquette for two appointments, to shop, and to take my granddaughter, Laura Mead, out to dinner.

She chose the perfect place for us to eat. If you've never been to Coco's, on Lakeshore Ave., the ambiance is so just right, at least for me. The wall colors are warm, relaxing, and yet vibrant. The tables and decor invite a feeling of peace and conversation. We were at a table that looked out at the walking/hiking trail with the trees and Lake Superior in the background.

I enjoyed hearing Laura tell of her excitement in getting a job working in Starbuck's coffee shop within the Target store. She's been a Teaching Assistant in writing at NMU and is working on her thesis, so can use the work to help pay expenses. It was such a nice time, being together. I treasure all my ten grandchildren - actually, 11, now that Lizzy is married to Trevor. I'm sure you grandparents treasure your grandchildren as well!

Memorial Day will be celebrated in a few weeks, and this year, Melissa Carothers is getting a group of people together to sing four patriotic songs. These will be sung after the flagpole and boat-ramp ceremonies, and before the potluck lunch at the community center.

If you're so inclined, the first rehearsal practice is at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 8th. If you miss the first one, the others are on May 16th and 23rd, both on Wednesdays. The more people singing in the group will show our veterans how much respect and thankfulness we feel toward the service they gave to us.

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| May 4 Chiropractic - Dr. D. Armstrong
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| Chiropractic - Dr. McDonough
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Little Emily was complaining to her mother that her stomach hurt. Her mother replied, "That's because it's empty. Maybe you should try putting something in it." The next day, the pastor was over at Emily's family's house for lunch. He mentioned having his head hurt, to which Emily immediately replied, "That's because it's empty. Maybe you should try putting something in it."

Straw Bale Gardening Continued from page 1: Day One: Apply ½ cup of high-nitrogen fertilizer over the top of each bale. Water the bale until it is thoroughly waterlogged and water is running out of the bottom. You might want to pour 5 gallons of water over the bale, wait an hour, then repeat the process until it is completely soaked, top to bottom. Some water may run out the sides, but it's not critical that the sides be wet.

Day Two: Water the bales again, soaking them good. If you fill water buckets the day before, the water will be warmer and keep the microbacteria from slowing down, but it's not necessary for success.

Day Three: Add another ½ cup of fertilizer per bale, and water the fertilizer into the bale. Watch for water running out of the bottom. That's how you'll know it's good and soaked.

Day Four: Water only, soaking the bale.

Day Five: Add another ½ cup of fertilizer to each bale and soak it well.

Day Six: Water only, soaking the bale. You might notice a slightly sweet aroma coming from the bale. This will disappear after several days.

Days Seven Through Nine: Apply ½ cup of fertilizer to each bale and water in well, every day. Note that you are cutting the fertilizer in half, but applying it every day.

Day Ten: Apply 1 full cup of a balanced 10-10-10 type general garden fertilizer and water it in. You'll see channels developing from the water. Try to force the water and fertilizer into the areas around these channels, so the fertilizer doesn't just wash through.

Keep the bale moist, and within a couple of days, the bale will be ready to plant. It will be warm and the straw will tear out when you pull on it. What you now have is a rich, composted organic bale that is warmer than surrounding soil and air, is weed-free, and holds plenty of water but drains the excess easily. It's a planting paradise!

II. Planting Time

The easiest way to get a straw bale garden started is to plant pre-started seedlings. It's helpful to have a small amount of potting soil on hand. Once you are ready to plant, use a hand trowel (or just your hand) to open up an area large enough to insert the entire root mass easily. You may need to pull out some of the straw to create a hole. Make certain to remove the pot, even if it's a peat pot. Tear the peat pot away and discard it. Use a small amount of potting soil to make sure the roots of the seedlings are well covered and the area around them is filled. Water the seedlings immediately to seal in the roots and get rid of any air spaces around the roots.

The following chart will give you an idea of the approximate number of plants per bale:

You can also grow herbs. Just space them as you would if planting them in the ground. Tall plants, such as corn, and root vegetables, such as potatoes and carrots, don't do as well in a straw bale and aren't recommended.

Planting Flowers in a Straw Bale: If you'd like to add some color to your bales, add annual flowers. Any annuals that grow to about 12 inches or less in height will work just fine. You can plant them at the corners of the bale and let them cascade (petunias work great for this) or plant them on the sides of the bale. Just use a trowel to open a hole, pointing downward at about 45 degrees, and then insert a flower seedling from a six-pack. Marigolds may help keep garden pests at bay.

Planting Seeds in a Straw Bale: It's easy to start seeds in a straw bale. For this, you will need enough potting soil for a 2" deep layer on top of the bale. Create the potting soil layer, plant your seeds, water them gently, and then cover the top of the bale with one or two clear

plastic seedling tray covers. You can stake these down to the bale. Use a 20" length of wire (or cut a coat hanger) and use it like a giant staple. Stick it through the seed tray and into the straw bale. This will hold in the heat and keep the soil from washing away in a rain. Remove the tray cover when the seedlings are tall enough to touch the roof of the cover. Harden off the little plants by lifting one end of the tray a little each day over four or five days before removing.

III. Staking Your Plants

Tomatoes and taller plants will need to be staked. If you set your bales on grass or dirt, you can pound a five-foot stake into the ground at each end of your straw bale rows. Pound it down at least a foot. This will help keep the bales together as they age. Posts, pipes, or wooden stakes will all work well. Then run a wire from one stake to the other, zig-zagging it back and forth to create a trellis to support vines or heavier crops.

Or, you can stake the plants individually. Try to drive your stakes through the bale and partway into the ground for added support. Then tie your plants to the stakes as you normally would.

Vine crops: Pumpkins, squash, and cucumbers will trail over the side of the bales. Pumpkins and squash will wander along the ground and flower where they will. There is no need to stake or anchor them.

IV. Care of Your Straw Bales

Watering: Water your straw bale early in the day if possible, to allow the leaves to dry. A great way to water is to run a length of soaker hose back and forth across the top of the bale, and use lengths of stiff wire as a large staple to pin it down in on the bale. If you purchase an inexpensive water timer, you can water your bales for 20-30 minutes several times a week. You can't really over-water a straw bale, as any excess will simply run out the bottom. Not sure if your bales need watering? Just poke your finger into the bale. If it feels dry, it needs water.

Fertilizing: Every 2-3 weeks, use a liquid fertilizer such as Miracle-Gro on your bales. Mix it at half-strength for the first couple of uses. You could also sprinkle some granulated 10-10-10 fertilizer on the top of the bales, or if you have access to a compost pile, make a compost or manure "tea" and use that.

Weeding: You'll probably see some leftover wheat or oat seeds sprouting in your bales as you are conditioning them. You can pull these out, cut them off with scissors, or throw some black plastic over the bales while they are conditioning. This will "cook" the sprouts. Be warned that you might take the plastic off and find that the sprouts are gone, but you have a crop of mushrooms! These won't hurt your plants in the slightest. After snipping the sprouts several times, they'll mostly die off anyway. Other weeds aren't a problem. You'll spend about two minutes per bale over the course of the summer on weeding.

V. At the End of the Season

Most straw bales will only last one season. When you are finished harvesting your plants, simply pull the plants out, cut the strings on the straw bale, toss in some fertilizer and water well, then stir it all around. Over the winter, the straw bale will compost down into mulch. Next spring, you can spread it around your garden, mix it in flower beds, or mulch existing plantings around your house. If you spread the mulch in an area where the soil is poor, in a couple of years you'll have a decent area to plant crops like strawberries, sweet corn, rhubarb, or raspberries that don't do well in a straw bale.

2011-2012 Burt Township School Calendar

May 4	No School (Pro. Development)
May 25	1/2 Day: Curriculum Planning
May 28	No School — Memorial Day
June 1	Last Day of School: Awards Day / 10:00 a.m.
June 2	Graduation / 1:00 p.m.

School Reminder

The school doors open at 7:45 a.m. Monday through Friday.

BURT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Thursday, May 3
Pizza - Green Salad - Pears - Graham Crackers

Friday, May 4

NO SCHOOL

Monday, May 7
Chicken Parmesan - Savory Rice - Corn - Mixed Fruit

Tuesday, May 8
Meatloaf - Baked Potato - Peas - Tropical Fruit

Wednesday, May 9
Turkey pot Pie - Mashed Potatoes - Carrots - Mandarin Oranges

Thursday, May 10
Hamburgers w/toppings - Pasta Salad - Baked Beans - Pineapple

Friday, May 11
Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce - Green Beans - Peaches / Garlic Bread

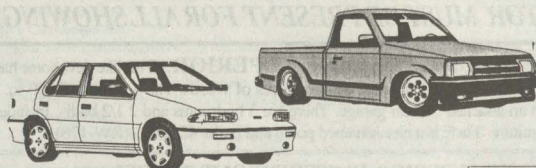
Monday, May 14
Sloppy Joes - Pasta Salad - Orange Wedges - Potato Chips / Pickle

Tuesday, May 15
Goulash - Carrots - Applesauce - WG Dinner Roll

Wednesday, May 16
Hamburger Gravy - Mashed Potatoes - Corn - Peaches

Thursday, May 17
Beef Stew - Green Salad - Pears - WG Biscuit

Friday, May 18
Sub Sandwich w/toppings - Celery - Grapes



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HOME ON SEVEN ACRES WITH A YEAR ROUND CREEK: This "fixer upper" is priced at only \$35,000. (R-222)

HOME WITH ATTACHED GARAGE AND SEPARATE BARN ON THREE ACRES WITH CREEK: This 12 year old home has 3 bedrooms and 2 baths. The lower level is furnished with a walk out area and a second kitchen. The creek runs all year round. The exterior home and garage are log sided. Beautiful location set back in from the road with nice trees. Includes appliances, some furniture and an automatic standby generator. \$239,000. (R-221)

LIKE NEW LOG HOME WITH LARGE ATTACHED GARAGE. This beautiful home is on a large lot with views of the Bay from the upstairs master bedroom. Three bedrooms, three baths, large crawl space/basement, on a dead end road. Only four blocks from the beach and downtown. Lots of extras: standby generator, fenced garden area, circle drive. \$289,000. (R-220)

TWO BEDROOM, 1 1/2 BATH, CONDO ON THE BAY WITH STORAGE SHED: Two floors, 1100 square feet, city water, 3/4 miles from town, with beautiful sand beach. Washer/Dryer, new carpet, immaculate condition. (C-141) \$209,000.

TWO BEDROOM, ONE BATH HOME, WITH BASEMENT, THREE BLOCKS FROM THE BEACH: Located on a corner lot, this home has room for a garage and a garden. Lots of remodeling has been done. \$79,500.00. (R-207) **MAKE OFFER**

LARGE HOME TWO MILES FROM TOWN: This home is only four years old. It has four bedrooms, one bath, and sits on eight acres two miles South of town. There is 1500 square feet and it has a walk out basement. Located nestled in the woods on a private dead end road, this has plenty of privacy. \$119,000. (R-218) **MAKE OFFER**

TWO BEDROOM, ONE BATH HOME ONLY THREE BLOCKS FROM THE BEACH: This beautiful home has been completely remodeled and is ready to move into. There is a basement and storage shed. A new huge detached garage is along side of the house with lots of tools and equipment that is included. The home is located in a quiet section of town. \$127,500. (R-213)

ONE ACRE PARCEL WITH POLE BARN FOUNDATION ALREADY IN: Includes well, septic system, electricity, and drive. Also includes a travel trailer \$59,500. (VL-155)

LIKE NEW THREE STORY HOME WITH A VIEW OF LAKE SUPERIOR: This home was just completed four years ago. It has 6 bedrooms, 2 and 1/2 baths, sauna, Jacuzzi tub, fireplace, wrap around deck, and 3,000 square feet. Located two miles East of Grand Marais between H-58 and Lake Superior. It does not have water frontage. Special conditions exist. \$295,000. (R-219)

YOUR OWN PRIVATE LODGE: This four bedroom, three bath log home looks over Lake Superior and Grand Marais Bay. There is a huge four car attached garage and walkout basement. Open loft with log stairways and plenty of room to roam. A separate heated four car garage equipped with mechanical tools and benches similar to a commercial auto repair shop are there to service all your toys. In the front of the house is a pond stocked with trout. Most of the log furnishings are included. \$875,000. (R-214)

THREE BEDROOM, ONE BATH HOME AT THE EDGE OF TOWN: This 1,500 square foot home sits on three wooded acres 2 1/2 miles south of town. Nice covered wood decks, a fenced in back yard, and plenty of deer to feed. Located on a year round road with lots of privacy. \$105,000. (R-206)

LARGE FOUR BEDROOM, TWO BATH HOME: Located only two miles from town this home has an attached two car garage and another pole barn in the back yard. A year round creek flows through the rear of the property. \$158,500.00 (R-204)

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. \$115,000 (VL-146)

150 ACRE PARCEL WITH CREEK: This land is rolling with beautiful hills that overlook Lake Superior. At the bottom, along the edge of the property, are the headwaters of the Hurricane River. Located 11 miles southwest of Grand Marais along the Rhody Creek Truck Trail, this would make an ideal retreat. Snowmobile Trail #888 cuts through the corner of the property. The road is unplowed in the winter and there is no electricity. \$168,000. (VL-193)

LARGE 174 FOOT BAY FRONT PARCEL TWO MILES EAST OF TOWN: This wooded waterfront parcel is on the old Sucker River off of H-58. The river is now a pond with Beaver's, ducks, and fish. Across the pond is Grand Marais Bay. The view is spectacular, a beaver pond in front and a large freighter going by in the background! \$179,000. (VW-146)

LIKE NEW TWO BEDROOM TWO BATH HOME CLOSE TO DOWNTOWN: This home is only twelve years old and has a partial view of the Bay. There is an attached garage and it is only 1/4 mile from downtown. \$138,500. (R-215)

FOUR ACRE HUNTING CAMP: Located on a year round road with electric this camp has two bedrooms and one bath. There is a two car garage with a single garage door. It is half way between Seney and Grand Marais. This will make a great hunting, fishing or snowmobile camp. Priced at \$38,500. (CF-151)

NICE LARGE WOODED PARCEL WITH DRIVE: \$29,900. (VL-154)

VERY NICE MANUFACTURED HOME ON A VILLAGE LOT: This mobile home is 16 feet wide x 70 feet long. Most mobiles are only 14' wide, this is very special. An additional new, enclosed entry porch is alongside and features a beautiful hot tub. The lot is extra deep and is serviced by an ally in back. A storage shed is located off the alley. Located in the center of the downtown area only three blocks from the public beach. \$63,000, plus hot tub (R-181)

HOME ON M-77 1 1/2 MILES FROM TOWN: This home is on a 100 foot wide X 200 foot deep parcel on a year round highway M-77 close to town. There is a basement, small garage, and the house is heated by a remote wood burning furnace. There are three bedrooms, one bath, utility room and upstairs a large finished recreation room. The well has excellent water. \$59,000. (R-193)

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.

FURNISHED HOME ON LAKE SUPERIOR: This like new home has 223 feet of beach frontage on Lake Superior with ten acres of woods. The home has 2,500 sq. ft. of living area with an attached two car garage. There are 3 bedrooms and 2 1/2 baths. Includes appliances and furniture. There is a nice screened porch and patio. 425,000. (RW-178)

VACANT LAKE SUPERIOR WATERFRONT PARCEL: This 323 foot parcel has a unique feature with a "knob" in the center perfect for a ship watch deck. A home could be built along side of the knob and still have plenty of elbow room with the extra wide waterfront lot. This is the ideal spot to watch the freighters go by on Lake Superior. \$156,900. (VW-146) **Lot #27**

VACANT LAKE SUPERIOR WATERFRONT PARCEL: This 273 foot parcel would make an ideal spot for a home with a spectacular view of Lake Superior. Lots of woods with large white and red pine trees would be around the home. \$155,000. (VW-143) **1 of #29**

In compliance with the safe drinking water act as amended in 1966, Consumer Confidence Reports, (40 CFR part 141 Subpart 0), Burt Township Water Department is Publishing its 2011 Consumer Confidence Report. Written copies of the Burt Township (Grand Marais) Consumer Confidence Report will be available at the Township Offices, Veteran St., E21837, Grand Marais, Michigan, 49839, weekdays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Burt Township (Grand Marais) 2011 Annual Water Quality Report April 24, 2012.

Burt Township's (Grand Marais) constant goal is to produce the best quality drinking water possible. The purpose of this report is to provide you with information about your drinking water. The report explains to you where your water comes from and the treatment it receives before it reaches your tap. The report also lists any contaminants detected in your water and an explanation of any violations in this year. Your drinking water has met all EPA and State of Michigan drinking water health standards and is safe to drink.

Where does my water come from? Burt Township Water Department (Grand Marais) gets its water from underground, known as Ground Water, by way of 2 wells. They are both from the same watershed known as the Betsy-Chocolay Watershed. The U.S.G.S. cataloging unit # is 0402021. Upstream of our watershed is the Dead-Kelsey watershed, while downstream is the Waiska Watershed. The #1 well was abandoned in November of 2006 and is no longer in use. #2 well and our new #3 well are our main production wells. The new #3 well was installed in the year 2006. Number #2 well, #3 well supplied 100 percent of our water for 2011. No chemicals are added to the water for treatment purposes before delivery to Grand Marais' customers. For the year 2011 we have pumped a grand total of 47,140,236 gallons. An average daily pumpage of 129,151 gallons, maximum daily pumpage of 230,506 gallons and a minimum daily pumpage of 10,378 gallons.

The state performed an assessment of our source water in 2003 to determine the susceptibility or the relative potential of contaminations. The susceptibility rating is on a six-tiered scale from "very low" to "high" based on geologic sensitivity, water chemistry and contaminant sources. The susceptibility of our sources is moderately high susceptibility. Our high rating is due to the nature of our local soil to allow contaminants into the aquifer and the lack of a local sewer system.

Reason for Report: This report shows Grand Marais' water quality and what it means.

Questions concerning this report: If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Michael L. Beek at 906-494-2381. Burt Township wants its residents to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of the Burt Township's regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., in the community center at the corner of Campbell and Brazel St. E21738.

Monitoring: The Burt Township (Grand Marais) Water Department routinely monitors for contaminants in its water according to federal and state laws. Unless otherwise noted, the following tables show the results of this monitoring from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011. As water travels over the land and underground, it can pick up substances or contaminants such as microbes; inorganic and organic chemicals, and radioactive substances. As you review the results, it is important to take into account that the presence of these contaminants does not necessarily pose a health risk. The EPA regulates over 80 contaminants in drinking water. Some states set stricter standards, however all states must have standards at least as stringent as the EPA's.

Definition of Terms:

In this table you will find many terms and abbreviations that might not be familiar. Therefore, the following is a list of definitions of these terms that you will encounter as you review the report:

(MDL) Minimum Detection Limit
 (PPM) Parts per million or (MG/L) Milligrams per Liter. One part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000,000.
 (PPB) Parts per billion or Micrograms per Liter. One part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000,000.
 Pico curies per Liter (pCi/L) - Pico curies per Liter are a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Action Level (AL) - the concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements, which a water system must follow.

Maximum Contaminant Level - (mandatory language) The "Maximum Allowable" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the MCLG's as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal - (mandatory language) The "Goal" (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below, which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.

Why are there contaminants in Drinking Water? All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by substances that are naturally occurring or man-made. These substances can be microbes, inorganic or organic chemicals and radioactive substances. All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of these contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Explanation of MCL's (maximum contaminant level): MCL's are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated contaminants, a person would have to drink more than 2 quarts of water every day for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described effect.

Required Additional Health Information: Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immune-compromised persons such as persons with cancer and undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice from their health care providers about drinking water. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791). You can also visit the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency at www.epa.gov/safewater/.

Closing Remarks: Please call our office if you have any questions regarding this report or any other concerns about your water. The Burt Township Water Department is committed to providing its water customers with the best quality water possible. In return, we ask that all residents of Burt Township help us protect our water sources. Keeping water clean is a much easier task than making contaminated water clean. The following results are from our water sources.

Test Results

Microbiological Contaminants						
Contaminant	Violation Yes/No	Level Detected	Unit measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
1. Total Coliform bacteria						
	No	0		0	0	Naturally present in environment
Radioactive Contaminants						
2. Gross Alpha						
	No	2 +/- 2	PCi/L	15	15	Erosion of natural deposits
3. Gross Beta						
	No	2 +/- 2	PCi/L	50	50	Erosion of natural deposits
4. Radium-226						
	No	0.14 +/- 0.06	PCi/L	5.0	5.0	Erosion of natural deposits
5. Radium-228						
	No	0.3 +/- 0.7	PCi/L	Combined	Combined	Erosion of natural deposits
Inorganic Contaminants						
6. Arsenic						
	No	0	Mg/L	.010 mg/L	.010	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards.
7. Copper						
	No	1015 Ppb	Ppb	1300 Ppb	1300 Ppb	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.
8. Lead						
	No	2.5 Ppb	Ppb	15 Ppb	15 Ppb	Corrosion of household plumbing; erosion of natural deposits
9. Fluoride						
	No	0	Ppm	4 Ppm	4 Ppm	Erosion of natural deposits; Promotes Strong Teeth.
10. Nitrate (as Nitrogen)						
	No	2.9 mg/L	Mg/L	10 mg/L	10 mg/L	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic systems; erosion of natural deposits
11. Nitrite (as Nitrogen)						
	No	0	Mg/L	1 mg/L	1 mg/L	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic systems; erosion of natural deposits
Unregulated Contaminants						
12. Chloride						
	No	15 mg/L	Mg/L	250 Mg/L	None	Erosion of natural deposits.
13. Hardness						
	No	169 Mg/L	Mg/L	None	None	Erosion of natural deposits.
14. Iron						
	No	0	Mg/L	0.3 Mg/L	None	Erosion of natural deposits.
15. Sodium						
	No	9 Mg/L	Mg/L	None	None	Erosion of natural deposits.
16. Sulfate						
	No	13 Mg/L	Mg/L	250 Mg/L	None	Erosion of natural deposits.

Note: Test results are from primary well number 2 & 3.

Note: Radioactive testing was done in 2001. No further testing is required until 2015.

Note: Lead and Copper were tested in 2010. No further testing is required until 2013.

Note: Test results for Inorganic and unregulated contaminants are the average for year 2011

Microbiological Contaminants:

(1) Total Coliform: The Total Coliform Rule requires water systems to meet a stricter limit for coliform bacteria. Coliform bacteria are usually harmless, but their presence in water can be an indication of disease causing bacteria. When coliform bacteria are found, special follow-up tests are done to determine if harmful bacteria is present in the water supply. If this limit is exceeded, the water supplier must notify the public by newspaper, television or radio.

Radioactive Contaminants:

(2) Alpha emitters. Certain minerals are radioactive and may emit forms of radiation known as alpha radiation. Some people who drink water containing alpha emitters in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
 (3) Beta/Photon emitters. Certain minerals are radioactive and may emit forms of radiation known as photons and beta radiation. Some people who drink water containing beta and photon emitters in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

Inorganic Contaminants:

(6) Arsenic: Some people who drink water-containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
 (7) Copper: Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water-containing copper in excess of the MCL over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the MCL over many years could suffer from liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson's disease should consult their personal doctor.
 (8) Lead: Infants and children who drink water-containing lead in excess of the MCL could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure.
 (9) Fluoride: Some people who drink water-containing fluoride in excess of the MCL over many years could get bone disease, including pain and tenderness of the bones. Children may get mottled teeth. Fluoride occurs naturally in our water source and promotes strong teeth.
 (10) Nitrate: Infants below the age of six months who drink water containing nitrate in excess of the MCL could be seriously ill and, if untreated, may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue-baby syndrome.

The Burt Township Water System has had no violations as you can see from the charts above. We are proud to be able to provide dependable and safe drinking water that meets or exceeds State and Federal requirements.

For More Information: Attn: Michael L. Beek (Public Works Manager), Burt Township, P.O. Box 430, Grand Marais, MI, 49839.
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