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## GRAND MARAIS DECORATES FOR THE HOLIDAYS

In the above photo's you will see both the old and new look that downtown Grand Marais is sporting for the holidays. The new decorations and banners are the results of a contribution of the Grand Marais Women's Club and the Burt Township Board. With the help from the Women's Club we were able to purchase the banners and decorations on Lake St. The old decorations were moved to Grand Marais Ave. along the bay front. Mike Beek and Craig Purple have been installing the decorations with the help of Alger Delta (using their boom truck) to attach the standards to the poles and connecting the electric.

Wishing  
everyone a  
safe and  
happy  
holiday.



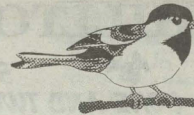
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## CHRISTMAS PRESENTS ARRIVES

The Burt Township Ambulance Corps got their long awaited ambulance. It came into town on Monday afternoon, from down state. It will have to go to Marquette to have the electronics added and should be in-service shortly. The new ambulance is a Ford chassis, four wheel drive, diesel unit. It caused quite a stir when we had two new ambulances in town at once. The member of the ambulance corps that could, stopped and took a good look. So if you see any of the ambulance corps members with a big smile you will know why.



## SCHOOL OPENS FOR WALKING

When school resumes after the New Year, the Burt Township School is continuing with the open door policy for the people of Grand Marais to use the school gym for walking between the hours of 8:00 am and 9:00 am Monday through Friday. This is a service to the people of Grand Marais when the weather is on the inclement side. 26 laps of the gym equals one mile. If you have any questions please contact the school office at 494-2521.

## WOMEN'S CLUB DECORATION WINNERS

This years winners in the Women's Club Decoration Contest are: first place Lois Kinlaw, second place Jim & Wendy Lowe, third place winner is Charley & Karla Bugg. If you have a chance take a drive around town and view the decorations.

DATA is compiled by Karla Bugg,  
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DATE	MAX.	MIN.	PRECIP.	SNOW
DEC. 1	36	21		T
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DEC. 17	25	16		

At the time of this writing we have 18 inches of snow on the ground.

**BURT TOWNSHIP  
SCHOOL BOARD  
MINUTES  
DECEMBER 11, 1995**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Hughes.

Present: Hughes, Morrison, Kinlaw, Mehlenbacher, Leavenworth, Tester, Barney and Student Representatives Hug & Hubbard.

Others Present: Mike Bodak family, Helen and Amber Mack.

Student of the Month presentations were awarded to Catherine Bodak for elementary and Amber Mack for secondary.

Minutes of the November 13, 1995 meeting were read.

Corrections: Keith Hug to School Forest Advisory Committee.

Motion by Barney, supported by Mehlenbacher that the minutes be accepted as corrected. Ayes 7 Nays 0

**Treasurer's Report:** Balance on hand: \$374,790.44 CD: \$250,000 Checking: \$124,790.44

Motion by Leavenworth, supported by Morrison that the treasurer's report be received as presented. Ayes 7 Nays 0  
The bills were read.

Motion by Leavenworth, supported by Morrison that all bills be paid except Item #33. Ayes 7 Nays 0

Motion by Barney, supported by Leavenworth to pay Item #33. Ayes 4 Nays 3 Roll call vote: Hughes-no, Morrison-no, Kinlaw-no, Mehlenbacher-yes, Leavenworth-yes, Tester-yes, Barney-yes.

**Superintendent's report:** 1.) Plans for semester exams in January. 2.) Social Worker. 3.) REMC changing. 4.) Drug & alcohol testing for bus drivers. 5.) Elementary Christmas program scheduled for December 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Barney, supported by Mehlenbacher to approve resolution to collect summer taxes. Ayes 7 Nays 0

Motion by Morrison, supported by Tester to approve Sherry Mast as female chaperone for Spanish Club trip. Ayes 7 Nays 0

Motion by Leavenworth, supported by Tester to adjourn at 8:41 p.m.

These are the unapproved minutes of the December 11, 1995 meeting. Included in the body of these are all of the official actions taken by the Burt Township Board of education.

**Grand Marais cross-country ski trail.**

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RKPPD FMPNXSRGY GBA G WHD

JNVVKA BKE DKGP. JPHR DHCP

OPGBA RGPNGX OGQKSSK.

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Julius Caesar

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We reserve the right to edit for space and clarity, and we will publish your comments as space allows.

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# Letters to the Editor

## To the Editor/ Publisher:

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Thank you,  
John F. von Daacke

## Dear Editor,

I, too, am concerned about your ambulance -- and I don't even live in Grand Marais! However, I come often. This past summer and fall I made four trips to the place that I hold dear in my heart.

I am one of the unlucky souls who goes into anaphylactic shock from black fly bites. I take all of the precautions that I can and carry my "EpiPen". It has not been necessary to call for help, but I feel safer near Grand Marais knowing that help is close if I need it. One who suffers severe reactions or shock can't wait an hour or two for some help.

The first bad reaction I got was a total surprise -- and I was home in my own back yard! The point is -- things happen to us that we cannot plan for. Things happen to those of you who live in Burt Township. Things happen to those who love your area and come to visit.

I'd like to publicly thank All who stayed home and listened to their pagers while I went out to play. Thank God if I don't need you, and Thank God you are there if I do. I know I am safe in Grand Marais.

Every time I come to Grand Marais I spend considerable money. I rent a motel room, buy my meals and gas for my car. I also help to support some of the fine artists living in your area. How many of your guests with known medical problems will go elsewhere for vacation because they know they have no help available should they need it? Think about it. The water is not missed until the well goes dry. Think about it. Six people can't do it all. Think about it.

Sincerely,  
Jan Rocker  
Bellaire, Mi.

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Saturday, 4:00 p.m. ( or by appointment) *Vigil Mass:* Saturday 5:00 p.m. *Weekday Mass:* As Announced

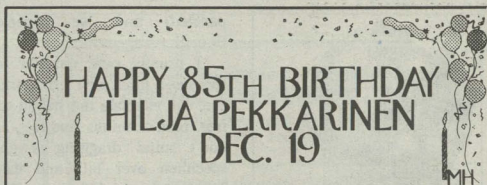
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**Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship** (906)494-2725 or - 2567 for meeting place and topic Sunday meeting: 10:30 a.m.

Thanks to our excellent ambulance corp for a safe journey to the Hospital. Jack Glaza



HAPPY 85<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY  
HILJA PEKKARINEN  
DEC. 19

Party? Weddings? Celebrations?

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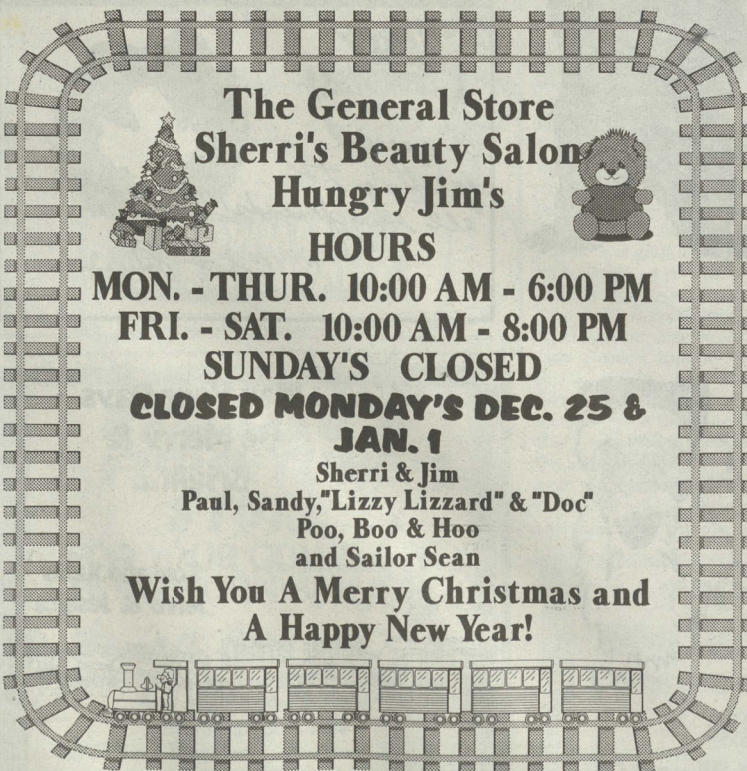
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Luke 2:11

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GRANOLA SERIAL  
by Jean Mehlenbacher

Marriage was the topic for church on Sunday and Skip interrupted me so many times that I forgot to share my sure-fire test for a lasting marriage. (I think he didn't realize that his turn was over and mine had begun. I rather think he thought I was interrupting his.)

Anyway, from my experience, if a couple can 1) survive wall-papering a bathroom when they haven't bought quite as much paper as recommended and 2) select and put up a Christmas tree without bloodshed, their marriage is not tottering.

We passed #1 years ago (our current bathroom is completely

paneled) and we squeaked through #2 again this year.

I usually pick out the tree (because I have such a discerning eye, can estimate the height of a tree, plus or minus five feet, and don't mind dragging a good specimen over hill and dale.) This year was different. Early on, Skip announced that he had picked out our tree. It was going to have to come down anyway because it was shading the house too much (roof gets mossy, etc.) so we might as well use it for Christmas. Since the snow in our swamp was pretty deep, cutting a tree right outside the door had it points, even if maybe it wasn't the perfect one.

It was sturdy specimen with a slim, tapered top and a bushy bottom. The only trouble was that the two didn't connect very well with a noticeable (to me) gap in between. It also was pretty tall. Here is where the art of compromise comes in. We could cut the gap out and splint the two halves together, or cut the trunk and let the top slide down to meet the bottom and lash them together (I know how since I was a Girl Scout leader) or find another tree, or ignore this "slight" flaw. Well, what's really important? You could use the big ornaments to help fill in

the blank space and try not to point out to friends that your tree has this hour glass shape.

So compromise is good, right? So what about the too tall? No problem, you just start lopping off. Here's where compromise failed us. We would have done better if one of us had voted to cut the extra four feet off the top and the other voted to take it off the bottom and after heated discussion, we had done one or the other. Instead we trimmed the bottom some, then the top, then the bottom, then the top, messing up both ends of the tree. Well, what's really important? The view from lying down on the couch is the worst of all but hardly anybody does that but me. It looks great in the dark with only the tree lights on. Chalk up another year with no bloodshed. We wish the world would do the same thing.

When it comes to chalking up years, congratulations are in order for Hilja Pekkarinen who celebrated her 85th birthday on Tuesday. She has all sorts of stories about the olden days that I am sure Gazette readers would enjoy. (Hint to the editor of this noble publication!)

**PROCLAIM THE NAME**  
**JESUS CHRIST OF NAZARETH**  
 There is no other name

Merry Christmas  
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 Mennonite Church

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Christmas is here once again and having grandchildren has brought back the excitement that was lost when my children grew too old for Santa. It has always been my favorite time of the year at least partly because people in general become much friendlier. Keeping with a tradition of this article I have compiled a gift list for some of my favorite people. These are gifts that, if I could, I would give to these people; sometimes for their benefit, sometimes for mine. Here it is: "Slick Willie" Clinton - a new job preferably in Bosnia.

Bob "Pineapple" Dole - just a little spine, he is making Clinton look like an amateur "waffler." Newt "Lizzard" Gingrich - a better travel agent so he can get a front seat on Air Force One and just a little tact. Phil Graham "Cracker" a sizable defeat in the primaries and a permanent case of laryngitis. "Adolph" Engler - a better memory so he doesn't have to be a hypocrite so often. The "asses" and "elephants" - a little maturity, an increase to the first grade level would be a big improvement. Americans - a real balanced budget that is fair and equitable - FAT CHANCE! "Scoop" Oglevie - at least one issue for which everyone turns in their material early - FATTER CHANCE. Mike Enright - a bigger box of crayons. Helen Carnes - a swivel drivers seat so she can face forward when her car goes down cemetery hill sideways. The Pope of Grand Marais - an end to his projects before his parishioners give him a one way ticket to Poland. Sports fans - a new breed of athletes who are more interested in their team, fans and the fact that they are role models than how much money and special rights they can rape from their God given abilities. The "Polar Bears" - success in all their endeavors especially the cheer leaders, it is great to have them back. Argie - a reversal of her decision. Elijah - a deer, maybe Luke Hubbard could show him how to get one. Paul & Sandy - more frequent trips to Grand Marais for free baby sitting. Lizzy Lizzard and Doc - a brother? Poo & Boo - Hoo Two. Hoo - relocation of Houston to the halfway so I can spoil him more. Sailor Sean - July. To all People everywhere - Peace. Till next issue. "Hungry" Jim

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<b>MAXIMUM SNOWFALL</b>		
SINGLE STORM	Dec. 8 -12, 1995	61.7"
Old record	Dec. 22-24, 1977	23.2
<b>MAXIMUM SNOWFALL IN 24 HR. PERIOD</b>		
	Dec. 9-10, 1995	27.8"
Old record	Jan. 5, 1988	15.2"
<b>MAXIMUM SNOW DEPTH FOR DECEMBER</b>		
	Dec. 1893	50.0"
Old record		32.0"
<b>MAXIMUM SNOW DEPTH RECORD FOR ALL TIME</b>		
	Dec. - 1995 (Tied)	50.0"
Old record	Dec. - 1980	50.0"
<b>MAXIMUM SNOWFALL FOR MONTH OF DEC.</b>		
	Dec. - 1995	82.5"
Old record	Dec. - 1980	69.3"
<b>MAXIMUM PRECIPITATION</b>		
Water equivalent for	Dec. - 1995	5.25"
Old record	Dec. - 1984	5.10"
<b>MAXIMUM 24 Hour Period</b>		
Water Equivalent	Dec. - 1995	1.67"
Old record	Dec. 1-2, 1921	1.48"
<b>WETTEST YEAR</b>		
	Jan. 1, 1995 to Present	44.85"
Old record	Year of 1979	43.35"
<b>AVERAGE SEASONAL SNOWFALL Past 30 years</b>		
	Seasonal snowfall this year-to present	116.2"
	Old Record - All time seasonal record 1976-1977	119.9"
		178.6"



May every happiness and joy be yours this holiday season

Jim + Marjorie Smith

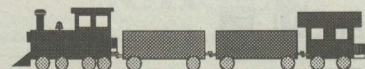
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### BILL WOULD SAVE SMALL LOGGERS THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS

WASHINGTON -- A bill introduced by Rep. Bart Stupak, D-Menominee, would require the Internal Revenue Service to apply the same tax guidelines for Michigan loggers that it uses in other states.

"The Michigan Association of Timbermen called our attention to the fact that one provision of the tax code, the collection of taxes on rental payment for chainsaws to the employees of logging companies, is not being applied equitably," Stupak said.

"In fact, Michigan is the only state where the IRS is collecting taxes on rental payments retroactively for the years 1990-92."

The bill, introduced in the house last week and referred to Ways and Means Committee, address problems arising from a 1989 change in the tax code, which affected a method of payment of employees used in logging activities for decades.

Under this payment procedure, logging firms allocated 20 percent of an individual logger's salary as rental for the use of that logger's chain saw.

The IRS, however, has determined that such payments are wages, subject to withholding of payroll taxes, unless a specific "accountable plan" has been put into place to track all chain saw expenses.

The IRS, Stupak said, targeted Michigan for enforcement of this determination, auditing logging companies and demanding back payment of payroll taxes.

When interest and penalties are included with the back taxes, individual small family-owned logging operations in the state face payments ranging from \$10,000 to \$30,000, according to the Michigan Association of Timbermen.

Stupak's bill would set 1993, a benchmark year used in Montana to address the same issue, as the earliest year for which retroactive payments could be collected.

The measure also seeks relief for logging companies that have paid the assessments for 1990, 1991, and 1992.

"This bill addresses a matter of critical concern in an industry vital to the economic health of the First Congressional District," Stupak said.

### MAILBOX DAMAGE POLICY

The Alger County Road Commission will replace any Mailbox that is hit by one of our snow removal vehicles. We will not repair or replace a mailbox that is damaged by snow or slush thrown by our removal equipment.

### BEST WISHES FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR



Helen Carnes



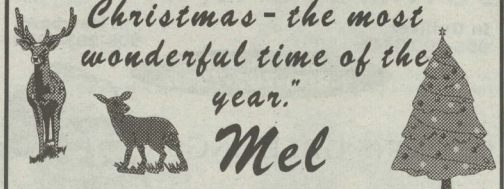
Edna Jean

Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas

May this Christmas bring us closer to the spirit of human understanding, closer to the blessing of peace.

Oiva & Irene Ylimaki

"All of a sudden it's Christmas - the most wonderful time of the year."



Mel

### BEST WISHES FOR A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Roy, Mary, Vicky and Mandy Wicklund



Merry Christmas Happy Holidays

Barb & John Hubbard  
Bertha Chilson

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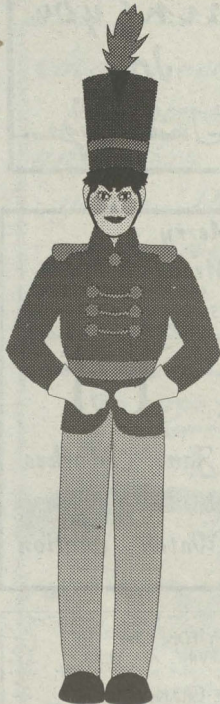
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HOLIDAY SHOPPING  
ASA "HANDICAPPER"

by Della Meldrum



During this last week before Christmas, I had made up my mind that I was going to brave the weather and the crowds and attempt to travel to the big city to do a little final Christmas shopping. My brother Ted, and nephew John were kind enough to volunteer to accompany me and assist me in getting in and out of the car, into the shops and see that I didn't end up with more problems than I started with.

Since I'm still using a walker to navigate with, and I had wheels put on it to help facilitate a more realistic walking gait, by moving along with a wheeling walker rather than having to lift it up with each step, special caution had to be exercised to spot those clear, icy patches where the walker could accelerate faster than I could.

Because I couldn't manage long spells of walking, I chose to hit the stores who were thoughtful enough to provide electric carts. I've had enough use of these

wonderful vehicles now, to know which stores had ones that were in good condition and easy to operate. One of the problems is the baskets get filled up so quickly that soon merchandise protrudes through the sides, out the front and sometimes impairs your vision as to what is just ahead. What with the narrow aisles, rushing people who are so busy looking for items, they pay no attention as to whether or not they're headed for a collision with another shopper, or heaven forbid, with someone wheeling an electric cart, the challenge to get your shopping done, and get out of there with no serious mishaps, is a great one.

Most of the carts do have a type of brake on them, but it's almost impossible to hit that brake in time to stop instantly. On a lot of the carts you must push an arrow if you want to go forward, or backward. It's a real thrill driving these when you happened to hit the back-up arrow instead of the forward, then accelerate, and away you speed backwards, bumping into shelves or anything in the way. I really was never too good at backing up, even in the car. While my adult children or

other grown ups, may not think it's funny, my grandchildren think it's hilarious. Corners are especially dangerous on the aisles, since there is no "right or wrong" traffic pattern. Shoppers may be on the right, the left, in the middle, nor are they even watching or caring who might be coming along. It's the driver who must respect the pedestrian, even here, and be responsible enough not to go mowing people down.

The greatest challenge is to maneuver the cart through narrow aisles crowded with merchandise without emptying all the racks. That's when I wish the inventors of these carts were there to drive them. Some of the jams I've got myself into take a lot of maneuvering, back and forth, back and forth, before finally finding an escape. If there's someone around I try to pick up all I've knocked off the racks, if not, I just scoot.

Usually my helpers find they have their own shopping to do, though I really think they just don't want anyone to know they're with me, or much less, related to me. Usually it's my own kids who accompany me.

They are familiar with my cart shopping, but this time, I think I gave brother Ted and nephew John a jolt. On the way home I'd asked them if they would stop at Glen's so I could do some grocery shopping. I explained to them that Glenn probably had the best electric carts of any place in the area. No having to push arrows for direction, always charged up good, and a most pleasurable speed.

Everything went fine until getting through that last aisle. The cart was loaded and front vision poor, and we were all getting anxious to get on the road, so I was speeding it up a bit,----until I rammed a big basket sitting in the aisle, full of co-jack cheese packages. It was a nice reminder that this item was on my list, but chunks of cheese went flying in all directions. Nephew John's eyes flew open and he scuttled about trying to get all of the packages picked up and put back in the basket before anyone came along. I'm afraid he might have second thoughts about accompanying this handicapped Aunt on another shopping trip. But all in all, those electric carts are fun.





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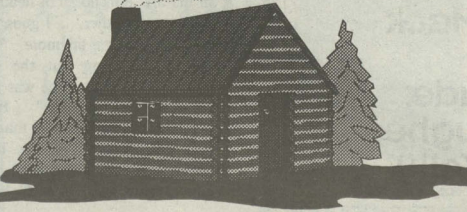
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**Around the Bay:**  
By Evelyn Morrison

With all the snow we have been getting for the past week our Christmas shopping has been delayed. It looks like if any one has to shop, we have clear weather for a few days.

The kids did real well with volleyball and basketball this past weekend. The cheerleaders are doing a great job too.

There are a few raffles going on throughout the month. The cheerleaders are raffling a basket of goodies from Superior Arts and Crafts for new uniforms. The senior class have a basket of treasures donated by many of the businesses. The basket is on display at the bank. The senior's will be having a few more fund raisers throughout the year for their class trip to Washington and hopefully to New Orleans. The Spanish Club has their raffle tickets out now for a Vacation in Grand Marais. All the organizations are good ones and all tickets are \$1.00. Thanks to all that contribute.


Andy and Gerrie Bailey from Ithaca were in for a long weekend. It's been a while since they were here in the winter and now they know why! They will be leaving for Florida the first of the year so they brought their cat up for us to cat sit. Plus they visited with Gerrie's brother, Chet Hughes.

I heard that part of the Flakes showed up for the annual sled run. You had good snow this year. Though Gam and Luke could have used less snow around the cabin when trying to work on the water lines under the house.


You all have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. See you around the Bay next year! Keep smiling.....Evelyn Morrison

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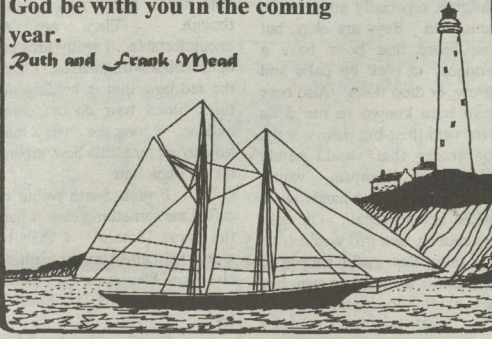
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# BURT TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS STUDENTS CORNER

## CHRISTMAS BY MARCY BUTKOVICH

Oh boy, oh boy, oh boy. I can't wait for Christmas to come so I can get out of this box. My blue dress is getting all wrinkled and my long blonde hair is getting tangled up. How long must I stay cramped up in here? How do people ever find boxes this small anyway?

Boy, I wonder who my new owner will be, but since I'm a doll my new owner will most likely be a girl. I can't wait to meet all the other dolls and toys. I know there will be teaparties, and games to play with my new girl, and the other toys. I wonder if there will be any other children, especially girls, in the household. Boys are okay, but I've heard that boys' have a tendency to pick up dolls and throw, or drop them. Also boys have been known to run dolls over with their big, heavy, ugly, toy trucks that would surely break my beautiful, white, porcelain face, and hands all to pieces beyond repair. Oh well, I'm sure my new girl wouldn't let any thing that awful happen to me, that is if there are even any boys at all in the household.

Oh boy it's Christmas Day, I can't believe it! I wonder when she's going to open me? Oh my gosh somebody just moved my box and it feels like somebody is opening me! Yes, I'm finally out! And yes my girl is very pretty, by the look on her face she seems to like me very much. And from the looks of it there are no other children in the household, and I am the very last present. Hooray! A home at last!

## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH NOVEMBER



CATHERINE BODAK

Catherine Bodak, daughter of Mike and Penny Bodak, is a fifth grader this year. Her favorite school subjects are Reading, Spelling and Social Studies. She likes ballet and working with the kindergarten students. She likes to play Nintendo and collect coins when not in school. At home she baby-sits for her sisters and helps clean her room and wash the dishes. Her plans for the future might include being a paleontologist or a pilot, and she hopes to be a millionaire.



AMBER MACK

Amber Mack is the daughter of Helen Mack, she is in ninth grade. Her favorite subject include Math and American Studies, she is a member of the volleyball team and the Cheerleading Squad. Her future plans are to go to college and be a teacher.



## CHRISTMAS TOYS

The articles on this page and on pages 11 & 12 were written by Karla Bowen seventh grade class.

### "STACIE"

BY JAMIE KELLY

This is the most bumpiest and longest trip I have ever been on. It is so stuffy in here. I can't wait to be opened. Too bad I am almost the last one to be dropped off. Ow! That hurt. What is that, the third time I have bumped my head? This is so boring. Oh no! The box is wrinkling my beautiful new dress.

I really like my fluffy red dress with lacy white trim. I hate these itchy white tights though. They are so uncomfortable. I really love my black shoes with buckles. I hope the red bow that is holding my thick blond hair doesn't come undone. It took the elves a long time to get that little bow around all my thick hair.

I wish Santa would of called me something else. I hate the name "Stacie". I wish he would of called me something else like "Stephanie" or "Sara" like the other dolls, but "Stacie"? Lk.

Boy, I can hardly wait to be opened. I hope I am her favorite toy. It would be fun to play with Tiffini. I think it's Tiffini. That's what the elves said anyway. I don't know why but I also feel scared. Maybe I'm scared I might get hugged too tight. Or maybe I'm scared I might be forgotten.

Oh! Santa is stopping again. Maybe it's my turn to be

dropped off. Come on Santa. Pick me. Pick me. Oh darn. He is starting to leave. Not my turn yet. I sure do hope I get dropped off soon. What if he forgets to drop me off! Then what would I do? What am I thinking? Of course he will drop me off. I hope.

Santa's stopped again. Maybe now he will drop me off. Oh! He picked up my box. He is carrying me down the chimney. I better not be hearing him eating cookies. He is! Come on, Santa, this really isn't the time to be chowing down right now.

Oh good, he's done. He's picking me up again! Ouch! Santa, you can be a little bit more careful setting me down. I know you're in a hurry, but be a tad bit more careful. Boy! Those Christmas tree lights are getting hot. I can feel the heat coming right through the box.

Yes, I hear them. The children are coming down the stairs. I hope Tiffini opens my box up first. Maybe I will be her favorite toy. Maybe she will play with me every day. That would be fun.

Whoa! She could pick up the box a little bit more carefully. She is messing up my hair. Is that my wrapping paper ripping? Is it? Is it? It is! Boy, that light hurts my eyes. She's picking me up! She is hugging me just right, not too tight. I'm glad she likes me.

## MY CHRISTMAS STORY AS A GIFT

BY STEVEN BELL

Oh wow I'm a remote control car! I've got a neat red and black body. I like those colors. I wonder who I'm for. Oh I can't wait till Christmas so I can get out of this box and drive around. Oh darn! I'm not included with batteries. Maybe they've got some for me. Gosh I really like my big off road tires. When I get out of this box I'm going to rip up the dirt. Oh when will Christmas get here? I've been in this box for so long. I can't wait until I get out of here.

Hey I'm moving! Where are they putting me? Hm smells like pine needles. I have to be near the tree. Not too long now. I will be out of here in a little while. Let me out! Let me out! Let me out! Huh, I'm tired. I'm going to go asleep.

Yes it's Christmas. When am I going to get opened. I want out of here. I hear something. Yes, it's the kids. Open me! Open me! Open me! I'm moving. Hurrah! I'm being opened. Put those batteries in me and let'er rip.

Here I go around the chair, through the kitchen, down the stairs. Oh! Oh! Oh! Oh! Yes I'm free at last. No not the wall, oh no I'm dead.



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## CHRISTMAS BY JEFF KINLAW

When is it going to be Christmas. It's been so long since I've seen light. It's hot in this small cramped box. I can't even see myself. I wonder who is going to be my owner. I hope he likes me.

I know he will like my missile launcher. He will like how far it shoots. I know that he will like the fact that I can walk and talk just like him.

Man this box is so small I'm getting cramps in my joints. I know it's getting close to Christmas because I'm getting big cramps now.

I hear something! It's talking! I'm floating in this air. I see some light. It's a boy who owns me. I'm so glad it's a boy. I know he will like me. I'm so happy I have this nice boy. I know he will take good care of me.

## THE BEST CHRISTMAS EVER BY SHAUN R. HUGHES

Boy it's dark in here. I never knew footballs were made for this kind of life. I can't wait to get out of this stuffy piece of scrap cardboard. I can hear that obnoxious toy soldier again. He's telling me to be quiet because I'll be the one who will be thrown in the trash and he'll be the one who's played with. I'll just ignore him. It seems like I've been waiting here forever. Shh! I hear footsteps....coming closer.....Whoa! I'm being rolled around! I can see light! Yes! Finally some one is holding me. I won't be lonely anymore. Eww! A brown, tousled haired kid with goeey germ encrusted hands is reaching for me. Yuk! Yuk! He's picking me up. Oh well, at least I am out of this lousy box. He's running outside with me snuggled closely under his arm. Ouch! I'm flying through the air. What's with this kid? He's going to split my seams if he's not careful. I guess the toy soldier is right. I'll never be liked.

Finally we're going inside. Over in a corner is a box with a picture of my friend flying through the air! I guess I was being loved and I didn't even realize it. He's picking me up again. Here I am in the air. Oh no! I'm heading for the toy soldier.....I guess he won't bother me anymore. The boy is throwing out the toy soldier and saying " he was just a dumb toy anyway." He's carefully setting me on a mantle and telling me I'm the best present he ever had. Boy, this sure beats rotting in a stuffy box.

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### TOY SOLDIER BY JESSE BALLARD

I am really getting bored just sitting on this shelf all day. I hope somebody sees me soon. Yes! Here comes a lady, maybe she will pick me. P. U. she smells like garlic. Well at least I will have a family. Oh no! She is putting me in her trunk. I don't want to go in here because it is cold and dark. I hopes she gets to her house soon or else I will freeze to death. Good, we've stopped. Here comes garlic girl. I hope they have a nice Christmas tree. I wonder whose present I am going to be. I can't wait till we get inside so I can see the Christmas tree. Boy! They've got a big front door, I guess it is so garlic girl here can get her big butt through it. Yes! We're inside. This is a really big house. I wonder where the Christmas tree is. Oh there it is, boy is it beautiful!

I wonder why we are heading toward that small box over there. Good thing we went by it, I thought she was going to put me in it. Yes! She is putting me on the Christmas tree. I hope I like it here with garlic girl. What is the creaking noise over there? Cool! Just what I wished, for a little boy.

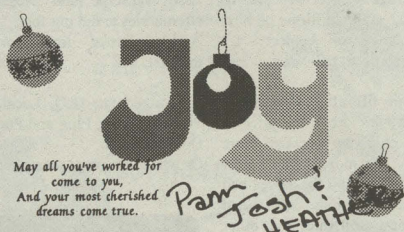
### CHRISTMAS STORY BY JOSH HICKS

Man, oh man, I sure hope Christmas will get here pretty soon because I am getting tired of sitting in this old smelly box. My bright red suit is getting dust on it and is smelling weird from the musty smell of this old box. Oh! Oh! I think that I am getting picked up. Oh boy I wonder what he is going to think of me. I sure hope that he likes me. I hear the bright red paper and the big green ribbon ripping open. He is starting to take me out of my box. Boy he sure is tall! Ouch! My head. How dare he just drop me and go open another gift! Well the next time that he tries to pick me up I am just going to ignore him and look the other way. Oh man am I mad! I will never play with him again. Oh, here he comes. I am going to ignore him forever. But since he is starting to play with me I guess I will play with him just this one time. I can't believe I even want to go outside with him. Oh, he is taking me over to introduce me to all of his friends. Well I have to be a pretty good toy for him to show me to all of his friends. Well, I guess I will start playing with him more often and I won't be so mad at him for dropping me on my head the first time he saw me.

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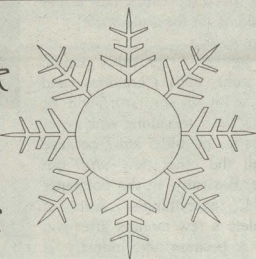
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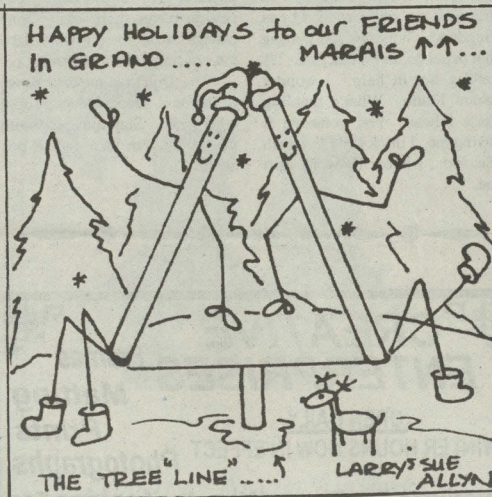
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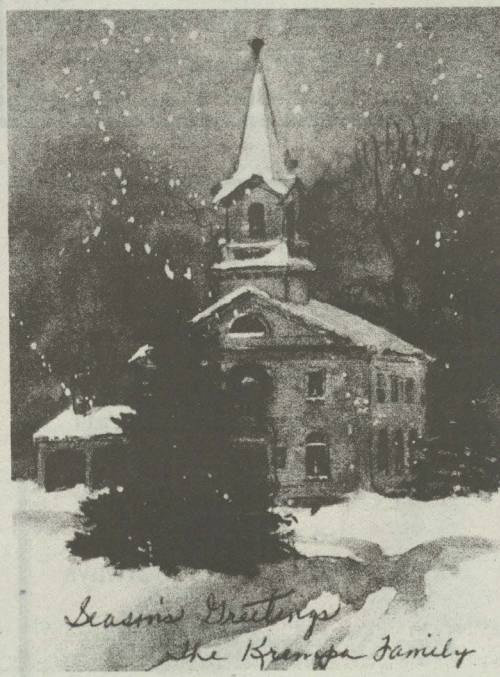


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**CHRISTMAS**  
BY JASON KINLAW

There is a couple of happy people coming this way. I hope they are coming to get me. Here they come. Are they going to get me and take me to where they live? Oh no, why did you pick me up and where are you taking me? What is this uncomfortable metal basket with wheels? I hope I am getting out of here soon because I am getting tired of my legs going through this hole. Why are you picking me up, I just got comfortable. Hey what's that red beam do. Don't put me near it, I'm scared. No I told you not to put me under it. Hey, this is not too bad. It's really not hot. Don't pick me up, I like it here. Now you've put me in a brown bag. To top that off, you put me next to Crater Face. Hey what is that noise? It sounds like a door opening. I don't know who put me down, but I can't breath like this. Who just tipped us over? That hurt. Why is she stopping? Whew, I can breath again. Ouch! You dropped me on your bed, you dingdong. Why are you putting that paper on me? I can't see. It's getting hot in here. I wonder where I am. What's that big noise I hear. Yes, someone is saving me. I think I can live with this kid. I know he won't hurt me.

**THE DOLL**  
BY ELSBETH BARNEY

Ok, so this lady bought me. She said how nice my black velvety dress with a white lacy collar was, and how she liked how my long brown hair bounces. She also thinks my pettie coat is so cute with the lace on it. Her favorite is my black buckle shoes. After all that she goes off and puts me in the box, with no light and no company. Oh what's that smell? Oh, they must have put the chocolates right next to me. It smells so good, I wish I could have some because it's making me so hungry.

This is so boring. How's come they didn't give me any company. Oof, oof, oof, I'm getting all shaken up. Oh man, my hair is getting all frizzy. Where's a brush when I need one?

What's that sound? It sounds just like ripping of paper. Oh who turned on the light? Who is that? O' my gosh, red pigtails, give me a break. You can do better than that. Don't change my clothes, I like what I am wearing. But I like this too.

Don't put me back down in the box. Don't go open those other gifts. Stay and play with me. Well, I'm back in the box again.

**"Windows 95"**  
for Christmas 95

By Terry Honyoust

Tis the season to . . . get new computer *stuff* for Christmas? Well, maybe right after Christmas would be better.

There are a lot of computers in town that might like to have more speed and a change in appearance. Microsoft "Windows 95" could be the answer.

"Windows 95" is doing great and offers features such as dial-up networking and Internet access through MSN (Microsoft Network) for a little less than some of the other providers. That's AOL (America On Line), CompuServe and Prodigy. Making up the big four.

But always remember your phone bill. No provider is concerned about your cost if you have to dial a long-distance number to get access. Detroit is the closest I've found so far for the MSN.

*Explanation:* Each provider has specific numbers throughout the world for you to gain access. If AOL provided a number right here in Grand Marais, you could dial AOL and use their service and get on the Internet for the cost of a local call, an *surf the net* all day. BUT: Providers basically provide these numbers within the areas where the population is dense and the usage is high. They make there money on the amount of subscribers they have. You still pay your phone bill as always to the phone company.

Recommended reading: "Internet for Dummies".

But back to *stuff* for Christmas: CD-ROMs are always nice and more business applications are being delivered to the stores that way. I won't even mention the games, there's zillions of them.

The future will see as many CD-ROMs as floppies and eventually it will be assumed that you have one, just as it's assumed today that you have a 3 1/2" floppy drive instead of a 5 1/4" floppy drive.

Don't let the stores sell you a single speed CD-ROM. Quad speed (4 times the speed) is the normal today and 6 and 8 speed CD-ROMs are hitting the market.

*Explanation:* "Speed" is how many pieces of information the CD-ROM can deliver to the computer in a second. More is better. The older single speeds, delivered about 150KB (thousands of bits) per second, the normal today is 600KB (quad speed) and getting faster.

Speed also means that when you playing an action game or viewing a movie clip, it looks like TV instead of a 1930 choppy Charlie Chaplin movie. That was great then, This is now.

The average CD-ROM contains about 600 mgb (millions of bits) of information. Expect 1.2 gigabits, (billion) real soon.

Why wait till after Christmas? "Windows 95" drove the price of memory chips up because more memory is more speed for "Windows 95" and the stores had an influx of business in general buying new software and other *stuff*. Tis the season, right? The sales are even higher right now than the after Christmas prices should be for the same *stuff*. I Like *stuff*.

The prices will probably remain the same until Christmas, and then a lot of new *stuff* will be hitting the stores along with lower prices for the older *stuff*, because of all the other new *stuff* out there. Basically, in the computer world, everything's sort of obsolete a few months after you buy it because the industry is moving ahead rapidly and

competition is energetic to say the least. That doesn't mean you should wait for the *newest* to buy, because there is always something *newest* next week.

There is rarely a "best time" to buy because computer and software developers don't sleep. Or so it seems. The industry changes daily. You can always upgrade in a few years.

A good rule of thumb: If it does what you want it to do, keep it. But if ya got it (\$) jump in and buy it.

Got just a little (\$) ? Get at least a 486DX66.

Got a lot (\$) ? Get a Pentium 130.

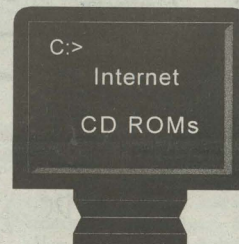
"Windows 95" is great *stuff*, but you need "Made for Windows 95" software to take full advantage of all the features.

Next article: "Made for Windows 95" software.

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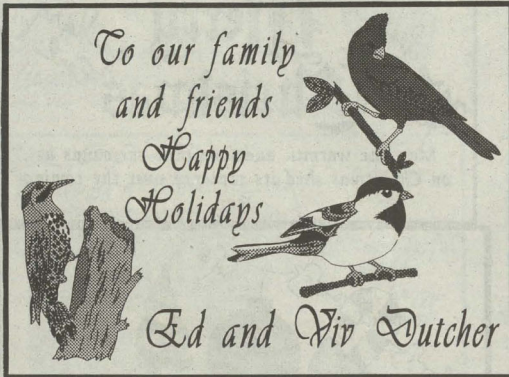
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**DO THE RIGHT THING**  
by Lee Goewey

Instead of the usual letter to Washington, I've decided to share some news with you: Some good news, some bad news and some insight as to which news represents the truth.

First, the good news: The Republican budget will not drastically slash spending. In 1996, the government will spend 1.5 trillion of your tax dollars. In 2002, 1.8 trillion will be spent. This is a 21% increase, not a cut. The Democrats want to spend more.

The Republican budget will not destroy Medicare. In 1996, \$4,800 per person will be spent on Medicare. By 2002, the amount will rise to \$6,700. This is a 40% increase, not a cut. The Democrats want to spend more.

The Republican budget will not devastate Medicaid. In 1996, \$89 billion will be spent on Medicaid; \$124 billion per year will be spent by 2002. This is a 39% increase, not a cut. The Democrats want to spend more.

The Republican budget will not starve children who get school lunches; there will be a 74% increase in financial outlays for this program between 1996 and 2002. This is not a cut. The Democrats want to spend more.

The Republican budget will not gut the student loan program. In 1996, \$24 billion will be spent; in 2002, \$36 billion, a 50% increase. This is not a cut. The Democrats want to spend more.

As to taxes, the supposedly irresponsible Republican budget's tax cut of \$245 billion falls \$21 billion short of reversing the mammoth \$265 billion tax increase, the largest in our history, that President Clinton imposed on us in 1993.

The Democrats don't want any tax reduction now, even though the Republican plan means that a family with a \$25,000 income, two children and \$500 per child in tax credit would pay no federal income tax at all. The same size family at \$30,000 in annual income would see a 51% reduction in income tax, and with three children at \$30,000, a 95% cut!

Finally, the Republican budget would eliminate the deficit and balance the budget in 7 years by slowing the rate of increase in spending. The Democrats don't really have a plan, but by their criticisms and attacks, they implicitly favor continuation of policies which will never allow the budget to be balanced.

Now for the bad news: The Democrats, in the White House and in Congress, have been warning us for months that the Republican majority in Congress is hell-bent on making extreme, heartless cut to Medicare, Medicaid, school lunches and student loans -- you name it -- and on awarding obscene tax cuts to the rich. You've heard it all on TV and read it in the papers so it must be true, right? Wrong.

The truth is, the bad news is a bunch of lies. How is this possible? Consider for a moment: Ten percent or less of those in positions of power in all phases of the media describe themselves as conservatives or as having voted for Republicans. The overwhelming majority in the media are self-proclaimed liberals. Their natural allies in the Democratic Party are the same Democrats who are the architects and/or the preservers of the causes and institutions responsible for most of what is desperately wrong in America today. They are the ones who spent over five trillion of our tax

dollars over the last 30 years on a "War on Poverty" and entitlement programs which have been disastrous failures. They have created the environment which has produced a disaffected and hopeless urban underclass, skyrocketing illegitimacy rates, no measurable drop in the poverty rate, an unprecedented increase in violent crime and drug use, out-of-control escalation of the costs of well-meant but flawed federal medical programs, unending deficits and a national debt that has mushroomed beyond all comprehension and on which servicing interest alone will consume our entire present national budget in less than 20 years.

To top it all off, President Clinton himself has admitted that he raised taxes too much in 1993. (Of course, and typically, he has now changed his mind again on that score.)

Now, who do you believe? I have no personal problem with that question, and I hope that you enjoy the same happy assurance I do. To believe otherwise is to abandon yourself to sheer misery and despair.

A joyous and blessed Christmas to every one of you: May all our halls be decked with holly, gloom be banished, purged of folly; 'tis the season to be jolly, filled with confidence, by golly!

If any of the foregoing moves you to write to your Senators, Representative, or the President have at it; their address are: Sen. Carl Levin, 459 Russell Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510 Sen. Spencer Abraham, 105 Dirksen Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510 Rep. Bart Stupak, 317 Cannon Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20515 Pres. Wm. C. Clinton 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, D.C. 20500

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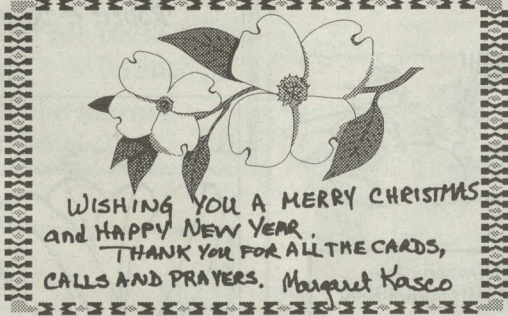
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**PUTTING TOGETHER AN EMERGENCY FOOD SUPPLY**

by Sherrie L. Jaqua  
 FNP Program Assistant  
 MSU Extension

Alger County and the rest of the U.P. have been severely hit by winter storms this month. Has your family been prepared for these severe conditions? Here are some tips to get yourself ready for the next storm that is sure to come. Winter isn't over yet!

Winter power outages can be an inconvenience if they last any length of time. First, you have the problems of keeping warm and feeding your family during the outage. And second, it can cost you money if you have to toss out food that spoiled while you were without power.

When preparing for winter storms and power outages, stock your cupboards with food that do not need refrigeration. Canned food is better than bottled food for winter storage because glass jars and bottles can break if they freeze. Canned foods can be kept for up to a year as long as they aren't leaking or bulging.

Keep plenty of canned foods, such as ready to eat meats, fruits and vegetables on hand. Be sure you have a manual can opener on hand. You may have to eat the food cold, or you can heat it up with a candle warmers or chafing dishes in the house. If you're not literally snowed in and can get outside, you can use a charcoal grill, hibachi or camp stove to heat food. If you are heating it in the can, be sure to remove the paper label so it doesn't catch fire.

Other items to keep on hand for winter emergencies include:

- \* Smoked or dried meats such as beef jerky.
- \* Canned juices, milk and soup.
- \* Instant coffee, tea and hot chocolate.
- \* Powdered milk.
- \* High energy foods -- peanut butter, jelly, crackers, nuts, trail mix.
- \* Cookies, candies, sweetened cereals.
- \* Vitamins.

Avoid having foods that are high in salt and increase thirst. You may not have running water during the emergency.

It's important to have enough water stored to see you through an emergency. Figure one gallon of water per person per day. You can store the water in clean, empty plastic milk containers. Be sure to change the water several times over the course of the winter. Use it to water houseplants or to do household cleaning chores rather than dumping it down the drain.

Don't forget to keep extra canned and dried pet foods on hand, too.

After the crisis, you will need to reevaluate the potential safety hazard of foods that were in your refrigerator or freezer.

In a well - filled freezer, food will probably stay frozen for 15 to 20 hours if you keep the door closed. If the power outage is likely to be longer than that and you're not snowed in, consider moving your food to another location that's not experiencing the power outage. If that's not possible, considering buying some ice to keep the temperature low. If you still have ice crystals in the food after the power comes on, it should be safe to refreeze it immediately.

Foods stored in refrigerators pose a greater food safety risk. If cooked foods such as cooked meat, poultry, pot pies, casseroles, stew and chili stay at a temperature higher than 40 degrees F for more than two or three hours, they should be discarded because the potential for bacterial growth is high. Remember that food does not have to look or smell spoiled for it to pose a food safety problem.

For more information on emergency preparedness contact Sherri Jaqua at the Alger County Extension Office, 906-387-2530. We have an informative brochure put out by the American Red Cross available at no cost in our office.

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