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## Water Rates Increase for Grand Marais

Last Monday, in a Special meeting, the Township Board voted to increase the monthly water rates and to actively pursue funding for a new water improvement project. Major improvements are needed in order to assure continued water quality and adequate fire protection.

The new water rate for residential households has been increased from the current monthly rate of \$13.00 to \$17.00 per month, effective July 1, 2000. In addition, a comparable, proportional increase for commercial water users will go into effect at the same time. On July 1st, commercial users can multiply their current rate by a factor of 1.3077, to reflect their new monthly rate.

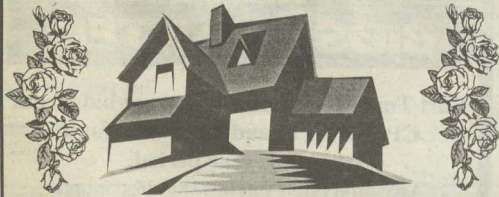
The above rate increases are the first in several years: This is the first increase since January, 1991.

## Weather for Grand Marais

Over the last three weeks we have had just about every kind of weather, including rain, snow, clear skies, and temperatures ranging from 8 degrees, with a wind chill around 0, to a high of 62. Over the last 21 days we have had .98 inches of precip. and 8.0 inches of snow fall.

Around town the snow piles are very scattered and dirty; out in the woods snow can be found in patches where the sun hasn't melted them all. Weight restrictions are in force for the roads in the area.

**GRAND MARAIS WOMEN'S CLUB  
WHITE ELEPHANT SALE  
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10:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

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12:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

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## GRAND MARAIS HARBOR OF REFUGE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Grand Marais Harbor of Refuge Committee is pleased to report that Professor Guy A. Meadows, Director, Ocean Engineering Lab, Department of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering, The University of Michigan College of Engineering, has completed an Interim Draft Report on Grand Marais Harbor Rehabilitation Design Alternatives. The interim report presents the current state of data acquisition, analysis of preliminary findings and potential design alternatives for Grand Marais, Harbor project. Cost estimates and basic design considerations, needed by our Congressional lawmakers to include the project in the FY 2001 appropriation Budget, are provided in the report for three breakwater design options.

Construction of the breakwater in the original location now requires a 7,000 foot length of wall, due to shore erosion, at an estimate of \$32.8 million. The second proposal starts the breakwater design at the south end of the east jetty but directs the reconstruction line to the shore 15 degrees south of the original breakwater location. This proposed design shortens the wall length to 4,800 feet and reduces the cost estimate to \$19.5 million. The lowest cost estimate is \$5.6 million for a breakwater reconstruction design that again starts at the south end of the east jetty but directs the reconstruction line to the shore 55 degrees south of the original breakwater location. This proposed design has a wall length of 2,500 feet. The large cost items are the rock wall and sand excavation.

At the conclusion of the overall study, scheduled for completion May 31, 2000, a final report will be issued by Professor Meadows which will fully address each proposed design. Each option will be thoroughly evaluated for both its environmental impacts as well as its engineering feasibility. Until then our Congressional lawmakers can use the extensive data provided in the Interim Draft Report dated February 29, 2000, to position the Grand Marais Harbor Rehabilitation Project for funding in the FY 2001 Congressional Appropriation Budget.

Once again we need to thank our Congressional lawmakers for their bi-partisan support of our harbor issue. Representative Bart Stupak has requested the harbor rehabilitation appropriation funding of \$32.8 million in the 2001 FY appropriation bill that starts in the House of Representatives. Senators Carl Levin and Spencer Abraham will need to support the funding request, and make every effort to maintain the sum needed when hearings are held in the Senate. Please take time now to say thanks in person or by mail.

John Markes  
Legislative Support Committee, Chair

Wallace Parish  
Chairman

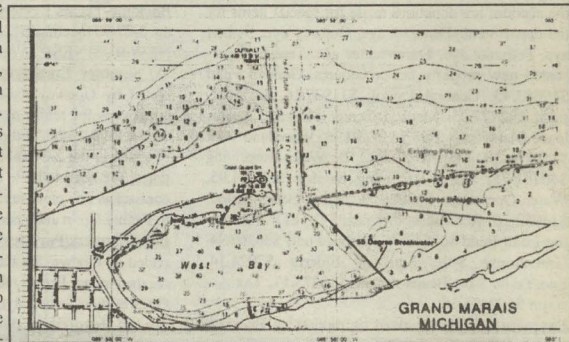


Figure 4.1 Map of Grand Marais Harbor showing three alternative breakwater locations: stop the existing pile dike, 15°, and 55° clockwise.

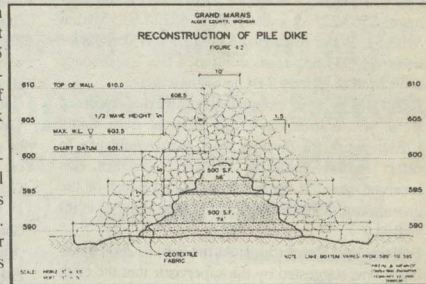


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### Burt Township Board Meeting March 14, 2000 -7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Lee Durrwachter, Victoria Petruske, Jim Seibert, Rose Benmark, Lee Goewey  
With nine visitors.

**Approval of Agenda** as amended on motion by Seibert, Goewey -5 ayes

**Correspondence and Appointments:** Two letters of correspondence were read by the Clerk. Township has received reports from the RLF Committee, and clerk is following up on investigation into employee status of volunteers. Motion by Seibert, seconded by Goewey to appoint Larry Allyn to fill unexpired position of Patty Jahn on the Planning Commission -5 ayes.

**Public Comments on Agenda Items:** None

**Minutes of previous meetings** approved on motion by Seibert, seconded by Benmark to accept minutes from Feb. 3, 2000 Special Meeting 4 ayes 1 abstain due to absence. Motion by Benmark, seconded by Goewey to accept Feb. 8, 2000 Regular Meeting -4 ayes 1 abstain due to absence.

**Treasurer's report** accepted by Supervisor subject to audit. Motion by Seibert, seconded by Petruske to turn the Fire Department Volunteer Savings Account book over to the Fire Chief Dale Ross due to funds in the account are donations made for special items for the department -Benmark aye, Goewey aye, Seibert aye, Petruske aye, Durrwachter aye. Treasurer presented new property tax procedures. General Fund \$19683.43, General Payroll \$11937.16, Improvement \$82777.25, Medical Center \$684.52, Ambulance \$14472.30, Fire \$116750.96, Woodland Park \$110780.18, Marina \$14522.70, Water Receiving \$48481.75, Water Receiving Savings \$36201.95, Water Operations \$63016.53, Water Bond & Ind. \$14052.56, Recreation Program \$-0-, EDC/Revolving Loan Fund \$63647.95, Harbor Fund \$36367.94, Greenhouse \$-0-, Frail & Elderly \$7924.14, Sno-Trails \$-0-, Beach Access \$13375.11, Tax Account \$152695.36.

**Payment of bills** approved on motion by Benmark seconded by Goewey -4 ayes 1 abstain. General Fund \$6108.19, Improvement \$3340.00, Medical Center \$608.50, Ambulance \$1167.82, Fire Department \$563.22, Woodland Park \$2727.80, Marina \$103.51, Water Receiving \$14850.00, Water Operations \$17087.63, Harbor Fund \$-0-, Greenhouse \$-0-, Frail & Elderly \$-0-, Sno-Trails \$-0-.

**REPORTS:** Pam presented information received from Mr. Warren on having persons from Camp Cusino work for the township. Pam would like to offer Hepatitis shots for all park employees. Has received one bid on the renovation project of the greenhouse. Mike Beek reported new radiator is installed.

**Policies and Resolutions:** At the Feb. 8, 2000 meeting it was suggested by the supervisor that the clerk look into a resolution, and possible amending of the Employee Policy Manual referencing overtime.

Clerk advised the board that either the original committee or a new committee needs to get together to do any revisions they felt were needed, then present their findings to the board for approval. Changes must be recommended by a committee, not one board member alone. It was discussed that a committee may be formed to not only review the Employee Policy Manual, but also revise/devise the Fire Departments by-laws. All interested persons willing to help by sitting on a committee for these two projects are encouraged to make your intentions known.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

**A) Recreation Committee:** Motion by Seibert, seconded by Goewey to dissolve recreation committee for lack of interest -5 ayes. **B) Water Rate Review Update/Decision: (Rescheduled for 3/27/00 at 6:00 P.M.)** **C) Marina Grant Review:** Per suggestion from Mary Dardo, Pam has broken grant needs down into departments (electrical, lighting, bathhouse, etc.). Paperwork on Grant almost ready to be forwarded. **D) Loan for Fire Department Vehicle:** Need to touch bases with the bank, as truck is now set to arrive in May, and paperwork received from PSB only stipulates until March 30, 2000. **E) Backhoe-Terms Review:** To be discussed further at the 3/27/00 meeting.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

**A) Summer Employees:** Motion by Seibert, seconded by Goewey to authorize the four previous employees for rehire as needed -5 ayes. Interviews are set for 3/16/00, and others recommendations will be made at the 3/27/00 meeting. **B) Attorney Contract:** We need to have an amended contract or new contract as our previous attorney has been appointed to Family Court Judgeship. **C) MDOT Annual Permit (Banners/Parades):** Motion by Seibert, seconded by Goewey to accept resolution from MDOT for the Annual Permit -Roll Call Vote -Benmark aye, Goewey aye, Seibert aye, Petruske aye, Durrwachter aye. **D) Revolving Loan Fund Budget Motion on Fuel System:** Motion by Seibert, seconded by Benmark to correct the information from the June 4, 1998 Special Meeting in that the annual payment should be \$7019.21 instead of \$6516.00 -5 ayes. **E) Election Notice for Burt Township Board:** Posting will be going up notifying all interested parties that all positions on the Burt Township Board are up for election this year. Paperwork can be obtained at the Township Offices, and once filled out, will need to be returned to the Clerks office no later than 4:00 PM on May 16, 2000. Motion by Seibert, seconded by Goewey to send letter of support, and matching funds in the amount of \$200.00 for the "Nourishing the Seeds" Grant -5 ayes.

#### Public Comment: None

**Adjournment:** Motion by Petruske, seconded by Seibert at approx. 9:00 p.m. -5 ayes.  
Victoria Petruske, Clerk

These are the unapproved minutes of the March 14, 2000 regular meeting. Included in the body of these are all of the official actions taken by the Burt Township Board.

### NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE SKYWARN STORM SPOTTER TRAINING Winter-Spring 2000

Even with Doppler weather radar and advanced weather satellites, there is a need for storm spotters. The radar and satellites help meteorologists detect storm features often associated with severe thunderstorms and tornadoes, but radar and satellites do not by themselves provide groundbased reports of cloud features, hail size, thunderstorm wind speeds, and tornado touchdowns. Spotters' reports are necessary to confirm the information from radar and satellites. Storm spotters provide emergency managers and weather forecasters with vital, real-time observations of tornadoes, hail, damaging wind, flooding and winter storms.

Storm spotter training provides initial instruction for new spotters and refresher training for experienced spotters. The training focuses on safety, the observational aspects of storm structure and evolution, and reporting criteria and procedures. To become a storm spotter and to stay current with the

latest science, techniques, and procedures, new spotters as well as veteran spotters should attend one of the scheduled spotter training sessions listed below. Advance reservations are not required, and there is no charge for the training.

In Upper Michigan, storm spotters include Emergency Management Services Coordinators, dispatchers, law enforcement personnel, fire and rescue, amateur radio operators, homemakers, airport personnel, construction workers, public works personnel, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, retirees, yachting clubs, school board members, utility companies, land management agencies, parks and recreation personnel, and postal workers.

**LOCATIONS WITH DATES AND TIMES**  
April 11, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. Luce County Court-house (small courtroom), Newberry  
April 18, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Schoolcraft County Courthouse, Manistique

### MINUTES OF BURT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD March 13, 2000

President Morrison called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**Present:** Morrison, Tester, Hubbard, Reeves, Wilson, Venturato, Kinlaw, Student Representatives: Hicks and Lowes. Superintendent Hronkin.

**Others Present:** Chuck Reeves, Tom Scaife, Lou Bailey, Mary Gage, Ray Gage, Amy Ross, Lois Leavenworth, Evelyn Morrison, Kay Wampler, David Bailey, Tina Brooks, Tracy Brooks, Mike Bryers. Minutes of the February 14, 2000 meeting were read.

Motion by Hubbard, supported by Reeves that the minutes be accepted as presented. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

**Treasurer's Report:** Balance on Hand: CD: \$200,000.00 Checking: \$123,551.68.

Motion by Wilson, supported by Reeves that the Treasurer's Report be received as presented. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

The bills were read.

Motion by Hubbard, supported by Kinlaw that the bills are paid as received. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

**Superintendent's Report: 1.)** Nutrition Grant awarded to Helen Mack and the Volleyball team. Award money to be used for uniforms and scholarships to summer camp. **2.)** Pentium III computers in elementary classrooms. **3.)** Special Ed funding came through. **4.)** Request to transfer some money from hot lunch to equipment for copier upstairs. **5.)** Update to be given by Brenda Reeves on bus garage. **6.)** Driver's Ed car. **7.)** Invited everyone to attend the play on Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.

**Correspondence:** Letter of resignation from Ellen Bell.

**Public Comment:** Lou Bailey asked the Board to remember his request to donate the old bus to Search and Rescue. Brenda Reeves reported on a Special Education conference she attended at NMU.

**Old Business:** Report from Brenda Reeves on school bus garage.

**New Business:** First reading of Class Honors Policy.

Motion by Tester and supported by Reeves to appoint Tracy Brooks to fill vacancy for Burt Township School Board. Ayes: 4 Nays: 3  
Motion by Reeves and supported by Wilson to take a 5 minutes recess. Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Motion by Kinlaw and supported by Brooks to nominate Brenda Reeves as Vice President. Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

Motion by Wilson and supported by Hubbard to close nominations. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion by Hubbard and supported by Reeves to accept letter of resignation from Ellen Bell. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion by Reeves and supported by Hubbard to accept first reading of class rank. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

Motion by Reeves and supported by Wilson to adjourn at 8:27 p.m. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

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## BIDS WANTED

**Burt Township School is seeking bids from CPA firms to audit accounts for a three (3) year period.**  
Any interested parties should contact the Superintendent's Office at 906-494-2521.

## NOTICE

Four positions on the Burt Township Board of Education will be voted upon and filled at the annual school election on June 12, 2000. There is one position that is 1 year remaining of a 4-year term. One position which is 2 years remaining of a 4-year term. One position that is a 4-year term and one position that is a 2-year term.

Nominating petitions for these positions and Affidavits of Identity are available at the school office. Petitions and affidavits must be completed and returned by 4:00 p.m., April 10, 2000. Each petition requires a minimum of 20 signatures. For more information, please contact the school office at 906-494-2521.

**A Message from the Supervisor**

**By Lee Durrwachter,  
Burt Township Supervisor**

Attention Property Owners with Delinquent Taxes. "The times they are a changing." Owners who fail to pay their 1999 tax bills could face additional fees and lose their property sooner.

Time is of the essence to avoid losing your property through foreclosure. Because of the new law and last week's published county list of delinquent property taxes for 1999, in the Munising newspaper, I wanted to notify you before it became too late.

Last October, there was a change in the foreclosure proceedings on Property Tax Delinquencies, which was enacted into law, known as PA 123. Even though this bill was technical and the package complex, the legislation took into account the property rights of tax-delinquent owners, the positive and negative impacts of county tax sales and the state's role in the reversion process. The new law, which is in place, has a new stringent timetable and is ticking away your options. I hope by informing you of this new situation you can take whatever steps are necessary to redeem your property before it goes to foreclosure.

The major change this new law enacts is that it abolishes the end of the procedure known as the Annual May Tax Sale. As you may recall at this annual event, liens on properties were sold at auctions to private firms or persons on the first Tuesday in May, two years and two months after delinquency. This old procedure included in the purchase price delinquent taxes, 4% administration fee, 1-1/4% per month, and a \$10 sale fee expense. Under the old procedure, the property owner had the right to redeem such sales up until the time the lien buyer successfully completed the steps necessary to achieve a clear title to the property. This process took anywhere from 18 months to six years to complete before the lien buyers forfeited their interest or became the new owners of record. To add to the difficulty in managing the old procedure, successive years of taxes on the same property also became delinquent and were subject to the same procedures resulting in multiple owners with liens on the same parcel of land. This multiple ownership along with other old procedures has been eliminated with the enactment of the new law, PA 123.

Under the new law, property with delinquent taxes is forfeited in one year to the county treasurer. The owner's right for redemption expires one year later. Three months later, land sales are held. In other words, an owner who fails to pay a 1999 tax bill could lose the property in March 2002 - or even sooner, if local officials can prove the property was abandoned.

Another major change is at these land sales. The first rights to buy goes to the township, the county, and then the state, and not to private firms or persons as previously allowed. In addition, any unsold property not transferred will remain with the Foreclosure Government Unit, while all sold property will be placed back on the tax rolls for the 2003-tax year.

With that in mind, here is a more detailed look at the new foreclosure process that begins with the 1999, tax year, which adheres to the following time table:

- March 1, 2000: Unpaid 1999 taxes returned to the county treasurer for collection. Interest rate at 1%, per month, plus the 4% County Administration Fee;
- October 1, 2000: A \$15 Fee will be added to each parcel which still remains delinquent;
- November 1, 2000: County treasurer prepares Forfeiture List on all delinquent parcels and begins Title searches for any owners of record;

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**Editorial Policy**

We encourage our readers to use these pages as a community forum for a free exchange of ideas. Your letters are welcome.

The one stipulation is that letters to the editor must be signed. Pen names will not be accepted. We will not publish anonymous letters. We reserve the right to edit for space and clarity, and we will publish your comments as space allows.

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.

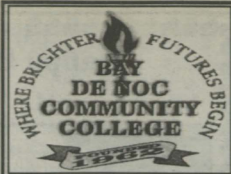
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**"An Evening at Bay"  
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own Bill Kurtis**

ESCANABA-Bill Kurtis, the internationally known journalist and explorer and host of A&E Investigative Reports, is set to appear at Bay de Noc Community College on Thursday, April 13, 2000 at 6 p.m. in the Joseph Heirman Center. He will introduce "Earth In the Hot Seat," a sixty minute video continuing Bay College's "An Evening at Bay" series. Tickets are \$15 with all proceeds going to the Global Awareness Consortium at Bay College, an ongoing faculty global education program.

"An Evening at Bay" with Bill Kurtis is sponsored in part by Baybank, First Bank, MFC First National, Northern Michigan Bank, and the State Bank of Escanaba. Other sponsors include the Delta County Chamber of Commerce, Radio Results Network, Power Talk Radio, Photo Offset Printing, and Power Talk Associates of America. Tickets are \$15.00 and are available at Gust Asp, The Record Rack, WGLQ Radio in Escanaba, the Delta Plaza Mall customer Service Center and at the main switchboard at Bay College. Seating is limited so contact Joy Ott at Bay College for reservations at 786-5802, ext. 1158 or 1-800-221-2001.


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MAR. 16	36	8	.02	2.0
MAR. 17	35	13		
MAR. 18	40	17		
MAR. 19	44	33		
MAR. 20	43	27	.03	
MAR. 21	52	30		
MAR. 22	51	36		
MAR. 23	57	24		
MAR. 24	62	30		
MAR. 25	59	33	.09	
MAR. 26	54	30	.04	
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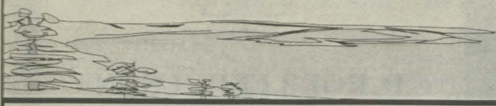
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**AROUND THE BAY:**  
BY EVELYN MORRISON



The snow birds are on their way back. Marge Maki is back in town; she has been back for three weeks now. Don and Doloris Soldenski are back in town too. I'm sure there are many more too, but have heard only from them.

Jack Glaza will be returning to town shortly. He is very glad to be coming back home.

John and I were invited over to Dave and Dianna Bell's for a wonderful pork dinner. After dinner Pat Hulbert and son Al came over for a few drinks and we all enjoyed the fire and good conversation.

Tony and Tracy Block were in from Manistique for the weekend. Saw Ed and Mikki Dempsey too. Didn't get to see the kids but heard everything is going swell with them.

Karen Brzys reported that Chris, the Britten from "Crab Orchard" and herself were the first ones to have a bon fire and cook-out at first creek this year.

Bruce Essex and Yvonne were in from Whitehall, along with Pat Hulbert and son Al to open up camp on the Hurricane River. They all came over for dinner on Saturday and had a really nice time.

Sandee Sibbald has been vacationing in Florida. The weather has been great for her. She will be ready for our weather to warm up and stay that way.

Katie Mead was in for a few days. She was on her way to Traverse City and Grand Rapids. She didn't seem too crazy about the wedding yet, but the time will come, and she will be! Right Katie.

Mort and Eileen Erway were in for the weekend from Glenn Harbor. Was great to see them. We were able to have dinner with them and caught up on fun times. They say they will be back more often. That will be nice.

If you have any news for Around the Bay let me know.

Happy birthday to Dylan Capogrossa, Ray Scaife, Bill Morrison, and Bob Weston. I will be gone for 10 days to Florida visiting my folks so keep the news coming in for next time.

Keep on smiling.....Evie

**Happy Birthday, Lois Leavenworth!**  
April 17th



Matthew, Dad, Sherman, Jesse, Birthday Girl, Kathleen  
And...

**The Entire Leavenworth Family**  
We Love Our Mother, Wife and Grandmother!

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**THANK YOU**  
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\* cards, calls and letters, the \*  
\* homemade soup and the \*  
\* warm bread. I will be well \*  
\* as soon as I kill this thera- \*  
\* pist. \*  
\* God Bless, Jan and PR \*  
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**Women's Club News**  
**White Elephant**  
**Sale**  
**and Antique**  
**Auction**

Be sure to attend the upcoming White Elephant Sale and Antique Auction sponsored by the Grand Marais Women's Club on Thursday, April 13, 7:00 p.m. at the Recreation Center. Proceeds will be used for the Scholarship fund. Refreshments will be served.

**Courtroom**  
**Quotations**

*The following quotations are taken from official court records across the nation, showing how funny and embarrassing it is that recorders operate at all times in courts of law, so that even the slightest inadvertence is preserved for posterity.*

Lawyer: "How did you happen to go to Dr. Cherney?"

Witness: "Well, a gal down the road had had several of her children by Dr. Cherney and said he was really good."

Lawyer: "Mrs. Jones, is your appearance this morning pursuant to a deposition notice which I sent to your attorney?"

Witness: "No. This is how I dress when I go to work."

**OBITUARIES**

**Argie Busch**

Argie Busch died March 12, 2000 in Phoenix, Arizona, after a long battle with Alzheimer's Disease. She was born in Grand Marais, to Pete and Mary Tellier, on March 27, 1908 and was a member of Holy Rosary Church. Argie grew up in Grand Marais, graduated from Grand Marais High School, and married Leland Busch on December 31, 1930. They later moved downstate, and then to Arizona. Though she worked both before and after her marriage, Argie focused on her family and church throughout her life, and was a member of St. Simon and Jude in Phoenix. A memorial service was held in Phoenix on March 15, where she was remembered for her generous nature, love, sense of humor and her long-time love of Grand Marais. She was a lifelong member of Royal Neighbors.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, sisters Mary Ellen Tellier, Celina Bleckiner and Pearl Masse and brother Lawrence Tellier, and son-in-law Roy Hill. She is survived by daughters Barbara Klein (Frank) and Lillian Verhelst, grandchildren Lee Ann Ufford (John), Frank Klein (Yvonne), Lisa Rish (Dave) and David Verhelst, 7 great grandchildren, brother-in-law Richard Busch, nieces Gloria Lundquist and Argie Thornton and their families, and several cousins. The family requests memorials be sent to Hospice of Arizona, 2222 W. Northern Ave., Suite A100, Phoenix, Arizona, 85021.

**Donald E. Locke**

Donald E. Locke, age 69, of Three Rivers, formerly of Marcellus, passed away Saturday, November 6, 1999 at his residence.

He was born September 20, 1930 near Seney, the son of Leslie L. and Elsie F. (Breseman) Locke.

He served in the U.S. Marine Corps for over 21 years. He was presently a realtor with Action Real Estate in Three Rivers. He was a life member of Marcellus VFW Post #4054 and was a member of the Marcellus Lodge #291, F. & A.M.

Surviving are one sister, Margaret S. Mosher of Lake City, and several nieces and nephews. Three brothers, Clifford, Robert and Richard preceded him in death. Burial was in Marcellus.

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Marquette -The Marquette/Alger Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association is looking for volunteers to help organize teams and serve on committees for the annual Memory Walk scheduled for Saturday, May 20, 2000 at Presque Isle Park.

This year's walk is dedicated to the memory of Dr. Matthew Bennett. Honorary co-chairs will be Miriam Hilton and Claire Bennett.

Money raised from this event provides service to Upper Peninsula patients and families who are coping with Alzheimer's disease.

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**DO THE RIGHT THING**

By Lee Goewey

*"The mere existence of conservatives should be proof enough to liberals of the fallacy of their belief in the perfectibility of mankind."*

Do you understand the Second Amendment to the Constitution, as our Founders framed it, and value its implicit guarantee of your right to defend yourself, at home or away, against both criminals and tyrants? If so, and you're not already a member, you need to join the National Rifle Association.

It doesn't matter whether you own a gun or not; if you believe in our Bill of Rights and Constitution, you need to take action now! There is only one substantive organization in America that will tirelessly support your Second Amendment rights against the non-stop attack of the anti-gun forces, and that is the NRA.

If you support what I've said about the Bill of Rights and Constitution but you have bad feelings toward or believe bad things about the NRA, then I submit to you that you have been lied to and don't know it. Unfortunately, lies about the NRA, gun owners and gun control are epidemic and start at the top.

The President and Vice President lie about these things, as do many other politicians. The major media support Clinton; their stories and "news" are biased, ten to one, against the NRA and gun ownership. Many individuals, in and out of government and/or the media, spread these lies, both consciously and unwittingly. One of the greatest lies now being spouted by Clinton and his sycophants is that 13 children die in the U.S every day from gun violence. This is "true" only if you count young males between the ages of 15 and 24, most of who are killed in gang or drug-related shootings. More little children die each year from drowning in five-gallon plastic buckets than from gunshots.

Clinton and Gore have, for eight years, demonized and vilified their opponents. Their sympathizers who control the media repeat this without question. In these circumstances it is small wonder that you or others in the general public may have a poor opinion of those they attack.

Republicans, they said, wanted to starve school children, kill people with foul air and polluted water and throw old people out of their homes. Every woman who accused Clinton of sexual impropriety was labeled a whore or worse. The innocent incumbents of the White House Travel

Office weren't just fired to make room for Bill's friends in 1993, they were accused of crimes: A jury took less than two hours to throw the charges out.

Most recently, Wayne LaPierre, Executive Vice President of the NRA, was labeled an unprincipled slanderer for saying that Clinton and Gore required a certain level of violence or killing in our society in order to achieve their political goals. To be sure, if that was all that he had said, one could fault Mr. La Pierre. Clinton and Gore made you think that was all that he said.

In the TV interview, however, Mr. LaPierre was recounting how close Clinton had come in 1999 to achieving most of what he wanted in a gun control bill. A bipartisan majority in Congress presented, with NRA support, a bill that included trigger locks, a "Junior Brady Bill" that would keep violent youngsters from ever legally owning a gun, a ban on importation of high-capacity magazines and background checks for gun show sales, to be completed within 24 hours. Although Clinton knows and admits that 90% of all background checks for gun show sales can be completed in 24 hours, he demanded up to 72 hours to process all such sales. When he couldn't have his way on this one item, the bill died. After presenting this background, in full detail, LaPierre made his fully understandable and reasonable comment about Clinton and Gore's apparent tolerance for violence and death so as to fully achieve their aims.

Now you know the truth. If you do understand and value the crucial centrality of the Second Amendment to our freedom as Americans and if you are tired of being lied to, you need to join the NRA! Please, DO THE RIGHT THING and join, as soon as possible. You may agree or disagree with me, but if you agree or have questions, please act now: If you are set in your disagreement, I'll not change your mind, I'm sure.

You may find out how to join the NRA by contacting me, c/o the Grand Marais Gazette, P.O. Box 370, Grand Marais, MI 49839 or by calling me at (906) 494-2312 or toll-free, (888) 629-7099. If you have any questions about the NRA or gun control, please feel free to ask me, and I'll do my very best to answer you fully and truthfully.

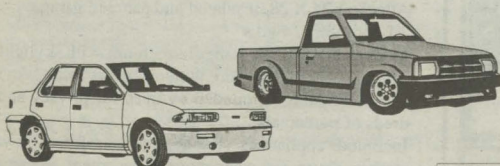
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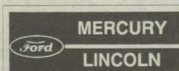


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Because of space, please confine "letters to the editor" to no more than 350 words. Longer letters may be edited or held for our printing convenience.

Dear Mark and Readers of The Grand Marais Gazette;

A while ago your paper published an account of our church's efforts to raise funds to renovate our building. As a result, we have heard from several people who told us they read about our need in your paper. We just want to take this opportunity to thank you for the space you provided to us. Without your gift to us we would not have been able to reach as many people as we have.

We also want to express our heartfelt thanks to your many readers who responded so generously to the need. As a result we have a little over half of our anticipated need already "in the bank" and look forward to a new roof this summer. I know that everyone who donated to our need has received a thank you card but I want to make sure that those who made anonymous gifts know of our gratitude to them.

With many thanks,  
 Pastor Tracy Brooks and the congregation of  
 Grand Marais United Methodist Church


Thank you for the outstanding turnout for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Marais Women's Club Volunteer Appreciation potluck. We had 108 folks there.

A special thanks for all the help in setting up from the members; to Lou Bailey for being such a good Master of Ceremonies; to Bob Gardner for the prayers; to Pam Hicks for clean up and to the Renaissance Committee for the lovely plaque.

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The campaigns are taking a welcomed rest from the nauseating blitz to which we have been and will be exposed this year. I kind of miss the almost humorous attempts by the candidates to make the other guy look worse, as opposed to trying to sell his own stock. At least we aren't listening to quite as many lies from our politicians. Speaking of quiet, I haven't heard anything from our illustrious governor "Adolph" Engler. I wonder if he is licking his wounds after the well deserved ego deflation which he received in the elephant primary?

I hate to interrupt the calm before the B.S. storm but, I am reading the book *IF THE GODS HAD MEANT US TO VOTE THEY WOULD HAVE GIVEN US CANDIDATES* by Jim Hightower. So far it has me flip-flopping from laughing at the unbelievable antics of our politicians to rage over what they are doing to our country. From time to time I'll share a tidbit from his book with you. He is an equal opportunity critic and there is plenty to go around for all candidates in all parties; or as a chapter of his book says, *Some say we need a third party, I wish we had a second one.* Here is this issue's winner. Do you know what makes Bradford Bainum unique? He is the youngest campaign contributor, he was 18 months old when he made his first donation. By the time he was two years old he had put \$4,000.00 in the pot. Kind of like the Buddhist nuns' donations in a way except this was the other party. In George Dubaya's coffers there are two \$1,000.00 donations from Alexandra and Hannah Price, twins, all of three years old. On the contribution form they are listed as students. All this is legal of course or at least not illegal enough to get you convicted. The asses may have taken campaign finance to a new level of sleaze but the elephants are hard at work to out do them.

The kidnapping of Elian Gonzalez is taking center stage right now. I suppose that the media and the politicians are worried that they may not have much longer to exploit the

youngster's dilemma. The use of this child and his problem by the media to make a buck is disgusting. The use of him by politicians for selfish notoriety is despicable but typical of most of them. I especially am sickened by bull dog Burton's play for fame in subpoenaing Elian; doesn't Burton have enough to do wasting taxpayers money trying to get "Slick Willie"? This kid has almost no chance of living a normal life now and may never; maybe some day our leaders will learn? The most outrageous statement related to this issue came from the mayor of Miami. He said that he would hold Slick responsible if Elian went back to Cuba and there were riots etc. because of it. Sorry S.F.B., (the F stands for For and the B for Brains, use your imagination on the S) Slick is responsible for lots but you are responsible for your city and you may as well have scheduled the riots. Another statement that comes close is that the family of Elian will ALLOW his father to visit if his father comes to the USA! Huh? His father is chopped liver? What arrogance, these people should be politicians.

A good example of media priorities showed up recently. The Ramsey murder and Elian are getting headlines and lots of hype; a school bus in Georgia collided with a train and three kids were killed and several injured. Where is the investigative reporting? Where is the outrage? The story just doesn't hype like school shootings, kinky murder stories or political intrigue.

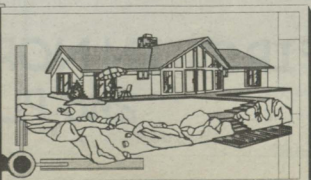
And finally. With a three week break between issues, I have had time to spend with all five of my "greatest grandchildren". Last weekend Lizzard and Doc were here but I had to share them with the other grandpa, Papanache. Lizzard went down to my office with me and used my computer to write a note to S.S.S. I told Lizzard that Sandee was on vacation, she said "from what? she only comes in on payday". Lizzard wanted to ride in the back of Grandma's new truck; in an untypical move, for me, I actually said no. Doc was more interested in treats and told me to bring back four things for each

of them, I didn't say no this time. Paul made a big hit with his mother by giving Sherri the impression that they would eat with us Saturday and with John on Sunday. At 7:00 P.M. Saturday, Sherri and I sat down to eat, Paul, Sandy and the girls walked in as we were finishing. Paul tried to argue with Sherri about who had said what. Do I have to tell you who lost that argument? The weekend before, we drove to Marquette to spend some time with all the grandkids and kids. We stayed with Poo and family because the time before we had stayed at Pug's. When I was talking to Dizzy on the phone the week before, she told me that I had to stay at her house next time. She said "Grandpa, you can sleep in my room but you'll have to sleep on the floor because you are too big for my bed. That's okay though because I'll give you the blanket that I don't like". I asked where Grandma would sleep. Dizzy said "she can sleep upstairs on the couch". Too had a full leg cast on and seemed to have adjusted to it quite well. It was more of an inconvenience than anything else and he got around quite well with it. Hoo will be playing baseball this summer, Tee Ball they call it. He told me that it cost thirty bucks for his dad to sign him up, he also informed me that it cost uncle Paul sixty bucks to sign up Lauren and Morgan. It didn't seem to bother him though, he just wants to play ball. God help his coach. We had a nice visit and with the good packing snow, Dizzy, Hoo and I were able to build a snowman. We found a hat, baseball bats for arms, a stick for a mouth and a carrot for a nose, but couldn't find the right stuff for eyes. Poo came to the rescue with some fig newtons; don't laugh, they looked great and tasted good too. We had a good meal together and watched a little of the NCAA tournament and later I gave Boo a lesson in cards. Poo will be 29 April 13th. A long time since I held her in one hand. I wonder when she will grow up? Happy Birthday Poo. Speaking of birthdays, I heard that Sandy (Johnson) Judd turned 30 last week. When Pam told me that she, Cheese and Hither Hecks were going to a surprise party for Sandy, I just had to send a little something along. It was a nice homemade card with a sweet gift included. I am sure that I will hear from her. Till next issue.

Hungry Jim

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This is an opportunity to report the progress of the Excellence in Education fund drive and to thank each of you who have already made a pledge to this excellent program to help our students and teachers here at the Burt Township School.

Each year the outstanding students and teachers in Marquette and Alger County are recognized through the wonderful program called Excellence In Education Week. The program, which has been in existence since 1994, is funded through a combination of the Kellogg Youth Initiative Partnerships, business and industry; k-12 schools and local citizens.

One year ago, at this time, the W K Kellogg Foundation issued a challenge to the citizens of Marquette and Alger Counties. The W K Kellogg Foundation would endow the program with a million-dollar grant if we could raise \$600,000 in matching funds from the two counties in seven years. The funds would be endowed in the Marquette Community Foundation and the Alger Regional Community Foundation. The number of students in each county determined the percentage of the matching funds per county and Alger County's share of the \$600,000 was \$125,000.

In less than one year, the Alger Regional Community Foundation has raised 75% of the total \$125,000 pledge for Alger County. Only 25% more is needed to insure the permanent endowment of the Excellence in Education week program and a continuation of the annual student scholarships and teacher professional development awards and recognition events for Alger County. Grand Marais' share of the total amount needed was \$15,000. We have currently received pledges from people who either live in Grand Marais, or have come to love it and are interested in the students and teachers of Burt Township School of \$14,900.

As you can see, we have nearly reached our goal, but there is further opportunity, for if we exceed the \$15,000 goal we may be able to endow a further scholarship for a second Burt Township student, the amount depending on the additional funding we are able to raise. Please think about it. If you are interested in helping, pledge forms are available at the Peoples State Bank in Grand Marais, and also at the Bayshore Market. If you have any questions, please call 494-2312. Remember we have 6 years to pay off these pledges, and gifts to a Community Foundation are deductible both from the State of Michigan and Federal Government taxes.

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A local art review committee will review and evaluate the grant proposals received.

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If you plan to attend the pot-luck, please bring a dish to pass and your table setting. The Mennonite Church will provide beverages.

**According to NPR's "Click and Clack", the ten worst cars of the Millennium are:** 10. VW Bus; 9. Renault Dauphine; 8. Cad Cimmaron; 7. Dodge Aspen/Ply Volare; 6. Renault "Le Car"; 5. Chevette; 4. AMC Gremlin; 3. Pinto; 2. Vega; and 1. Yugo. How many of these cars did you own?

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**Grand Marais Defeated by Marinette**



MARQUETTE, March 28, 2000 -- Grand Marais was defeated by Marinette, 30-210, in the in the first round of High School Bowl action.

Representing Grand Marais, seated from left, are Josh Brooks, Eli Lowes, Kris Brooks and Rachel Scaife. Standing are alternates Dave Underwood and Josh Spurlock and coach Tom Scaife. Players for Marinette are Dan Wenzel, Greg Gryzwa, Jessica Verschay and Will McGuire. Standing are alternate Jane Schutt and coaches Mike Baciak and Karen Miller. Dave Goldsmith, the host of High School Bowl, is at lower left.

Marinette will advance to the second round of the tournament, where they will compete against Marquette.

High School Bowl is a production of Public TV 13. It airs Saturdays at 8 p.m. and repeats Mondays at noon. Major production funding is provided by Mead Paper Division, with additional support from Northern Stationers and Marquette Board of Light and Power.

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**Teacher/Writer/Artist Visits  
the Burt Twp. School**

Visiting the Art Class with Nancy Weston's "Sowing the Art Gardens" Classes was Sue Allyn. The Writer spent the day sharing her stories and art with the students in Ms. Bufe's and Mrs. Mustatia's classes and with Wanda Dorse's Pre-school students. The children listened as Mrs. Allyn explained how she got ideas for her books and how she illustrated them.

Ms. Bufe's students each received a copy of "Forest T. Mouse's" adventures for their very own. This series is based on local history and people of the area. The book is available at the Market Place. Other students received a book on "Line". The students did line collages and made yarn mobiles, helping them understand what "Line" consists of. Mrs. Allyn resides year round in Grand Marais after many years of teaching young children in the Grand Rapids area. Her books, poems and songs are original, conveying the ideas she wanted to teach. This sharing of ideas and talent enriches the student's exposure to the Arts. The visit to the school was part of the grant project from the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs. Sue will return during the upcoming Summer Art Program. Watch for details on this Summer Art Program: DATE-June 19th-23rd. PLACE-Burt Twp. School. Morning programs will be from 10 AM -12 Noon (younger students); 2:30 PM 2:30-4:00 PM Art projects and Classes for Teens & Adults. Stories, Art, Baskets, Clay, Glass Jewelry, Watercolor and Drawing Lessons are a part of this week long celebration of the Arts.

**Things Learned From Children**

- Bugs are not a dietary supplement.
- Walnuts make the blender act funny.
- Scissors and hair are often a dangerous combination.
- Collecting things is good.
- Collecting things that come out of your nose is not.
- Eating string is a bad hobby.
- Discovering string the next day is a disgusting hobby.
- Finger painting is good.
- Finger painting walls is dangerous.
- If you hear the words, "Can ya eat a lizard's tail?" it's too late.
- If you hear the words, "Guess what's in my hands," you don't want to know.
- If you hear the words, "Guess what's in my mouth," you REALLY don't want to know.
- 'Fan' and 'flour' should never be heard in the same sentence.
- Lipstick on the TV screen changes mommy's mood.
- Fish can not use a remote control, even if placed in their tank.
- "Why do fish float?" means trouble.
- Any sentence beginning with, "When [your pet's name] dies..." is never a good sign.
- Setting the hamsters free changes the cat's mood.
- Cats do not like to be wrapped in duct tape.

**POEMS FROM  
MR. SCAIFE'S  
ENGLISH  
CLASS  
"Dreams"**

**I DREAMT I WAS A...**

I dreamt I was a dog  
Not just an ordinary one  
I was unloved and abused  
No one cared what happened  
To me it was life  
I knew no other  
In my eyes it was  
All that life would ever be  
Then a man reached for me  
I flinched as always but  
He didn't hurt me like others  
He petted and spoke nice  
I was confused. This wasn't life  
This had to be a dream  
But the man picked me up  
And took me to his home  
I was taken care of and loved  
And I learned to live this  
Dream as my life

By: Kris Brooks

**I DREAMT I WAS A CATERPILLAR.**

So small and delicate  
in this huge world.  
Crawling on my belly;  
wondering why I was even there.  
So unpretty,  
nothing to look at.  
I was only noticed  
by the birds who  
planned me for dinner.  
Feeling so sad,  
I hid under a leaf,  
curled up, small.  
Small as a quarter.  
Praying for nothing,  
and everything,  
Soon I feel asleep,  
I slept well.  
It felt like forever,  
forever it was,  
for when I awoke,  
I felt so different.  
Almost a new creature,  
which I was.  
Unknowing, I spread  
my large wings.  
I jumped from my leaf,  
fearing death,  
which would surely come.  
Then I began to rise.  
I realized then,  
no longer was I that caterpillar.  
I was a beautiful butterfly,  
still small and delicate  
but strong in mind.  
I flew and flew,  
the world shrinking around me.  
Larger than life.  
I felt I was everything.  
Because of a pair of wings,  
I myself grew.

By: Cori Lumbert



**BURT TOWNSHIP  
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CORNER**

**I DREAMT I WAS A MOVIE STAR**

Strolling down the street  
People stopped and stared  
People yelled my name  
Making movies and making money  
I had a dream I was a student  
I came to school on time  
I did my work and turned it in on time  
And in my dream I liked to be at school  
In my dream the school lunch was 5 star  
And my grammar was the best by far

Garry Breen

**AND I DREAMT I WAS A CLOCK**

With many numbers  
And two hands that went around in a circle  
And people would always look at me  
I had a small ticking sound  
That sometimes people could hear  
When very quiet  
My numbers went up to twelve  
But my time went by hours  
If people looked at me  
I wouldn't move  
Others would say  
"The watched pot never boils."  
I always thought  
"If I would stop..."  
But knowing the people  
They would just fix me up  
My life will go on forever  
Until they find  
What the future has  
In the Clock business  
Which could be very  
Bad  
Because I will be  
Retired

By: Travis Blackburn

**I DREAMT I WAS A FISH**

Swimming aimlessly in a  
Bubbling spring, going nowhere  
Sometimes lying on the rocky bottoms  
Sunlight on my fins  
Food is abundant and ready to eat  
Currents moving water  
Swiftly along my dreamlined body.  
All senses alert  
Ready to jet with the slightest scare  
Nightfall comes I do not sleep  
Morning comes I start again

By: Marcy Butkovich

**AND I DREAMT I WAS A BEE**

flying so free  
through the trees  
with other bees.  
Flying high  
through the sky  
right on by  
way up high.

Flying down to sting a man  
in the hand  
where he stands  
by that man.

In a band  
a name band  
on the stage  
in Times Square  
during  
the  
Millennium.

By: Jon Bryz

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**Join The Grand Marais Women's Club!**  
 Dues are \$10.00 per year. Volunteers are needed, and will be greatly appreciated, to help with club projects. You needn't be a member to attend.

Meetings are the 2nd Thursday of each month.  
 Call Geri Hill for information 494-2611

**Old Man of the Woods**

When it comes to violence and its ugly step brother/sister, senseless violence, no one is immune. In spite of much press coverage that can make national news of an isolated incident the makings of violent society are all around us. The good news is that the makings of a kinder gentler society are all around us also.

There is no way to predict each act of violence, as some are spur of the moment, some are planned, and some are accidents, such as can't be determined whether they were "accidents on purpose". Besides more safety features on firearms it might help the consuming public to be aware of changes in attitude of friends or family members that might portend trouble of any stripe in the near or distant future. "Friends don't let friends go off the deep end," might be a good motto.

E-MAIL address for the Gazette is [thonyous@up.net](mailto:thonyous@up.net)

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**Questions Asked of Park Rangers**  
 These questions were actually asked of various park rangers across the continent.

Everglades National Park:  
 "Are the alligators real?"  
 "Are the baby alligators for sale?"  
 "Where are the rides?"  
 "What time does the two o'clock bus leave?"



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**TEN ACRES ON MIXON ROAD:** This parcel is completely wooded and comes with a health department permit for on site septic system.

**267 FEET ON LAKE SUPERIOR:** Ten wooded acres highlights this beautiful sugar sand beach parcel. Price \$121,000.00

**HOME IN TOWN WITH ATTACHED GARAGE:** This lovely home is only 1 mile east of town and has been totally remodeled. Price in the fifties.

**80 ACRES OF PRIME HUNTING LAND:** Located only 3 miles south-west from Grand Marais, this property is on a year round road.

**210 FEET OF LAKE SUPERIOR WATER FRONTAGE**  
 Nice beach with over 600 feet of depth to the sand. \$102,000

**100 ACRES IN PRIME HUNTING AND SNOWMOBILING AREA.**  
 Located west of Grand Marais next to Corporate and Government land this has seasonal access and no electricity. Lots of fun to ride into in the winter and open a cabin tucked away in the Snowbelt. Deeded access off of a county road.

**TEN ACRES THREE MILES SOUTH EAST OF GRAND MARAIS:**  
 This parcel has a nice meadow as well as woods. Located on a year round road with electric available. **SOLD**

**LAKE SUPERIOR WATERFRONT PARCELS:** Beautiful 10 acre heavily wooded Lake Superior Dunes parcels with over 250 feet of sugar sand beach. Located 10 miles East of Grand Marais on H58, the development features a caretaker home and "ribbons" of black top road that wind through the woods. A must see.

**4 BEDROOM 2 BATHROOM HOME:** Located 2 miles south of town, this split-level home features a master bedroom with bath, open-kitchen dining, fireplace in living room, and laundry room in the basement. Very nice! **SOLD**

**TWO ACRE PARCEL HEAVILY WOODED WITH NICE STREAM:**  
 This would make an ideal cabin site. The stream runs year round and is nestled in a very beautiful setting. The property is located on a year round road, with electric and cable, about two miles out of town. The trees are mixed hardwood and in the front yard is an apple orchard. Good deer hunting and close to the snowmobile trail. \$35,000.

**100 FEET OF VACANT WATERFRONT ON WEST GRAND MARAIS BAY:** Enjoy the beautiful sugar sand beach right at your doorstep. \$85,000

**FOUR BEDROOM HOME ON RIDGE ROAD:** Located on a heavily wooded one acre site this home features a one car garage underneath. Priced to sell at \$68,500.00

**20 ACRES NEAR KINGSTON LAKE:** This all wooded parcel is on the Baker Grade in a very secluded setting. Price \$23,000. **SOLD**

**VACANT LOT IN GRAND MARAIS:** This would make a very good building site. Located 1 1/2 miles east of town, one block off the busy highway.

**THREE BEDROOM 1 1/2 BATH MINI FARM ON SIX ACRES:** A 30 X 60 pole barn and a 18 X 24 attached garage are nestled in the hardwoods along with beautiful garden and a nice year-round STREAM! Home has just had a new bath installed and lots of remodeling. A 1 1/2 garage is attached. Priced at \$89,000.00 **SOLD**

Please call for an update on new listings.  
 For additional information call: Ed Bowen, owner/broker at 494-2700. FAX: 494-2353

**GRAND MARAIS** -----THE WHOLE POINT OF ALGER COUNTY!

**The Good Samaritan**  
BY PICKLE MELDRUM

This story took place in Tony's Peanut Bar in New York City. We were docked at the Navy Yard, and I went ashore one afternoon to have a couple of beers. The bar got its name from the floor covered with about a foot of peanut shells, as they furnished free peanuts to the patrons.

Well while in there a large man about the size of Goliath, came in bragging about spending double time in China. He had on tailor made Dress Blues and a pea coat with dragons embroidered inside that he was carrying inside out. He also had a gold dragon ring with ruby eyes and a sapphire tail. For some unknown reason, he did not like me. He was on the other side of the bar and came over to heckle me. I would move away from him but he would follow, he was about six foot six and 250 pounds.

A civilian about my size saw what was happening and came over and told this big guy to quit bothering me. I never saw this civilian in my life prior to this time. The big guy took a swing at the little guy and missed. When he ducked, he jumped up in the air and plastered that big guy in the middle of his face. Blood spurted out and he spit out two teeth, the civilian then proceeded to hit the big guy in the stomach and when he fell, he kicked him in the groin about three times. I told the civilian I was ashamed of myself, he said "Don't worry about it, I knew I could take him as I was the welterweight champion of the Third Fleet for three years.

When we left the bar the big guy was hanging on a light pole spitting blood, he said something to the civilian who said, "Do you want some more?" That was the end of the big guy.

Another True Story

**You know you are addicted to the Internet if...**

Your best friend is someone you've never met.  
You turn off your modem and get this empty feeling, like you just pulled the pin on a loved one.  
You ask a plumber how much it would cost to replace the chair in front of your computer with a commode.  
Your spouse makes a new rule: "The computer cannot come to bed."  
Your spouse says communication is important in a marriage...so you buy another computer, and install a second phone line so you can chat.

**Marquette Choral Society presents Brahms' Requiem on April 15**

The Marquette Choral Society will perform *A German Requiem* by Johannes Brahms at 7:30 pm on Saturday, April 15, at the Vandament Volleyball Arena in the PEIF Building at Northern Michigan University.

Full orchestral accompaniment will be provided by members of the Marquette Symphony Orchestra. In addition, the Northern Michigan University Choir will be joining the Choral Society singers for the concert. The three groups together will put over two hundred performers on stage.

Soloists are baritone Jim Brodersen of Marquette, and soprano Katriina Wills, a music/biology major at NMU. Two U. P. Choral Leadership Awards will be presented at the concert.

There will be only one performance of the Requiem, on Saturday evening April 15th, in contrast to previous Saturday and Sunday concert schedules.

Tickets are \$10 each, and are available in advance at all branches of the MFC First National Bank, at Lutey's Flowers on Third Street, and from members of the Choral Society. Tickets can also be purchased at the door.

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**A Message from the Supervisor**

March 1, 2001: A \$175, forfeiture fee is added to all property still remaining delinquent, while at the same time the monthly interest rate changes to 1-1/2%, and is retroactively computed to the date of delinquency, March 1, 2000. All properties with delinquent taxes are forfeited to the county treasurer on this date. The treasurer then records the Certificate of Forfeiture with the Register of Deeds;

June 15, 2001 to March 1, 2002: Foreclosure petitions filed in Circuit Court, whereupon a show of cause hearings and foreclosure hearings occur and then an Entry of Judgement to Quiet title is issued;

March 1-10, 2002: Circuit Court enters a judgement of foreclosure. From the date of judgement, property owners have only 21 days to pay the taxes or lose their property;

March 22-31, 2002: The Redemption rights of owner expire and any appeal rights must be handled through the Court of Appeals. Clear title to the property passes to the county;

July, 2002 to November, 2002: Land sales are held for all foreclosure lands with local governmental units, counties or state having the first rights to buy;

December 1-30, 2002: Any unsold property transferred with consent to city, village, or township. Any unsold property not transferred will remain with the Foreclosure Government Unit. All sold property will be placed back on the tax rolls for the 2003 tax year.

As always - several notices, newspaper publications and title searches take place during this time frame.

All owners should receive proper notification before the foreclosure procedure is completed, allowing an opportunity to redeem their property from the foreclosure sale.

However, all costs of the foreclosure will be charged to the property owner including those listed above and any other charges incurred during the process.

Remember, under the new law, state or local governments would generally get title to tax-reverted property and then either keep it or resell it at public auction. The tax-lien sales would be eliminated, although some counties will continue them for two years to account for remaining delinquencies from 1997-98.

The sooner you take care of your delinquent property taxes, the less you risk losing your property.

In an effort to keep Burt Township residents, both permanent and seasonal, informed, I'm in the township office Tuesday and Thursday between 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. to discuss your concerns. The Township's telephone number is 906-494-2381, and their fax number is 906-494-2627. Please note: Any anonymous messages may or may not get a response.

Remember, the Burt Township Assessor is Mark Maki. Mark can be reached by telephoning him directly at (906) 249-4382; or by writing to him at 405 Riverside Road, Marquette, MI 49855. When directing your inquiries make sure to tell Mark that you are inquiring about property in Burt Township.

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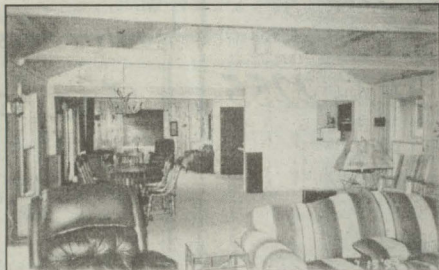
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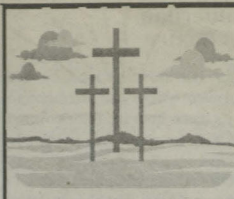
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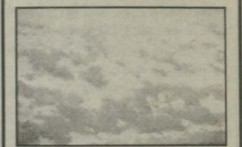
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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR



**AA-MEETING:** Every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Methodist Church.

**BINGO:** Every Sunday at 7:00 p.m. at the Holy Rosary Catholic Church.

**BURT TOWNSHIP BOARD:** Every 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Comm. Ctr.

**BURT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL BOARD:** Every 2nd Monday at 7:30 p.m. at School Library.

**GRAND MARAIS WOMEN'S CLUB:** Every 2nd Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at Community Center.

**BURT TOWNSHIP CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:** Every 3rd Monday at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

**LIBRARY HOURS:** M-W-F at Noon to 2:00 p.m.; Comm. CTR.

**GERMEASK-VFW HALL:** First Sunday of each month all you can eat breakfast from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**CURTIS LIONS:** Third Sunday of each month all you can eat breakfast from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**"OLD TIME GOSPEL HYMN SING"** First Sunday of every month at 7:00 p.m. Held at the Methodist Church.

**COAST GUARD AUXILIARY FLOTILLA 28-12** Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

**"P.T.S.O."** Meets 1st Thursday of the Month. 7:00 PM at School.

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN GRAND MARAIS

- \* COMMUNITY KID'S CLUB TUESDAYS, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Held at the Catholic Church Grades 1 thru 5
- \* ART - WHEATWEAVING Burt Township School Tuesday April 11 Time: 7 PM
- \* ART - PRINTMAKING Burt Township School May 9th Time: 7 PM
- \* G.M. Women's Club White Elephant Sale and Antique Auction April 13th 7:00 p.m. Recreation Center
- \* Grand Marais Cares - EDC Meeting at the Burt Township School Library Saturday April 29th at 9:30 a.m.

IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING FOR UPCOMING EVENTS PLEASE CONTACT THE GRAND MARAIS GAZETTE. ANNOUNCEMENTS SHOULD BE KEPT TO TWO

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