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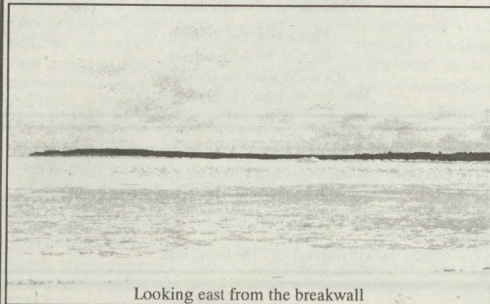
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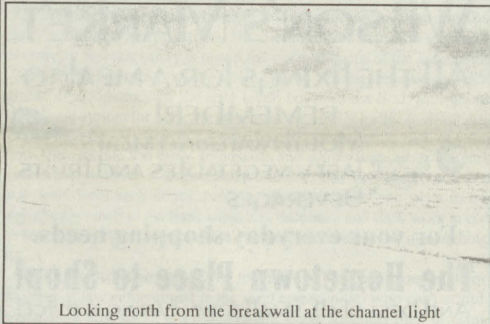
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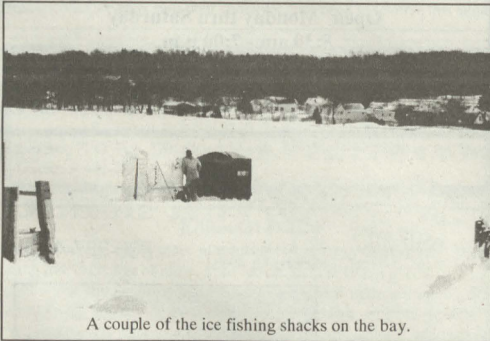
## WINTER SCENES AROUND GRAND MARAIS



Looking east from the breakwall



Looking north from the breakwall at the channel light



A couple of the ice fishing shacks on the bay.



Some cross country skiers near the School Forest ski trail.

## THOUGHTS ABOUT TOURISTS BY STUDENTS AT BURT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL

*The following short articles were a school assignment where the student's were asked to write about what tourists don't know about life in the U.P.*

Many tourists come to Grand Marais. They absolutely love it here. They love being away from the city. They love the fact that you can see Lake Superior, the Sand Dunes, a lighthouse or two, and a beautiful waterfall all in one day. Some stay a day or two, some a week or two. It doesn't matter how long they stay, they still love it. They love how beautiful the sights are around town. They just can't seem to get enough of it.

What they don't see is a town that is so isolated that its school district is considered an island. They don't see a town that has little or no job openings and none of the jobs that are available pay well at all. They don't see how badly the kids from town want to get out of here. They don't understand that if you aren't the outdoorsy type who snowmobiles when there is an inch of snow on the ground, and goes swimming while there are still icebergs in the bay, that you are completely bored 3/4 of the year. They don't live here year round. They don't get so tired of hearing Grand Marais, Seney, pasty and other words pronounced wrong that they want to scream.

We know exactly when a tourist comes to town by the flashy, expensive cars that wouldn't last a week in the dead of winter. We know them by the stupid questions they ask, like where Lake Superior is. We know them by the look on their faces when they realize they have just driven 25 miles in the wrong direction.

Don't get me wrong, Grand Marais is a great place to visit. It's a great place to raise a family or retire to also. It's just that there are many things that tourists don't know about or see when they just come here for a visit.

By: Jennifer

### "What Tourists Don't Know About The U.P."

Tourists that come to the U.P. only look at the sugar coating. They don't want to see underneath the sugar. They see the beautiful landscape, the small kids who run at the beach, and the workers who seem so nice at restaurants. They don't understand that people here are getting paid to answer their dumb questions like, "Do you know where Lake Superior is?" When they are standing there and the lake is right behind them. I mean, they ask this to people in Grand Marais. Some tourists are just completely clueless to their surroundings. They don't understand that we may have money problems like crazy, but we're not stupid.

By: Heather

### Tourists

Many people look down on the U.P. because of its isolation from the busy world of traffic jams and stop-lights. This is also one of the characteristics about the U.P., that many people, who live here like about it. If you think about it, the U.P. is the perfect vacation spot. You can drive down a few dirt roads, pitch a tent and have nothing surrounding you except the busy, quiet world of nature. People from all around the world come to the U.P. and wonder how people actually live here. They often ask, what people do for fun in the U.P. Just because there's not a mall five minutes from your house doesn't mean you can't have fun. Living in the U.P. my whole life, I know that there are things to do that include fun. In the U.P. people learn to keep themselves busy by swimming, camping, fishing or many other things. Tourists don't understand that living in the U.P. can be fun and relaxing.

By: Sara

### What tourists don't understand about the U.P.

Tourists don't understand that Grand Marais and other small towns are so small. People always ask me if I like the falls and the beach etc. They don't understand that I see them everyday. They only come up here a few times a year and visit the sites.

Another thing that they don't understand is that the prices are a lot higher here than they are at their hometown. They complain about how much milk is and other types of food and gas. They don't realize that we have to pay extra to have people deliver the gas and food to our hometowns. We have to make a living and if we lower the prices then we could never afford what we have right now.

People don't realize that our weather is crazy up here. Like they think that they cant just go out as far as they want in the water without having someone get hurt or even die. They think that when they go out on snowmobiles they can just go as fast as they can. They don't have any respect for our yards or anything they just run over them like dirt. They sometimes think that they own this town just because they give us money. They snowmobile in the streets instead of the trails and they block the roads to get gas.

By: Shayla

## GRAND MARAIS WOMEN'S CLUB 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

The Grand Marais Women's Club held their 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2003 at the Community Center. The organizations recognized were: Kids Club, Food Pantry, Lions Club, Eastern Upper Peninsula Search and Rescue, Seniors Meals, Cystic Fibrosis, Alzheimer's, Housing Authority, Women's Club, Youth Center, Burt Township Fire Department, Coast Guard Auxiliary, G.M. Historical Society, Burt Township Ambulance Corps, G. M. Chamber of Commerce and Burt Township School.

As with any Women's Club event there were large portions of food and dessert for everyone. Master of Ceremonies Lois Leavenworth kept things moving right along, joking and cajoling with the speakers from each group and the audience. Approximately 80 people from the community gathered to give recognition to the volunteers that keep services available to the community that would otherwise be non-existent or require traveling long distances to obtain. Keep up the good work!



**Calling all collectors!**

Efforts are underway to restore AuSable Light and the lightkeeper's residence in Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, and they could use your help.

Ranger Gregg Bruff is in charge of the restoration efforts.

"We are still looking to refurbish the first floor and lens room in the tower in the 1910 era. We are developing specific item lists and placement map in the assistant keeper's residence.

The bottom line is that we are very interested in anything that might relate to the lighthouse, either in its U.S. Lighthouse Service or U.S. Coast Guard days. It's a really big order to think we might actually get a burner, but that too is on our list. We are looking for tools, possible furniture from the 1910 era (for the first floor only), photographs, documents, etc.

The other news is that by next summer, we will have a small visitor center and museum with maritime exhibits in the head keeper's quarters, which is the first brick building you come to on the trail just after the garage. The downstairs will be the center and the upstairs will be an apartment for seasonal volunteers to assist with operation of the center and lighthouse tours. The first floor of this building was restored this past summer and now features new plastered walls, paint, and woodwork. It's beautiful!

Your readers could contact me directly via e-mail or phone. They should understand that even with donations we are bound by specific guidelines on how and what we can accept through donation. Again, thanks for your help. If you need more information, let me know."

Gregg Bruff  
 Gregg\_Bruff@nps.gov  
 Chief of Interpretation & Cultural Resources  
 Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore

**CORRECTION TO NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST A RELEASE OF FUNDS**

A Notice was published in the February 20 issue regarding Burt Township's Intent to Request Release of (federal) Funds for costs associated with the picnic shelter at Woodland Park. The Notice should have stated that **no objection received after March 17, 2003 will be considered by the State of Michigan**, rather than the incorrect date of February 17, 2003.

Lee G. Durrwachter  
 Certifying Officer

**BURT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE FOR MARCH 2003**

Will meet on the following dates and times at the Township Office:

**Thursday, March 6,**  
 3 - 6 p.m.

for organizational purposes only.

**Monday, March 10,**  
 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Protests will be heard.  
**Wednesday, March 12,**  
 3 - 9 p.m.

Protests will be heard.



Happy St. Patrick's Day

**BE NICE**

By Ty Washell

Be nice, be kind, behave  
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 As you'd have them treat you.

All of us have problems.  
 All of us have pain.  
 So what you do for others  
 Will be for your own gain.

If life does not seem fair to you  
 Just stop and think awhile.  
 Try to do the best you can  
 And walk the extra mile.

What goes around will come around  
 It's usually that way.  
 So do the best with what you have  
 Tomorrow's a new day.

Show some kindness if you can  
 And help to change a life.  
 So many people need our help  
 While they go through their strife.

Please hold this thought  
 Be nice, be kind, behave  
 It's really what we should do  
 Who knows who's lives we'll save?

**Who Would You Have A Conversation With?**

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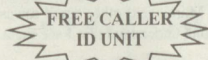
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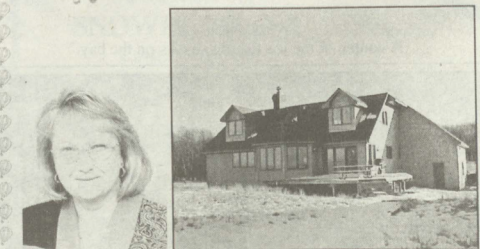
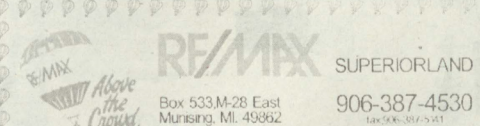
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**A Message from the Supervisor**

**By Lee Durrwachter,  
Burt Township Supervisor**

As a reminder, the Board of Review, BOR, will have its first meeting this year on March 6, 2003, between 3 and 6 p.m. at the Township's office. According to our assessor, this year's State inflation factor for the 2003 Taxable Values is 1.5%. He indicated this is the lowest since 1994. For

most properties this means the taxable value will increase by 1.5%. If for example your taxable values last year were \$1000, this year it will be \$1,015. The exceptions are 2002 transfers of ownership, and new construction activity.

**Burt Township's Fire Rating is a 7/9, effective April 1st, 2003**

The following is more information about the results of the ISO (Insurance Services Organization) recent "Protection Class" selection, effective April 1, 2003:

"The Burt Township Protection Class is 7/9, Territory 020, Rural, Alger County. The Burt Township Fire Department provides the primary fire department response."

Check with your own insurance company to see what effect this new fire rating will have on lowering your home insurance premium.

One local insurance company sent us a copy of the published notification along with their own new, revised classifications:

- \* Anyone within 5 miles of the fire department and within 1000 feet of a hydrant will be changed to a PC7.
- \* If within 5 miles of the fire department, but no hydrant, it's a PC8A.
- \* Over 5 miles to the fire department, it's a PC10.

**Snowmobiles, Part II -**

Last month I attended the CUPPAD (Central Upper Peninsula Planning and Development) Regional Commission Meeting in Munising. Besides receiving facts about the revision to the Economic Development Project Priority Criteria, which included Alger's Per Capita Income at \$18,210, or 82% of the State of Michigan's \$22,168, was its panel discussion, entitled: Upper Peninsula Motorized Trail Activities. It also included audience comments addressing not only "motorized trail activities", but its impact across the Upper Peninsula. Addressing those concerns were panel members: Dan Moore, Acting Snowmobile Program Manager of the DNR; Jim Duke, U.P. representative to the Michigan Snowmobile Association; Wayne Wheeler, U.P. ORV Technician of the DNR; and Dave Cromell, the Alger County Sheriff.

**The following are some of the observations during the meeting:**

Acting Snowmobile Program Manager of the DNR Dan Moore: Shared a February 1998 report entitled: "State and Regional Economic Impacts of Snowmobiling in Michigan. This report supports the presence of the activity of snowmobiling in the State of Michigan from an economic standpoint. It did not address the management of the activity in any of the regions affected. While the report stated Michigan tended to gain "millions of dollars" from the spending of snowmobile enthusiasts, no mention of any other impact was contained in the report. Many questions to address management of these activities all pointed to enforcement of local and state laws to curb any and all illegal behaviors by snowmobilers, while giving the sport every chance to flourish in and around communities in Michigan.

U.P. representative to the Michigan Snowmobile Association Jim Duke: Spoke of keeping trails opened especially state parks and properties. His speech related that each snowmobiler spends approximately \$150 per day of activity, and that safety is one of the main concerns of the association.

U.P. ORV Technician of the DNR Wayne Wheeler: Spoke on ORV trails and stated there are enforcement grants available through the state level; but does not deal with grants so encourages interested parties to the state grant system for help. He also stated that ORV traffic is allowed on secondary roads, such as H-58.

The Alger County Sheriff David Cromell: Spoke to the task of enforcement in Alger County as it relates to both snowmobile and ORV enthusiasts and admits there are some problems surrounding these activities. However his department is short funded and does not have the resources to adequately police the illegal activities that arise from such concentrations of snowmobiles and orv's in our communities. To date the sheriff has stretched his staff to the limit when it is necessary and does work in cooperation with other enforcement entities to lessen the negative impact that evolves, and is involved in searching for answers to the problems that do exist.

Finally, in challenging the DNR members of this panel was for them to include in its trail's infrastructure, the funding of law enforcement in the rural communities who can't afford it, such as Grand Marais. It was further pointed out this lack of law enforcement would squander their investment, thereby letting the non-co-operative/disrespectful sledders ruin their endeavor. The need to reverse this situation was now.

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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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Cooperative Weather Observer.

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| Feb. 22 | 21   | 10   |     | T .50 |
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| Feb. 25 | 11   | -2   |     | T .50 |
| Feb. 26 | 21   | -2   |     |       |
| Feb. 27 | 28   | 6    |     |       |
| Feb. 28 | 32   | 7    |     |       |
| Mar. 1  | 42   | 11   |     |       |
| Mar. 2  | 40   | -7   |     |       |
| Mar. 3  | 9    | -17  |     |       |
| Mar. 4  | 18   | 4    | .12 | 2.5   |

As of the writing, we have 21 inches of snow on the ground in town.

Since November 1<sup>st</sup> we have had 151.05 inches of snow reported in town.

Karla

The Alger County Road Commission reports 235 inches of snow has fallen this winter at the county line.

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| 15 TNT--Turner Network TV     | 35 Hallmark                    |
| 16 WXYZ--Detroit (ABC)        | 36 Home Shopping               |
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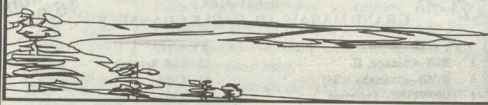
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**AROUND THE BAY:**  
BY EVELYN MORRISON



The girls' volleyball team traveled to Bark River over the weekend and took second place in districts. Congratulations.

Winter is still here if you haven't heard. Still lots of time for skiing, snow shoeing and snowmobiling.

Park and Janet Ogden are back from their month long trip to Louisiana. Daughters JC and Mary were able to drive them down and assess the hurricane damage to their home. JC stated they worked their tails off cleaning, sorting, and throwing away things that had been destroyed. Hopefully the contractors can come in now and do the repairs needed.

I'm back from my trip to Florida. For some reason it feels colder here now.

Daughter Wendy and husband Steven are in from Hazel Park, along with son John. John sure enjoys the outdoors and loves to ride on the sled. Steven is doing some work on my folks' house during their stay.

Kay Wampler had her nephew Shane up for the week visiting. He was able to take a ride in the groomer and enjoy some winter activities.

Judy Kaye enjoyed a few days at her daughter Jen's in Traverse City. George and Helen Bell were in town for the weekend.

Helen Bailey is back home from the hospital. Glad to see you up and about.

Bob and Nancy Weston have returned home from their trip to Nevada. They had classes most of the day, but did get to see the city lights of Vegas, and enjoy some activities. I'm sure you have lots of information for the EMS group.

Get well to Carol Shafer.

Happy anniversary to Dick and Sheryl Houlden.

You can e-mail any interesting tidbits to me at:

[morriso3@jamadots.com](mailto:morriso3@jamadots.com)

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

**THANK YOU**

I would like to thank Lou Bailey, Judy Kaye and ambulance driver Steve Bell who drove me to Newberry Hospital in December when I fell and broke my wrist.

Thanks also to Edna Jean Johnson who is my nurse, postman and grocery shopper. Now she is helping me with the therapy exercises. What a wonderful person to have in the housing.

God Bless You,  
Ina Mattson

**THANK YOU**

A belated thank you to the Burt Township Ambulance Corps, nurses and Dr. Vix from Helen Newberry Joy Hospital. Also to all of my friends for the beautiful cards and phone calls I have received. Keep up the good work.

Jean Lundquist

"It's not true that nice guys finish last. Nice guys are winners before the game even starts."

Addison Walker

**THANK YOU**

People of Grand Marais, again the Dave and Helen Bailey family wish to thank you for your concern. Once in 1995, after her brain aneurysm, and again for her 2003 stroke.

As Helen says, when you come home after the whole town sends you cards; when they stop you on the street and ask how you are; tell you we love you, good to see you, AND REALLY mean it, that says a lot for the kind of town this is!

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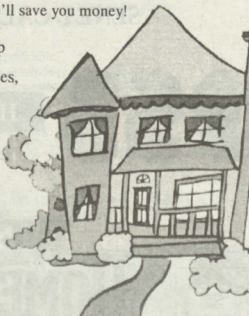
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**WEDNESDAY March 12**

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**FRIDAY March 14**

Salmon Loaf w/Cream Sauce - Parslied potatoes - peas/ Carrots - Fruit

**MONDAY March 17**

Country Fried Steak - Mashed Potatoes - Waxed Beans - Dessert

**WEDNESDAY March 19**

Spaghetti - Vegetable - Garlic Bread - Fruit Whip

**FRIDAY March 21**

Broccoli/Cheese Casserole - Carrots - Buttered Noodles - Fruit

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

**OBITUARY**

**ESTER JOHANNA CAUCHON**

Trenary -Esther Johanna Cauchon, age-96, of Trenary, died on Tuesday, February 11, 2003 at Superior Health Haven in Munising. She was born on June 16, 1906 in Grand Marais, Michigan to the late Carl and Johanna (Backa) Hulbert. Esther graduated from Grand Marais High School as Salutatorian on June 18, 1924. She graduated from Northern State Normal School on June 22, 1926. Esther married Albert Cauchon on May 31, 1934. They were married over twenty-seven years when he preceded her in death on July 22, 1961. Esther taught elementary school in Trenary, Kiva and Limestone for forty-two years, retiring from Limestone Township. Esther was an active member of the United Methodist Church in Trenary. She taught Sunday School for many years and enjoyed singing as a member of the church's choir. She enjoyed bowling and traveling. Esther took three trips to Europe and also out west. She was a member of the Trenary Senior Citizens and she was also a Bridge player.

Esther is survived by her only child, daughter Carolyn Gay and Joe Brant of Trenary and Lakeland, FL; three grandchildren, Carol (Elba) Stevenson of Columbus, MI, Jo Ann (Andy) Marsh of Kimball Townships, MI and John (Cherlynn) Brant of Fremont, IN; six great grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; one sister, Ann Ziglear of Sturgis, MI; sister-in-law, Verna Hulbert of Milwaukee, WI; and several nieces and nephews. Besides her parents and Albert; a brother, Arthur and a sister, Lila, preceded Esther in death.

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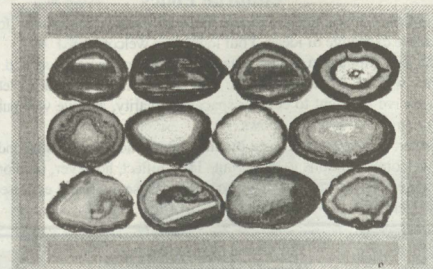


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**The Golden Phones**  
It seems a man in Topeka, Kansas, decided to write a book about churches around the country. He started by flying to San Francisco, and started working east from there. He went to a very large church and began taking photographs, etc. He spots a golden telephone on a wall and is intrigued with a sign that reads "\$10,000 a minute."  
Seeking out the pastor he asks about the phone and the sign. The pastor answers that this golden phone is, in fact, a direct line to Heaven and if he pays the price he can talk directly to God. He thanks the pastor and continues on his way. As he continues to visit churches in Seattle, Boise, Minneapolis, Chicago, Milwaukee, New York, Atlanta, and on around the United States, he finds more phones, with the same sign, and the same answer from each pastor.  
Finally, he arrives in Texas. Upon entering a church in Dallas, lo and behold, he sees the usual golden telephone. But THIS time, the sign reads "Calls: 25 cents."  
Fascinated, he requests to talk to the pastor. "Reverend, I have been in cities all across the country and in each church I found this golden telephone, and have been told it is a direct line to Heaven and that I could talk to God, but, in the other churches the cost was \$10,000 a minute. Your sign reads 25 cents a call. Why?"  
The pastor, smiling benignly, replies, "Oh, my son, that's very easy to explain. You see, you're now in Texas and, of course, it's a local call from here."  
So much for Texans being a modest bunch!

**School of Hard Knocks**  
By Ty Washell  
In view of the many violent and non-violent acts which end in mayhem and death maybe it's time to call a halt to the death penalty in America.  
It seems to me that the death penalty has little effect in stopping people from doing violence to each other and may even be a cause for more violence because of the fact that most people probably won't turn themselves in knowing they face a death penalty.  
I do not mean to say a government or a state does not have any right to execute people, but is the overall result one of less violence and murder, and disrespect for life or perhaps more?  
It is not without cause that our culture is becoming known as a "Culture of Death."  
Capital punishment, euthanasia, abortion, suicides, murders, senseless random killings, and revenge are all symptoms of a society that seems hell bent on self-destruction.

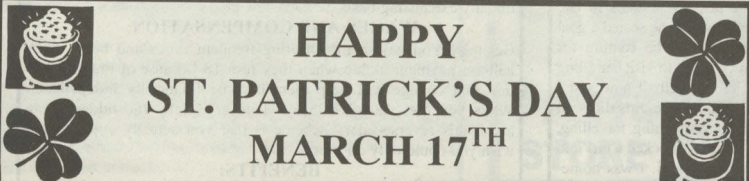
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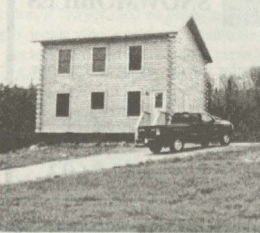


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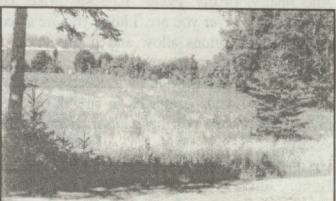
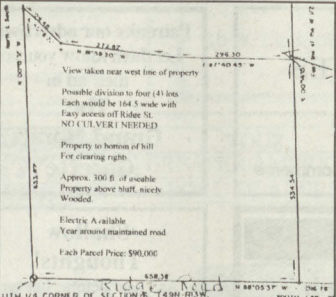


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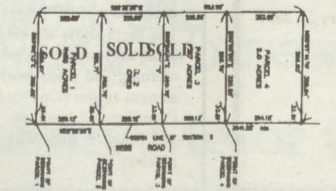


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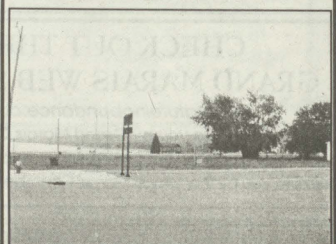
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**"HUNGRY"  
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I caught our new Governor on PBS last week and must say that I was favorably impressed with most of what she said, or in some case in what she didn't say. Unlike Adolph, she didn't blame all the State's problems on her predecessor and his elephant legislature. She certainly could have because they did put this state in terrible shape. She said that it does not matter who is to blame, the job ahead of her and the legislature is to wipe out the deficit and balance the budget. It looks as though there are no sacred cows in her plan and she has accepted the fact that regardless where the cuts are made, people will be upset and people will suffer. Programs will either be cut back or eliminated. I would hope that pork is at least reduced but doubt that seriously; pork is just as important to state porkers as it is to federal porkers. The one thing that she did say that I consider complete stupidity is "No Tax Increases"! She is not psychic; the future could bring situations that could well call for increased taxes. If she does allow a new or increased tax, she will suffer the same criticism that Papa-Bush did and deserve it. One thing that she has going for her is that it is impossible for her to be a worse Governor than her predecessor was.

An al Qaeda big shot was captured in Pakistan and is being questioned some where (not in the USA). The newscasters play the dupe for our CIA by asking the question: "Is this so torture can be used?" As if our CIA isn't a master in the art of torture, drugs and all other methods of obtaining information. I agree that they won't bring him back to the States to do it but they will have no qualms doing or assisting others in the torture of prisoners. I do not condemn the methods as much as the lies that our government tells us. If you don't believe that we use these methods, you haven't heard of the CIA helicopter interrogations in Vietnam or how prisoners, especially females, were turned over to the South Vietnamese for interrogation while our operatives stood by. "Intelligence" ain't a pretty game regardless of who is on the offense.

What a slap in the face the Bush administration got from Turkey! I guess they didn't figure correctly when they came up with the figure to buy Turkey's support. Although I continue to oppose this war, as far as I am concerned, Turkey ought to pay us for invading their country if we attack Iraq. Their relationship with Iraq and the rest of the Arab nations isn't that good and we might even remember who our allies were this time. Well there is a slim chance at least. I can't believe that Crybaby offered 26-32 Billion dollars for using Turkey as a staging area. I thought, "You are either for us or against us". I wonder how much we are paying Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia etc. Does any one have any idea how much this boondoggle will cost? It appears to me that there

is more opposition to the war every day. The only support that the warmongers do have is bought and paid for, most governments that support the war do so in the face of strong majority opposition. Heck, if the elephants continue to drag it out, they will be able to use it as a campaign issue.

Because of a lack of confidence in this elephant government and the fact that their ridiculous economic policy is counterproductive, our economy continues to get worse. If you listen to elephant spin-doctors, there are all kinds of positive indicators. They have of course been saying that since they took control. Where is the utopia that they promised? What happened to the increased revenues that tax cuts would produce? That kind of thinking broke this state and others not to mention the federal government. That kind of thinking will have this government competing with Railroad Ron's for largest contributor to the National Debt. The way out of deficits is to eliminate pork; the elephants have proven that they are as greedy as the asses if not more, so there goes that.

I have not received a response concerning my Veterans' Benefits e-mail from the President, either of our Senators or our Representative. I might have to resend it. I have never sent a letter to Bart Stupak and not received an answer. I do not intend to let go of this issue until justice is served or I am dead, the latter will probably come first.

And finally. I missed the Volunteers Appreciation Dinner but heard that it was well attended and that the food was good and plentiful as usual. This latest cold snap has been a dandy; I along with others have spent some time at the end of a propane torch thawing water pipes. By the time you read this, I should have closed out my property taxes for the year and turned them over to the county. Now I can catch up on some projects until the next cycle starts in late June. Hoo called to let me know that he scored a goal in his hockey game. Dizzy might be coming for spring break so Angie can go south to visit her ailing grandmother. Lizzard is into basketball now and I got to watch a game on VCR. All the girls did well and the referees were blind concerning travelling, fouls etc.; however when Lizzard knocked a girl into next Tuesday they had to call a foul. I was home-work helper. Lizzard gets quite a bit, Doc not so much but they get at it right away. I was helping Lizzard make sentences using a list of words. When the word private came up, I suggested "Papa John has a private snowplowing business". Lizzard exclaimed "Private! It isn't private. Everybody knows about it." So much for my help.

And finally, finally. Hello! To Josh, Mike, Jason and Jeff where ever you are. I hope you are as comfortable as conditions allow and if this crazy war does break out, that it is over quickly and that you are only minimally affected by it. Keep the faith. I'll keep you and your comrades in my thoughts and prayers and I assure you that a lot of others are doing the same.

Until next issue.  
Hungry Jim

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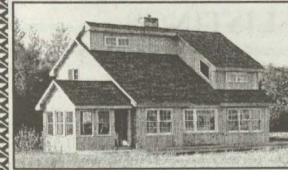
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- \* As I said before, I never repeat myself.
- \* Don't wrestle pigs. You both get dirty but the pig enjoys it!
- \* Fun is having lots to do and doing none of it!
- \* The brain starts working as soon as you get up in the morning and stops working as soon as you step foot into the office.
- \* If I throw a stick will you go away?

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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."*

Defeats come in several forms; all are unpleasant but not all are fatal to the lives or even the liberties of the defeated. Consider the differences between military defeat and ideological/intellectual/moral defeat:

Germany's Nazis were militarily defeated in World War II. (They were ideologically, intellectually, and morally defeated as well.) Six million Jews and other innocents died under unimaginably horrible circumstances at Hitler's behest and those who literally executed his orders were, for the most part, held to account at the Nuremberg trials and punished by death. Every secret of the Third Reich's rogue regime was ferreted out and exposed to universal censure.

The Soviet Union, the People's Republic of China and all their satellite cohorts were ideologically, intellectually and morally defeated in the Cold War. They were not militarily defeated. Over 90 million innocent citizens of those countries died under unimaginably horrible circumstances at the behest of Lenin, Stalin, Mao Tse Tung and their successors and puppets. They were slaughtered as an example for those left alive to obey their "masters." Those who literally executed their orders did, for the most part, successfully avoid any punishment for those mass murders. Since there was no military defeat, their secrets were selectively controlled and suppressed, protected from universal censure, by successor regimes.

Twelve years ago, in the Gulf War, the United States (and the UN) held back from fully defeating Iraq's Saddam Hussein. In all the time since then, he has flouted with impunity the "binding" UN resolutions which governed his "surrender," most especially in regard to giving up all weapons of mass destruction.

In the face of U.S. determination to once and for all disarm Saddam and remove his deadly regime from power, our "allies" France, Germany and Russia opposed our action. They fear the truth concerning their relationships with Iraq that would flow from his full military defeat.

We are right in the motives for our proposed course of action, most especially in preventing transfer of WMDs by Iraq to terrorist organizations for use against the U.S. and our allies.

As one wag has put it, we should be no more concerned about going to war without France than we would be about going hunting without an accordion. In either case, the missing item would only be noisy and unsuited to the task at hand.

The UN is in the process of finally proving its utter irrelevance and uselessness for any serious purpose and we are long overdue in recognizing that fact. They have for decades been but an elaborate and expensive stage on which a bunch of inconsequential tin-pot dictators and loud-mouths could strut and bellow.

Please DO THE RIGHT THING and let the President know that you support him, our country and our men and women in uniform and that he should stay the course and finish the job with Saddam, in the company of willing allies.

Unreported by all but Fox News Channel, tens of thousands of Americans, in cities across the country including Austin, Houston, Cleveland, Tulsa and Nashville, (places known by the press as "fly-over" country) marched last Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup> in support of the President's stand on Iraq. It's time we stand up as citizens to the liberal loonies in Seattle and New York and in the "mainstream media." Moreover, the capture on March 2 of al Qaeda's operations boss, Khalid Sheikh Mohammed gives the lie to the liberal libel that the U.S. is incapable of handling war on terrorism and Iraq at the same time. We can, we did and we will.

You may agree or disagree with me, but the important thing is to let the president know what you believe and what you expect of him, in a courteous manner. You may reach our Commander-in-Chief at the following address; don't forget to include your address and phone number if you use e-mail or snail mail:

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## Whose Profession Came First

A doctor, a lawyer, and an engineer are going out golfing. They are trying to decide whose profession came first.

The doctor says, "My profession came first because when God removed Adam's rib he performed surgery."

The engineer then says, "No, no, no. When the earth was dark and void God created light. That was engineering."

The lawyer says, "You're both wrong."

The doctor and engineer reply, "Oh yeah? What makes you think yours came first?"

The lawyer replies, "Where do you think the darkness came from?"

## Now that I'm "older"

God grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference. Now that I'm "older" (but refuse to grow up), here's what I've discovered:

1. I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.
2. My wild oats have turned into prunes and All Bran.
3. I finally got my head together, now my body is falling apart.
4. Funny, I don't remember being absent minded...
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5. If all is not lost, where is it?
6. It is easier to get older than it is to get wiser.
7. The only time the world beats a path to your door is when you're in the bathroom.
8. If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would have put them on my knees.
9. It's not hard to meet expenses ... they're everywhere.
10. These days, I spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter...I go somewhere to get something and then wonder what I'm here after.

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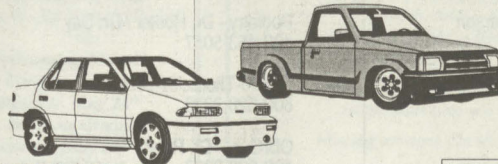
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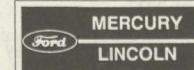
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## LION TRACKS

By Howard A. Baker

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As the events are only in the planning stages, future Lion Tracks will be announcing them as they come up, and you will have a chance to participate in the fellowship and community offerings. The membership was pleasantly surprised to find out that the 1968 Lions have left behind several "goodies" to be used as official Lion meeting tools; namely a very large bell to open and close meetings, and our fearless leader now has his own gavel to strike the bell with, to get everyone's attention.

Many people were fined for something done or not done during the meeting. A puppet that looked strangely like a moose collected the fines. All at the meeting had a good time.

The next executive board meeting will be March 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm at the Community Center, regular meeting will be March 26<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm at the Community Center. Please plan to attend these important meetings as further planning and event coordination will be taking place, and this is only possible with your continued support. You are an elite and very unique group and Grand Marais can only benefit by your volunteerism. See you there, and remember "bring a friend" is always the phrase that is accepted by the Lions volunteers.

Until next time!

### Four-Letter Words

A young couple got married and left on their honeymoon. When they got back, the bride immediately called her mother. Her mother asked, "How was the honeymoon?"

"Oh, mama," she replied, "the honeymoon was wonderful! So romantic..."

Suddenly she burst out crying. "But, mama, as soon as we returned Sam started using the most horrible language...things I'd never heard before! I mean, all these awful 4-letter words! You've got to come get me and take me home.... Please mama!"

"Sarah, Sarah," her mother said, "calm down! Tell me, what could be so awful? What 4-letter words?"

"Please don't make me tell you, mama," wept the daughter, "I'm so embarrassed they're just too awful! Come get me, please!"

"Darling, baby, you must tell me what has you so upset. Tell your mother these horrible 4-letter words!"

Still sobbing, the bride said, "Oh, mama...words like DUST, WASH, IRON, COOK...!"

### DO YOU REMEMBER THESE STUDENTS?



In the Jan. 16, 2003 issue the pictures were of  
Floyd LaBranch & Pete Hillman

Look thru the paper and you might find their names.

### Diet Rules For Cheaters

1. If you eat something and no one sees you eat it, it has no calories.
  2. If you drink a diet soda with a candy bar, the calories in the candy bar are cancelled out by the diet soda.
  3. When you eat with someone else, calories don't count if you don't eat more than they do.
  4. Food used for medicinal purposes NEVER count, such as hot chocolate, brandy, toast and Sara Lee Cheesecake.
  5. If you fatten up everyone else around you, then you look thinner.
  6. Movie related foods (Milk Duds, Buttered Popcorn, Junior Mints, Red Hots, Tootsie Rolls, etc.) do not have additional calories because they are part of the entertainment package and not part of one's personal fuel.
  7. Cookie pieces contain no fat--the process of breaking causes fat leakage.
  8. Things licked off knives and spoons have no calories if you are in the process of preparing something. Examples are peanut butter on a knife making a sandwich and ice cream on a spoon making a sundae.
  9. Foods that have the same color have the same number of calories. Examples are: spinach and pistachio ice cream; mushrooms and white chocolate.
- NOTE: Chocolate is a universal color and may be substituted for any other food color.
10. Foods that are frozen have no calories because calories are units of heat. Examples are ice cream, frozen pies, and Popsicles.



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### Burt Township School District Superintendent's Corner

The opportunity to help those in the community is not only important, it's truly rewarding. I recently attended an appreciation potluck sponsored by the Women's club. It was an opportunity to honor those in our community who choose to dedicate time to make Grand Marais a better place. I firmly believe that it is critical to give unto others and to leave a positive impact wherever your life leads you.

This was obvious by the number of community members in attendance at the potluck. These volunteers do make a difference in our community. Thank you to each of you !!! You are what makes Marais Grand! If you wish to join the ranks of community members who volunteer, look around, the opportunities are endless.

We like having volunteers and visitors in our school. We can always use volunteers to assist with lunch supervision, listen to our elementary students read, tutor students who are struggling with learning, mentor students who need a listening ear, provide drama direction and assist with musical instruction. If you wish to donate time to the school and our students, please contact the school's office or me directly.

Thanks for all you do to keep the Grand Marais elementary and high school viable for our students!

Happy Living,  
Happy Learning,  
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### BURT TOWNSHIP STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN "WEATHER BUDDIES" PROGRAM ON WLUC TV 6 MARQUETTE

February 19, 2003

Ms. Amy Ross  
Burt Township School  
PO Box 338  
Grand Marais, MI 49839  
Dear Ms. Ross:

Thanks for participating in the TV6 "Weather Buddies" program. This is our seventh year of the program and response has again been overwhelming! Your students' drawings were well received, and we'll do our best to get as many on air as possible before the next school year.

During the week of March 31-April 4, 2003 we'll be showing pictures from some of your students on our TV6 Morning News. The first child listed for each day will be shown at approximately 6:20 a.m. ET, and the second will be shown at approximately 6:55 a.m. ET. They will be as follows:

- Monday, March 31 Morgan Baynton / Cody Musselman
- Tuesday, April 1 Rachel Bodak / Michael Chamberlin
- Wednesday, April 2 Ashley Bowler / Jesse Ross
- Thursday, April 3 Brittney Lowes / Brandon Rutherford
- Friday, April 4 Nicole Rutherford / Kyle Brauer

Thanks, again, for your effort. If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to give me a call at (906) 475-4161 or (800) 562-9776.

Sincerely,  
Bob Lesh, Meteorologist  
TV6 Morning News

### PUNXSUTAWNEY PHIL

By: Tom Scaife

There is a critter that lives in the ground  
Just over yonder at the base of the hill  
All winter long without making a sound  
Pig of the earth: Punxsutawney Phil!

The days grow longer, he begins to stir  
A hint of warmth flows through the air  
The solar machinery emits a soft whirr...  
Pig of the earth: Awake in your lair!

The mouth of your burrow is beginning to glow  
You stretch and yawn, begin to crawl  
Your body stiff, movements slow  
Pig of the earth: Give it your all!

Arrive at the surface, poke out your snout  
Is that your shadow, spread out before?  
Or do clouds obscure you and give us an out  
From a long-drawn winter of six weeks or more?

### Address Change!!!

With the changing of seasons some of our readers will be returning to Grand Marais. Please let us know if your address changes so your paper can be waiting when you return.

### BURT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL LUNCH SCHEDULE

Thurs. March 6

Lunch - Nachos with the works - Peaches

Fri. March 7

Lunch - Spaghetti & Meatballs - Bread Sticks - Green Beans - Peaches - Chocolate Pudding

Mon. March 10

Lunch - Bratwurst - Scalloped Potatoes - Carrots - Pears - Ice Cream

Tues. March 11

Lunch - Hamburger, Gravy - Mashed Potatoes - Corn - Yogurt Bar

Wed. March 12

Lunch - Tacos (Hard or Soft Shell) - Corn - Pineapple & Tangerine

Thurs. March 13

Lunch - Cook's Choice

Fri. March 14

Lunch - Sandwich Bar with Turkey & Ham - Chicken Noodle Soup - Carrots - Fruit

Mon. March 17

Lunch - Hamburger w/wo Cheese - French Fries - Corn - Peaches/Chocolate Cake

Tues. March 18

Lunch - Lasagna - Green Beans - Jell-O w/Pineapple

Wed. March 19

Lunch - Turkey & Gravy - Mashed Potatoes - Corn - Pears

Thurs. March 20

Lunch - Pizza - Salad - Fruit Cocktail - Ice Cream

Fri. March 21

Lunch - Fried Chicken - Rice - Green Beans - Pears

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### BURT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT 2002-2003 SCHOOL CALENDAR

March 24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>

NO SCHOOL -

Spring Break

Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup>

SCHOOL RESUMES

Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup>

Progress Reports Due

Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>

NO SCHOOL

Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>

NO SCHOOL

Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

Six Weeks Marking Period

Ends

Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>

Progress Reports Due

Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>

2:00 p.m. Graduation

Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>

NO SCHOOL -

Memorial Day

Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup>

Six Weeks Marking Period

Ends

Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

### BURT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL STUDENTS' CORNER

#### Sonnets written by students at Burt Township School

Don't chide at me, I have done nothing bad.  
Don't look at me in such an angry way.  
The way you look at me makes me so mad.

I ask of you just to forget that day,  
Where it seemed that I had done something wrong.  
In all reality, it was a game.

Forgive me because the days are so long  
And I really don't want to feel like this.  
Now I am telling you, just stay strong.

So just like before we can live in bliss  
There is no reason for you to be mad  
Accept my offer, please accept my kiss

Don't yell at me, I've done nothing bad  
The way you look at me makes me so sad.

Tara B.

So many people in the world today,  
Waiting for someone to be there for me.  
Nobody cares for me in the sort of way!

Looking for a best friend so I can be  
Happy knowing that I have a true friend.  
Hurting me all the time is what I see.

Trying to forget, but I always tend  
To think of all the words that were said wrong  
Behind my back wishing someone to lend

Their shoulder for me to always cry on  
But no one is there and all I can say  
That you will be sad when I'm gone

People still hurt me on this very same day  
Nobody cares for me in that sort of way!

Shayla

This is my first sonnet of the year  
Everyone says that they are heard to write  
I think they're crazy Students must have fear  
Which makes me wonder, there so easy to write

I have wrote enough I'm now a professional  
While other people say screw it! I don't wanna  
But not me, I love this! It's kinda conventional  
Writing poems about everything, including Donna

I'm not sure when Donna came from, I needed a rhythm

But that's ok all my poems are whacked out  
Writing sonnets does take a little time  
But that's what it's all about, like a title bout

Well, this is going to be the end of my sonnet  
I'm sure I am gonna write again with bonnet.

Rusty H.

When someone leaves that you care about  
It is really hard to say goodbye  
This person enters and goes in and out.

Good by hurts so much you can't help to cry  
It can be forever or a short time  
Can't stop thinking about them as you try  
To count down the days till they arrive.

It can make you feel so incredibly small  
At the same time you can feel so alive.

Missing someone can feel just like a big wall.

It divides you from them with no way out  
But to stand there not having to fall.

Its one of the best feelings of all  
You know they care and can stand tall.

Catherine Bodak

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**HILLTOP CABINS IN GRAND MARAIS:** This resort has it all. Located one mile east of town, this beautiful vacation paradise sits on top of the Grand Marais ridge that follows the Lake Superior shoreline. The views are spectacular. Several of the year round cabins and motel rooms have been completely remodeled. The three bedroom, two bath home has also been remodeled. There are sixteen rental units and they all have a new sewer and water system. Close to snowmobile trails, hiking trails, and public beaches. Nice trees and plenty of room to roam make this one of the nicest vacation spots in the Grand Marais area. Reasonably priced at only \$450,000.

**FIVE ACRES WITH HOME AND GARAGE:** This is really nice. The 30' by 36' garage is only four years old. The two bedroom, one bath home has a nice fireplace and den plus a warm living room. Completely furnished, the price is only \$86,000.00

**VERY NICE HOME ON 20 ACRES WITH STREAM:** This picturesque site borders the National Park on a year round road. The 2 bedroom, 1 bath home has a full basement and lots of privacy. The stream meanders along side the 20 acres on its way to Lake Superior. Priced at \$122,000.

**TWO BEDROOM ONE BATH HOME IN DOWNTOWN GRAND MARAIS:** Located only one block from the main business district on a 45 foot lot this would make an ideal rental when you are away. In very good condition. \$70,000.00.

**TWO 100 BY 100 FOOT LOTS IN THE SCHOOL FOREST AREA:** These lots are side by side so the parcel would be 200 feet wide by 100 feet deep. Electric is in and also a health department approved septic system. Located off School Forest Road this would make an ideal hide away. The road is a seasonal road-not plowed in the winter. \$16,000. for both lots.

**LARGE HOME TWO MILES EAST OF GRAND MARAIS:** This home has over 1600 sq. ft. of living area with an attached 1 1/2 car garage and large dry basement. Three bedroom, 1 3/4 baths, on a large lot with plenty of trees. Includes a two bedroom guest house which is an ideal rental. An outbuilding contains a nice workshop with a storage lean-to. Priced at only \$88,500.

**A CUTE HOME WITH GARAGE IN DOWNTOWN GRAND MARAIS:** This two bedroom home is very clean and has a like new two car garage. New bath, nice kitchen. Only two blocks from beach. Reasonable at \$69,500.

**CONDO:** This is one of the upper units with 1 1/2 baths. A large picture window looks out over the bay. Nice six piece down washer/dryer combo and storage shed. \$105,900.

**TWO BEDROOM HOME ON CORNER LOT:** This bungalow home is on a corner lot in the downtown area and has a view of the water. \$51,500.

**187 FEET OF SANDY BEACH FRONTAGE ON GRAND MARAIS BAY:** This deeply wooded parcel has a nice upland building site with a driveway down to the beachfront. Priced at \$149,500.

**30 ACRES IN SCHOOL FOREST:** Nice woods, lots of privacy. Electric close by. Located on a seasonal road. \$20,000

**TEN WOODED ACRES WITH SMALL HUNTING CAMP:** Located two miles from Grand Marais on a year round road with electric, this camp has a new well and septic. \$49,900

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**ANOTHER TRUE STORY**  
BY PICKLE

**CROSSING THE EQUATOR**

Crossing the Pacific Ocean during WWII we had to have an initiation, because we were crossing the Equator. The sailors who had previously crossed the equator are called Shellbacks. The new sailors are called Pollywogs.

When the initiation began we had to be wearing our 100% wool underwear backwards with a yellow "P" painted on the flap in front. Every time a Shellback came by they had a paddle with holes in it, and they'd say, "Assume the position." You had to grab your ankles and bend over, and they squirted water on you and took a crack at you.

(Now on this tour of duty) after we left "Frisco" we were watching the Shellbacks getting things in place for our initiation.

The initiation took place in the bow of the ship, which is the fo'castle. The Pollywogs were in the back of the ship on the poop deck with big cabins between so you can't see what's happening in the bow. So we (Pollywogs) were checking it over and we noticed they had a plank over there on the forward mast with a cargo net below. They got a big canvas in the hatch filled with water, which is supposed to be their "Royal Swimming Pool." Then there are big canvas tubes they call "The Tubes of Hell", and they have fire hoses that they squirt in each end while we crawl through. If we touch the sides the Shellbacks are standing there with their paddles and they'll give us a crack.

Then they've got a Royal Doctor and the Royal Barber and there's King Neptune sitting on his throne with a crown made out of tarpaper and wearing a black robe and a long, black beard. He has a staff with a big crook on it, and he sits there and oversees what goes on. Also, they have a Blarney Stone and many other things included in the initiation.

The skipper (Captain) begins the initiation by running up the Jolly Roger, which is the tradition of the pirates, and he

gives the ship to the crew - that is the Shellbacks. The gun watches are still being manned because it's during the war in a war zone, and the captain has everything so he can take over fast if something comes up.

Now, the captain made an announcement as we left Frisco that the doctor will give anyone an operation free who has moles, warts, or needs a circumcision on the way over, because we'll be gone about a year and he said you'll be healed up by the time you come home.

So to start with before the initiation begins all of the Shellbacks have you bring them all of their meals and it's 100-degree temperature down there we were roasting so anyway they think it's great! So we'd bring a tray of food up to them and they'd say there's a hair in it and throw it over the side - get me another one. Any little thing they can find to kick about, they do.

The initiation is started when they get about a couple of days from equator. To start with they send us Pollywogs down to the bilge where the engine room is. We have to stand in the water in our 100 percent wool underwear and there are two barbers there. One cuts your hair with a hacksaw and the other one uses tin snips, and you're a bloody mess by the time they get done; and it really hurts. Then from there they send up above and the Royal Doctor administers remnants that are dyed different colors - of bacon rinds and some foreskins. Two men hold you and have you open your mouth and the Royal Doctor says now swallow. He takes his tongs and gets some pieces of meat and drops them in your throat and he says I hope you didn't get the foreskins. Chew it up and swallow! So, you're gagging but you do that anyway to get it over. Then they take you to the Royal bathtub and two big guys hold you down and they try and drown you for about 5 minutes. You come up just enough to get air and they shove you down again. So then after that you go through that tube with the fire hoses on both ends of it squirting you. It's really tough to crawl against it. If you touch the sides, the Shellbacks are lying there with their paddles and if they saw any movement or bumps against the canvas, they all crack you. That goes on until you get through the tube. Then after that they have us go to the back of the ship and we have to get ready to walk the plank. So the captain says, "now be careful because it's

kind of dangerous, make sure you jump far enough when you leave the plank." Now this big, fat guy from Iowa and I am in the stern of the ship waiting for our turn when all at once the Captain says, "Hear this - we're losing enough men in this war. From now on I want you to jump farther so you'll land in the cargo net and don't hit the side of the ship. He said to the doctor and the corpsman, get up to the mast immediately and take this wounded man to sickbay right away. So we were really worried, and here they come. Two corpsman carrying a stretcher with the doctor right behind them with a sheet full of blood on top of it all! They go into the hospital and close the door and put all the port covers on. Boy! This big guy is next. He's one of the first couple of guys, so they say. "Come on Nick," they grab him and he's saying "No, No, No", and they are pulling him and he's sliding. They say, "Come on, you've got to walk the plank." He says they're not going to kill me! They say come on and they drag him up there and he's hollering. So anyway it wasn't that way at all. It was the parts the doctor saved from the operations and he spilled the blood on the sheet. Then after that you go to ...well, I'm probably missing quite a bit of it, but I know that there was another thing that was kind of outstanding.

They've got 220 volts wired to the steel deck and they've got a big Blarney Stone with Japanese writing all over it. Then these two big guys blindfold you and lead you over to the Blarney Stone. They put you down on the deck and say get ready to kiss the Blarney Stone. So you're all assumed there holding your position on the deck and they throw the switch and the 220 volts gives you a hell of a blast. Then they say kiss, and the fireman whom of course you can't see is there. He has big hairy arms and he has you kiss his arm. Then you jump when they give you a big jolt of electricity, and the guy flies up and pulls his blindfold off. There's a big, fat guy there with his pants down and he says - kiss me again honey - and boy the guy is fighting mad. So then after a couple more trials we finally get across the equator and we are considered Shellbacks now. So the next time we'll be the ones who can administer the beatings and initiations instead of taking it. Well, that is a condensed version of the trip.

So long, Pickle

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FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pastor Stephen Post (906) 494-2724 Sunday School: 10 a.m. for all ages pre-school through adult. Family Worship: Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Transportation available and questions answered; call 494-2724.. Church located one block west of the main street on Campbell between Randolph & Carlson.

GRAND MARAIS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pr. Tracy Brooks (906) 494-2653 Worship: Sunday 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study Wed. 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

UNITARIAN-UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

(906)-494-2542 for meeting place and topic for Sunday meeting: 10:30 a.m.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AA-MEETING: Every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Methodist Church. 494-2364 or 494-2386

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.

GRAND MARAIS LIONS CLUB: (Board) 2nd Wed. Regular meeting 4th Wed. of the month. 7:00 p.m. Community Center

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

LIBRARY HOURS: M-W-F Noon to 2:00 p.m.; at the Community Center.

GERMFASK-VFW HALL: Second 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.

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