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Presidents Message Mike Serpe

Spring Column

"We sang the songs that carried in their melodies all the sounds of nature – the running water, the sighing of winds, and the calls of the animals. Teach these to your children that they may come to love nature as we love it." ~Grand Council Fire of American Indians.

Door Property Owners has had environmental matters at the very top of its to-do list for quite a few years now. During that time, we have seen Federal environmental protections strengthened under administrations of both political parties.

The state of Wisconsin has been another story entirely and I'll cover that in the Summer column.

What is being proposed in Washington by the current administration is truly shocking to behold. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), born in the wake of elevated concern about environmental pollution, was established on December 2, 1970 by then President Richard M. Nixon, to consolidate in one agen-

cy a variety of federal research, monitoring, standard-setting and enforcement activities to ensure environmental protection.

Congress recognized the importance of the issue in late 1969 by passing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). This statute recast the government's role: formerly the "conservator" of wilderness, it now became the "protector" of earth, air, land, and water. The law declared Congressional intent to "create and maintain conditions under which man and nature can exist in productive harmony," and to "assure for all Americans safe, healthful, productive, esthetically and culturally pleasing surroundings." Henceforth, all federal agencies planning projects bearing on the environment were compelled to submit reports accounting for the likely consequences--the now famous Environmental Impact Statements (EISs).

It's newly named administrator, made a name for himself by suing the agency and fighting against its regulatory power. He proposes to cut the Environmental Protection Agency's budget by thirty-one percent and its workforce by 3,200 positions.

I'm not going to do a laundry list of every item program on the chopping block, but one that is particularly alarming to DPO members who live and recreate in Door County, surrounded by Lake Michigan, is the budget request to eliminate

funding for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI). The GLRI's budget is \$300 million for the current fiscal year.

The GLRI, responsible for eliminating pollution and combating invasive species in the Great Lakes, is losing \$50 million of their current budget as part of the administration's \$18 billion immediate budget cuts. The funds will be used to help pay for the U.S.-Mexico border wall among other things.

The cuts will also strip \$1.2 billion from the National Institutes of Health research grants program, \$1.5 billion in block grants for community development and \$30 million from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Sea Grant program.

Representatives and elected officials from the state of Michigan have been in the forefront of raising strenuous objections to this proposal, especially after a leaked report mentioned that the Environmental Protection Agency's Region 5 office in Chicago could be shuttered in the proposed budget. The regional office serves Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin. According to a Chicago Sun-Times report on Saturday, April 15, it may close and be consolidated elsewhere. The newspaper attributed the information to a source "plugged into federal government happenings."

"We must not turn our backs

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Our Mission

Door Property Owners, Inc. is a non-profit, non-partisan, all volunteer organization of 1,200 members who own property in Door County. It includes both part-time and year 'round residents – and many people with experience as both. All share a love of Door County and want to preserve its natural beauty, character and charm for years to come.

(The mission statement has been changed in order to more accurately reflect the changing Door County)



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We have need for five more board members, it is getting crunch time. Let us know if you will help!

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Door Property Owners, Inc Newsletter

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Door Property Owners, Inc. is a Wisconsin Non-Stock Corporation organized in 1976. It is the voice and information center of both seasonal and permanent property owners as well as visitors to

Door County who are interested in protecting and enhancing the uniqueness of the Door County experience.

Opinions expressed herein do not necessarily reflect the views of the entire DPO membership.

Letters, articles and news items are welcomed and appreciated .

Meetings of the Board of Directors are held monthly (contact the President for date and location). General membership meetings are planned in the fall. All meetings are open to members and guests.

Annual membership dues include a subscription to the Door Property Owners newsletter.

Send letters and comments to:
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*****Member Notice:**

Check the address label on this newsletter for your membership expiration date. If it is highlighted your membership will expire with the next issue. Please renew your membership using the form included in this newsletter so we may continue working for you. (We usually keep you on the roles for about a year after expiration)

Welcome New Members

We need your continued support, ask your neighbors to join.

E-Mail Newsletter

If you would prefer to receive your quarterly newsletter via E-mail rather than a hard copy via snail mail, please send a not to us at our e-mail address and we will put you on the list. This will save the organization about a \$1.50 pre newsletter. The newsletter is also posted on our web site at www.DoorPropertyOwners.com

President's Column Cont from P-1

on the safety, health, and future of the Great Lakes," said U.S. Rep. Fred Upton, R-St. Joseph. "Whatever the deficiencies of the Region 5 office, the folks there do play a critical role in protecting human health and the environment. In fact, it was my bipartisan legislation that would help make important reforms," he said. "I will continue to work with colleagues on both sides of the aisle in opposition to any cuts to the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative and the closing of this office. We must work together to protect the natural resources we all know and love."

The Great Lakes region — eight states and two provinces — would be the world's third-largest economy if it were a separate country. Home to 105 million people and 46 million jobs (30 percent of the total Canada/U.S. workforce), it has a combined GDP of US\$5.8 trillion, representing almost a third of the economic activity of the two countries.

I'm of the opinion that all our federal, state and local representatives, regardless of political persuasion, should take public positions along the same lines as Representative Upton. If you agree, I respectfully ask that you contact them urging them to do so.

There are many unpleasant items contained in the administration's budget proposal, but for those of us who live on "The Third Coast", none is as important as this one.

Water is life. As the old proverb points out, "When the last tree is cut, when the last river has been poisoned, when the last fish has been caught, then we will find out that we can't eat money."

Legislators need to hear the voices of "we the people", not just at election time.

Thanks.



Some Solid Points on Liquid Wastes

by Henk Wolst, Going Garbage

Spring approaches. And with it, come all kinds of projects that potentially generate or result in liquid wastes. There's the painting project. There's the changing the oil in the power equipment project. There's the "spring cleaning" project. You get the idea. Spring. LOL. Lots of Liquids.

Going Garbage is a solid waste and recycling handler. Has been for over fifty years! The operative word is "solid". Does that mean we can't help with liquid wastes? We can, provided we let you know the "rules" and that you comply. Here are "rules" for several of the primary categories of liquid waste generated by households:

Oils - Changing the oil in your lawn tractor or chipper or any of the other power equipment you might have (and changing the oil is a good, simple preventative maintenance measure) results in waste oil. What to do with it? Put it in a sealed container (the empty container(s) from the new oil that you just put in your equipment would do just fine). Then bring it to our Old Stage Drop-Off site, where you'll find a designated drop-off area for used oils where you can leave your sealed container (do not empty it). There is no charge.

Paints - Whether painting the house, the fence, or whatever, you're likely to have some leftover paint. Not a problem provided you let the remaining paint in the can dry out completely. How? Take off the lid and let it sit. Latex paint will dry. Oil-based paint needs the help of cat litter, newspaper, oil absorbents, sawdust or commercially available paint hardeners to dry properly. The trick is to turn liquid waste into solid waste. Note: If you've got more left than you expected, you might want to seal the can and save it for next year. Properly seal the can and store it upside down to allow the paint to form an effective seal. Standard solid waste charges apply.

Thinners, Solvents, Gasoline, Kerosene, etc. - What do these all have in common? They're hazardous household waste. And they're liquid. And Going Garbage cannot accept them, be it at its drop-off site or in its roadside trash collection or in dumpsters. Nada. Never dump even small amounts of these materials into trash containers. It only takes a very small amount of these chemicals to cause a contamination problem or fire hazard. There are stiff fines and penalties for non-compliance disposal of hazardous materials. It's your responsibility to determine if the waste is hazardous or not (consult the label or packaging and/or visit <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Waste/Hazardous.html>).

If it's a hazardous liquid (or if you're in doubt), drop it off at the Brown County Household Hazardous Waste facility at 2561 South Broadway, Green Bay. Charges may apply.

Note: We accept metal "waste" at our Old Stage facility.

However, if it's got a gasoline/diesel engine, we cannot accept the item(s) unless it/they are dry - no oil, no gasoline, no anti-freeze, etc. Please dispose of liquids as per "rules" above.

As always, please give me or any of our waste experts a call at 920.854.2114 if we can be of any assistance.

Continue to work for a clean environment in Door County.

Thank you.

I have this space in the newsletter and would like to fill it with a Bio of our new Board of Director's member.

Unfortunately no one seems to want to help.

Please let us put your name here so that we can continue to be your viable voice for reason in Door County.

Name: _____

Are We Self Destructing?

Kip Pagel

Sometimes it seems as if we are in the process of the self-destruction of our love of the land and its resources. We talk about the "old days" and how things were better then. This is especially true when we talk about the state of our water or air quality. Yes, there is no doubt that the overall water quality, both ground water and surface water has deteriorated in the last decade. We now have mercury in virtually all of the water courses in Wisconsin. It is showing up in the fish we take, and eat, and in some indicator plants.

We have increased pollution from toxins in the waste we allow to run into the surface water and that which finds its way through the fissures in the bedrock into the ground water table and thus into our residential and public wells we use for drinking water.

This is already happening, big time, in Kewaunee County due to the explosion of CAFO's and the large quantities of manure they are forced to dispose of. Most disposal is by land spreading. Unfortunately soil depths in NE Wisconsin are so shallow that the effluent is not completely incorporated into the soil to be used by plants. The excess follows the natural course of water when it rains or the snow melts, and gets into our surface water via runoff or into the aquifer (where most of our drinking water comes from) by running through fissures in the rock. This is especially true in our area of limestone formations call Karsts. The proliferation of zebra mussels, Quagga mussels, round goby, and other exotics has greatly and, I am afraid permanently, changed fishing and recreation in lakes and some streams. Not only by displacing native species but by making beaches unusable due to bacteria and sharp shells that injure swimmers.

We blame politicians, big business, developers, and everybody but ourselves. Don't get me wrong, politicians, big business, developers and others may enable much of this destruction, but they are not the only the reason it is happening. We are faced with the destruction of the health of our environment because we allow it to happen. "It is inevitable" is a common song often heard from those in power or who intend to benefit from this destruction. It is "inevitable" only because they want us to believe it, since they benefit economi-

cally, and want "us" to back off in the public fight against certain developments. The politicians do not need to embrace this unbridled development but often they do it because these interests are the "big spenders" in their quest for election and re-election money. Check to see who is financing the campaigns of our politicians. You will find that the big donors are big business.

What is actually happening is that we are unaware that we are permanently destroying our country, our land, the very resources that we depend on to earn a living.

There are choices, we can continue this destruction by being submissive to the unchecked development and greed, or we can choose to take control of our own destiny. The first line of defense is to elect leaders who think as we do and who have a real interest in the future of the land, rather than looking at it as a commodity that is to be sold to the person who gives the big campaign bucks. This destruction is only inevitable only if we choose to submit and make it so.

Our history as Americans has not been one to submit, but in the instance of allowing the land to be destroyed by these people we are rewarding their efforts. How has this happened? It is because we have chosen to give our leaders our proxy votes in the belief that they are doing business with "our" interests in mind, when in reality we are giving these votes to corrupt politicians who represent greedy corporations. We give them this power because we are not thorough in checking their personal and political credentials and past actions before election time. We give them this power by not demanding that local planning and zoning boards require complete site plans and enforcement of planning and zoning laws, as the laws were written, not as some local politician or administrator chooses to interpret them. We give them this power by not attending local meetings and questioning their actions or asking questions about "exactly" what is happening. In short we give them this power by our apathy and the belief that "it is inevitable".

If we are to save these natural areas, our land, water, and air, we need to address the economic issues in rural areas, towns and cities where we earn our living. We cannot rely on the false belief that we can protect the world by protecting small wilderness and natural areas in a piecemeal

fashion while we neglect the larger economic landscapes and the people who use them.

Our governments believe they can protect our economy by creating jobs, work sites, and innovative products, when in reality what they need to protect is the land that is the basis of our economy. If the land does not prosper and furnish clean air, water, and space nothing else will prosper. Without good air and water, we have no industry, trade, wealth or security. Poor air and water will not attract the workers necessary for a vibrant economy. Who will to work in a place where the air they breathe causes asthma, lung diseases, and makes them sick, or where the water is made so toxic by runoff from agriculture, industry, highways, parking lots and rooftops, that you literally take your life in your hands whenever you drink a glass of water? Much of our water supply is so foul that it cannot be used for anything but flushing sewage into the next watercourse to start the cycle over again?

In the name of "job creation" or "tax base" we have spent untold amounts of public monies on ideas and developments that stay only so long as they can exploit local populations and take their money. If they can make more money elsewhere or their bottom line starts to decline, they are quick to pull up stakes and move elsewhere. Our modern economy has been designed to exploit the land not to conserve and nurture it. The centers of our larger towns originally had shops, stores, and buildings that housed useful, locally owned small businesses. Today these small businesses have been swallowed up by "big boxes" which offer all these services and products under one roof. Often at a price designed to undercut and ruin the small business. The result is one or two large employers are able to dictate the terms of employment, benefits, and general economy of the local community. When the local small businesses die they leave behind a dying downtown area which soon becomes a blighted area with little appeal. Thus, in the name of "job creation" or "tax base", we have created a negative tax and employment area in the former "business district". This blight will spread since those businesses, lawyers, parking lots, banks, and others will be forced to "follow the crowd" creating a snowball effect which will eventually leave a ghost town. Ghost towns are not conducive to well kept and attractive dwellings so we have essentially created a "dead area". No jobs, no taxes, no people with a

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core infrastructure that must be maintained never the less, at little return for the taxpayer's dollar. The corporate businesses on the outskirts of town see only the value that can be siphoned out of the town and into the corporate bank accounts, often in banks far away. In some places this is referred to an "economic weapon of mass destruction". We are living in a time of economic lies: where we are told that nothing has a value that is not assigned to it by the market, and that the economic life of our communities can safely be handed over to the great corporations. While we citizens bear a large part of this responsibility, our government leaders (we elected these people) bear an equal responsibility to do what they professed before being elected.

Governments are designed to provide protections that citizens cannot provide for themselves. However it is often thought by governments that this protection can be provided by the police and military type establishments. These local and state governments have created and used their regulatory powers reluctantly and in many cases poorly.

To our face they recognize that protection of land and people is foremost, but behind our backs they participate in economic violence, which is seldom swift or bloody but nevertheless is as insidious as a cancer and the end result is as destructive to our systems, mores, and economy. These acts, such as failure to enforce building and zoning codes as written, can and will destroy the landscape and/or a community, and they routinely do so.

Corporations and developers proceed in the name of "free market", "free enterprise", "increased tax base" and other terms. But the dominate feature of all these is economic greed, which destroys the fabric of the very rules by which other people live, along with their land, livelihoods, possessions, and way of life, and in many cases their very moral fiber.

These are "economic weapons of mass destruction", which we allow to be used to place the public in a position of submission to the economics of the situation and the malfeasance of the regulatory community. It allows public subsidies, incentives, and other forms of suffrages that are impossible to justify, so are done in the quiet confines of board rooms, and committees.

When they are finally opened to the public, most are a "done deal" in the eyes of the public. What happened to those in state, county and local government whom we voted into office and whom we trust to protect us from such things? What happened to their pledges to protect the small town, the small business owner, the very land we live in? In today's climate of large campaign contributions, political action committees (PACs), and other perks to office holders, the average public citizen is suffering because their rich competitors can afford to pay more, that is the "golden rule" "he who has the money (gold) makes the rules" as practiced in today's political climate.

It I hard to understand, well maybe it isn't, how the government, of the people, by the people and for the people, can allow the land, the very source of necessary goods to be destroyed by "freedoms" offered solely to corporate entities. They not only permit, but in many cases subsidize the very destruction of the land that has made this interdependence of Earth and people the greatest country on earth. In their misguided efforts to protect us from hunger and/or foreign invaders we have created a domestic threat that is no less real than a foreign one. Today we trust too many people in power whose only expertise comes solely from people who have a vested interest or an axe to grind regarding a subject. Too often these voices, backed with money, out shout down the voices of reason, logic and scientific knowledge. These voices often get their way, to the detriment and destruction of the very resources that would, should, sustain our country into the future. Without these resources there can be no industry, employment and quality of life. It is like the logger, who after being employed for 10 years cutting every merchantable tree, finds that the trees are gone, and the buyers of his products, logs, have moved their industry to another state, only to begin the cycle of total destruction once again. He now has no job, no money, and no future. If we continue to destroy the resources in Door County and the State we will find ourselves in the same situation. We will find that we have ruined our drinking water supply, our fishing will be nothing but exotics, our scenic views will be through the slots between three story condos, mega homes sandwiched together, over crowded marinas, and our slightly rural nature will be gone. We will then see the tourist industry, which originated because of the scenic views, clean air and water, and quality of life,

moving on to other parts of the State or country. What will be left is a dying tourist industry, no jobs, no money, no quality of life. No future.

Good resource and land use planning now, guided by experts (scientists) who put quality of life ahead of the last dollar, can delay or stop this inevitable slide to another Wisconsin Dells type of environment. But we need to listen to their suggestions and act on them rather than those who only see Door County as another place to exploit for the last dollar they can get, before moving on.

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I found this in my notes.

Other Scenic Conservation News

Preservation Conference Starts Here
DANVILLE, KENTUCKY- It isn't easy being a preservationist, but it's worth the effort. That was the message given by two speakers at the Kentucky Historic Preservation Conference Thursday at Centre College. The bottom line from Crit Luallen, secretary of the executive cabinet of Kentucky Governor Paul Patton, and from Joseph Riley, mayor Charleston, South Carolina, is that preservation and economic development should walk hand in hand. With cellular phones and computers making it possible to take one's job just about anywhere, quality of life issues become critical, Luallen said. "Jobs will follow educated workers who will want to live where there is a good quality of life," Lullen said. "Environmental issues are linked in with economic development." Kentucky has built-in attractions from its geography to its unique towns and low utility rates. "We have to protect those assets," said Luallen during her luncheon talk.

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Scribblings
By Kip

Board of Directors Members Needed Pronto

Door Property Owners, Inc. is in a dilemma.

When I joined the Board of Directors in 1996 we had a board of 12 members, and always seemed to have a few concerned members to draw from when a board member's term of three years expired. You will notice that I said when I was first appointed to the board in 1996, and I am still here. I have been writing this newsletter for the past 17 years and like all of us I am advancing in age. Today DPO is hard pressed with our current board of seven members. Our bylaws state that we need a quorum of at least 6 to make decisions, especially those concerning money. Currently we have one board member who will not be with us after the summer, and at least two others who have indicated that they are at the end of their terms. We must have members to step up and volunteer to be on the Board of Directors, it is the only way we can stay viable and continue our work to defend the nature and aesthetics of Door County. There are big challenges facing the County in the coming years, far beyond a festival or fair, or gathering. The current threat to our most valuable asset, water, is real and coming down on us hard! The proliferation of CAFO's and their enormous quantities of liquid manure (defined by the Wisconsin Supreme Court as a pollutant) is being spread over the landscape and finding its way into our waterways, both above and below ground. The threat to our private and public water supplies is real and deadly. Already our neighbor, Kewaunee County is reporting that over 1/3 of its' private residential water supplies are suffering from pollution that is making people sick and forcing them to utilize bottled water full time. The value of many of their homes and farms has been eroded to the extent that they cannot find a buyer to sell to. As testified to at the S&S CAFO hearing in southern Door County the only buyer for a farm is the CAFO itself, which needs it to provide space to spread more manure. Another example is recent incident at Jacksonport, where many wells were poisoned when a hauler spread liquid manure over a fissure in that Karst region. Within days it was detected in local water supplies forcing the owners to rely on bottled water for everything except flushing the toilet.

DPO and DCEC have been warning about this for years and contacting local and State officials to ask for relief. As they say, two heads are better than one, which is why we need to remain viable and visible. Testimony at local

and state hearings and forums are a necessary part of today's political scene and the more voices heard from and the more organizations representing many voices heard from, the larger the effect on local legislators and officials. Believe me; it does have an effect to have representatives of many organizations at these hearings. Numbers relate to votes!

Today we seem to have a group for every slight that seems to happen in Door County, while this is good, it tends to draw away from the larger groups and reduce the number of volunteers to serve as directors for their members.

If DPO continues to lose board members without replacements we will be forced to close down or join another group, which will reduce another voice for the environment, clean water, clean air and great living we enjoy.

Please volunteer to be on the Board, it is one afternoon meeting a month in Sturgeon Bay and it is not necessary to attend all meetings (yes, you can still go to Florida). You do not need to be a resident of Door County, (I'm not) to be on the board. It is a good group and a great chance to see the background of some of the goings on in Door County. It is your chance to contribute something other than your dues and to help protect the things we love about the county.

Door Property Owners need to be concerned about CAFO expansion.

Dr. Peter Sigmann

The only large-scale concentrated animal feeding operation in Door County wants to expand their herd to more than 10,000 animals. For this reason there was a public hearing conducted by the DNR before a permit is issued as part of the "Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System".

The animal factory in question is S&S Ag Enterprises, located in Maplewood, Town of Forestville. A cow produces more than 18 times the amount of waste compared to an adult human and this waste is augmented by chemical-laden grey water. A large CAFO produces more sewage than a medium size city or all Door County households combined but this sewage is not treated and is spread on fields as "liquid manure".. The attempted implication is that agricultural sewage is benign in comparison with urban or household sewage. This is patently not true because it is

loaded with potentially antibiotic resistant infectious agents, excessive nutrients and measurable amounts of hormones, antibiotics and pesticides. On the peninsula we have to be especially concerned about large amounts of phosphate that are carried by surface or ground water streams to our shores where they stimulate all kinds of algae. Liquid manure has been defined by the State Supreme Court as a "pollutant". If it is found to be causing harm the owner of the land it is spread on is liable, not the CAFO or the hauler. This is why landowners should be wary of allowing manure spreading on their property. If you are approached by a CAFO contact the Door County Soil and Water service for advice on a contract to reduce your liability.

S&S and other CAFO's contract with many landowners, especially with inactive farmers, to apply this sewage to their land. They have run out of space in Southern Door and last year their field markers have turned up North of Sturgeon Bay, especially in the Town of Sevastopol. Look for an inconspicuous white sign with a 3 digit number. The sign directs the "manure hauler" to the site. "Importing" agricultural sewage to Northern Door is not a good idea because of the shallow soil cover and heavily fractured bedrock. This allows the liquid to easily penetrate and get into the aquifer from which we get our drinking water. Otherwise it runs off as surface water, eventually reaching our streams and the Bay and Lake where it fertilizes the Cladophora and other algae we have grown to hate. I don't even want to mention swimming in it or eating fish from polluted areas.

If you want to learn more about CAFOs you find the latest in the current winter newsletter of our friends at the Clean Water Action Council with the theme "CAFO is more than a Four-Letter Word". Go to: <http://www.cleanwateractioncouncil.org/newsletter/> Good luck!

After hearing the majority of attendees speak out against the increase, the DNR issued its decision and allowed the increase, with some caveats! Big business? Politics? Campaign contributions?

It is interesting that these CAFO's continue to want to increase in size when there is a great oversupply of milk on the market and buyers are cutting back.

Go figure???



Between Friends:

By Kip Pagel

(Thoughts and ramblings to be shared with friends)

(Written via the Law of Motivation — “Creativity is great, but plagiarism is quicker.”)

Aging Gracefully:

1. I changed my car horn to gunshot sounds. People move out of the way much faster now!
2. I didn't make it to the gym today. That makes five years in a row.
3. I decided to change calling the bathroom John and renamed it the Jim. I feel so much better saying I went to the Jim this morning.
4. Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. We haven't met yet...
5. I don't need anger management. I need people to stop irritating me!
6. When I was a child I thought Nap Time was a punishment... Now, as a grown up, it just feels like a small vacation....
7. My people skills are just fine. It's my tolerance of idiots that needs working on.
8. If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would've put them on my knees.
9. The kids text me "plz" which is shorter than please. I text back "no" which is shorter than "yes."
10. I'm going to retire and live off of my savings. Not sure what I'll do the second week.
11. Even duct tape can't fix stupid... but it can muffle the sound!
12. Why do I have to press one for English when you're just gonna transfer me to someone I can't understand anyway?
13. Of course I talk to myself, sometimes I need expert advice.

Some observations from our coffee group:

A purse is an “outside pocketbook”.

I was out picking up branches, trying to extend the family tree.

Flip-Flops are “step ins” because if you “step back” they will fall off.

A belt is a “gravity inhibitor”.

A button is a “modesty latch”.

A tie is an “employment leash”.

A sock is a “foot bag”.

A mitten is a “digital to analog converter”.

I had to cut the pie in four pieces, I didn't think I could eat six.



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Survival ??

DPO and Door County

Membership Form

Yes, I want to support the efforts and initiatives of Door Property Owners, Inc.

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Member | <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 35 General Advocate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Green Space Supporter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lapsed (Late) Member Renewal | <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 Silver Woodland Protector |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Gold Bluff Benefactor |

Annual dues are \$35.00. Any additional payment will be honored - and gratefully received for the commitment it represents. Please give as generously as you can.

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ made payable to Door Property Owners, Inc.

Property Information: Year-Round Resident _____ Yes _____ No _____

My DC Property is located in City _____ Village _____ Township _____

Mail To:

**Door Property Owners, Inc.
PO Box 429
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235**

I Do Not Own Property in Door County _____

Phone: _____ Door County Phone _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

E-Mail Address _____ **to be used to inform you of important events and developments in Door County**