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THE WESTERLY VIEW

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Seasons Greetings from the WUPPDR Staff...

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Got Paint?

For those of you who have stopped by the WUPPDR office in recent months you may have noticed something different in the air...paint fumes! The WUPPDR office revitalization began after a few WUPPDR staff members uncovered drawers of files that outdated them, literally. While a lot of the relics were saved, many found a new home and the younger staff found a new appreciation for the technology that graces the office today. The senior staff (we don't want to date anyone, but

our longest serving staff member just celebrated her 35th anniversary with WUPPDR) humored the younger staff and now we have the unofficial WUPPDR library, more space and fresh colors in the office.

We invite you to stop in anytime to see what the staff is working on or relive the past by perusing our archives. Can we interest you in a Mobile Housing Study from 1973?



When snow was snow...



...and men snowshoed in fur coats? We don't know where exactly this photo was taken, but we do know it is somewhere in our region. While we won't be donning fur coats on our outings this winter we will be heading out to play in the snow and we hope you will too.

WUPPDR continues to assist efforts in establishing a permanent trail system throughout the Western U.P. because tourism plays a key part in our local economy. A permanent trail system would not only enhance winter tourism, but year round tourism as well. For more information about the trails please contact our offices at (906) 482-7205. (Photo courtesy of the A. LaMuth Collection).



Standing left to right:: Sue, Kim, Ken, Jim, Mary, Courtney and Steve Kneeling left to right: Lori and Meg

DID YOU KNOW?

WUPPDR'S FIRST OFFICE WAS LOCATED ON THE CAMPUS OF MICHIGAN TECH, THE FIRST CHAIR WAS THE LATE MONSIGNOR LOUIS CAPPO, AND THE FIRST EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WAS MR. FRAN COLE.

WUPPDR STAFF:

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FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Dear Friends,

At the holiday season our thoughts turn gratefully to those who have made our success possible. It is in this spirit we say...thank you and best wishes for the holidays and a healthy and happy new year.



The WUPPDR Staff

Kim, Mary, Sue, Lori, Meg, Jim, Courtney, Ken & Steve



Its Official...New WUPPDR Executive Director

Congratulations are in order for Kim Stoker who was named WUPPDR Executive Director at the Annual Commission Meeting in September. Stoker had been Acting Director since the departure of WUPPDR Executive Director Jim Stingle in July of this year.

Stoker has dedicated 27 years (and counting) to WUPPDR holding the most recent position of Planning Director. Stoker's knowledge and experi-

ence is a tremendous asset to the organization and his transition into the new position has been smooth.

Stoker continues to work heavily in Economic Development and was recently awarded the 2007 Robert Graff Award for his efforts in promoting economic development in the Keweenaw. The award was presented at the annual meeting of the Keweenaw Economic Development Alliance (KEDA) &

Houghton/Keweenaw Chamber of Commerce in October.

When not attending to current projects, negotiating new ones, advising the staff or balancing the budget, Stoker splits his time between the outdoors and building his dream get-away. He has spent the last decade hand building a log cabin in the heart of northern Baraga County, near the Huron River (we're told).

The Westerly View

WUPPDR Celebrates 39th Annual Meeting



Annual meeting
Keynote speaker,
Curt Pianalto of
America's Byways
Resource Center,
shares a visually
stunning
presentation about
America's Byways .



In September, WUPPDR held its Annual Meeting at the new conference center in the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge in Copper Harbor. Along with the usual budget and bills business, meeting goes enjoyed stunning presentations, the Oreste Chiantello Public Service Award presentation,

Keweenaw County hospitality and a fantastic meal.

Keynote speaker, Curt Pianalto of America's Byways Resource Center, shared his visually rich presentation on America's Byways and discussed the potential of our National Byway, The Copper Country Trail (find more in-

formation at the website: www.coppercountrytrail.org)

Joan Antila was the recipient of the Oreste Chiantello award (see article below), and the audience enjoyed Jim Saari's revealing tribute to Joan highlighting her years of service to the community.

During regular business, The FY 2007-2008 Budget was approved and Kim Stoker was named Executive Director (see front page article).

We look forward to seeing you at the 2008 Annual Meeting in Gogebic County.

Our Congratulations & Appreciation Joan Antila!



Joan Antila receives
the Oreste "Chip"
Chiantello Public
Service Award from
WUPPDR Chair Ed
Jenich at the 39th
Annual Meeting in
September.



Joan Antila of Houghton, formerly of White Pine, received the Oreste Chiantello Public Service Award at the annual meeting in September. The award was established by WUPPDR and Michigan Works! in memory of Oreste "Chip" Chiantello from

Gogebic County, who was a long-time member and Chairman of both boards. Chip provided many years of distinguished public service to the residents of the western U.P. The annual award is given to an individual from the western U.P. who demonstrates outstanding quality of service, dedication and leadership.

Joan graduated from L'Anse High School, received BS and MA degrees from Northern Michigan University and taught five years away from the area before moving to White Pine in 1965. She was a teacher/counselor at the White Pine

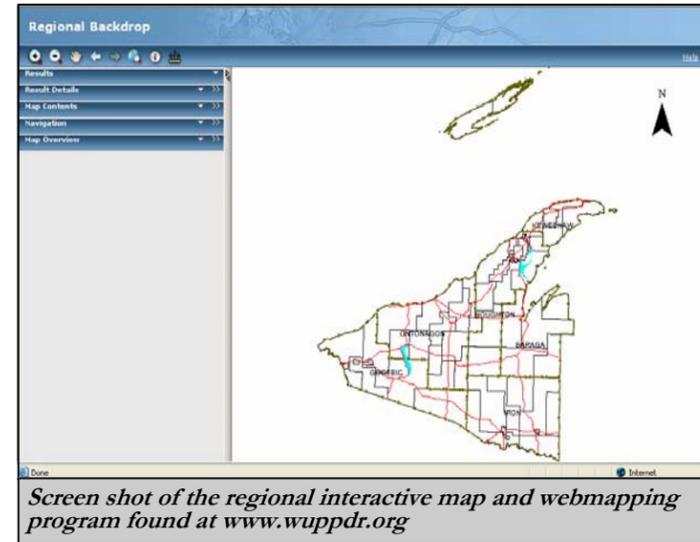
High School from 1965-70 and 1992-97 and served on the White Pine Board of Education. While in public office, Joan was a member of the Ontonagon County Board of Commissioners for 23 years, serving as Board Chairman for half of those, 22 years on the WUPPDR Commission, 21 years on the Michigan Works! Board, and 23 years on the Western U.P. Health Board, three times as Chair.

She and her husband Roland have two children, son David of Minneapolis and daughter Regan of Chassell.

The National Map

In April, 2007 WUPPDR was one of four agencies in the nation to receive a Cooperative Agreement Program Grant from the U.S. Department of Geological Survey to work in our region to collect regional geospatial data sets (i.e. information on roads, parcels, structures etc.) to host on *The National Map*.

The National Map is a consistent framework for geographic knowledge that provides public access to high-quality, geospatial data and information from multiple partners which helps support decision-making by resource managers and the public. *The National Map* is the product of a consortium of Federal, State, and local partners who provide geospatial data to enhance America's ability to access, integrate, and apply geospatial data at global, national, and local scales.



In conjunction with *The National Map*, WUPPDR's Global Informational System (GIS) staff has launched an online interactive map that serves the six county region. (see picture above) The web-mapping program can be found at www.wuppdr.org.

GIS staff will be working with all local units of government in our region collecting public

domain data to host on the interactive map. This will allow governmental units, communities, businesses, and tourist to view the data via the Internet and use for general planning purposes.

Please contact Ken Marshall, GIS Specialist, with any questions or for more information on how *The National Map* can help you.

GIS Services Offered:

WUPPDR's Geographic Information System (GIS) Department offers a wide variety of services, products and tools to fit your needs including:

- GIS Assistance
- GIS Training
- Data Development (i.e. parcel mapping, 911 addressing updates)
- Data Implementation &/or Management
- Capital Improvement Data Analysis
- Web-Mapping Services
- Tax Maps

We can offer solutions to your mapping needs. Contact Ken Marshall at (906)482-7205 or 1-800-562-7614 or at kmarshall@wuppdr.org

WUPPDR Commission Meeting Schedule

THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH*			
Full Commission	December	17	2007
Executive Committee	January	21	2008
Executive Committee	February	18	2008
Full Commission	March	17	2008
Executive Committee	April	21	2008
Executive Committee	May	19	2008
Full Commission	June	16	2008
Executive Committee	July	21	2008
Executive Committee	August	18	2008
Annual Meeting	September	15	2008
Executive Committee	October	20	2008
Executive Committee	November	17	2008

* Executive Committee and Full Commission meeting times to be announced.

