

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

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Questions have been raised by the public for the Iron County Board of Supervisors voting to spend \$3,000 on the purchase and erection of a wire fence at Fortune Lake Park replacing an existing snow fence to enclose three cub bears and a few deer. Some of the Supervisors justified the expenditure on the grounds that the animals are a tourist attraction. Others stated the vote was in response by the new West Side Supervisors that fathered rather lavish expenditures for the Fair Grounds in Iron River and thought that it was not amiss to support something for other parks. Some citizens proclaim that the \$3,000 could have spent too much better advantage in the purchase of additional timber lands that would benefit coming generations when compared to the short time period for the penned bear cubs. Purchase of several standing virgin white pine tracts which are some of the only remaining forests of that type in the Upper Peninsula would be a wiser allocation of funds.