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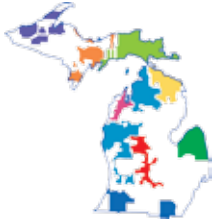
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**Some co-op editions have a different cover.*

IN YOUR WORDS

This is our new "question of the month" section of *Michigan Country Lines*. Let us know your answer and it may appear in the next month's issue or on your electric co-op's social media site. Please answer the question at countrylines.com. Submissions are due November 12.

Now the question:

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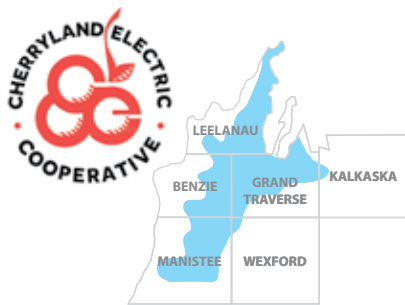
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Cherryland's Economic Impact



Tony Anderson
General Manager

As I am writing this, the stock market is making news with large declines and subsequent attempts to rally. Gas prices are declining once again and driving (no pun intended!) some economic activity. It made me stop and think about the impact Cherryland Electric Cooperative has on the local and regional economy.

I had our top-notch accounting staff go back to the start of the last recession to help develop the numbers for this story on the consistent economic impact that your co-op has had since 2008.

The first logical number is capital credits returned to our members. Capital credits are each member's share of our margins or profits in a given year. We use this zero-interest loan from our owners to do such things as fund facility improvements, buy trucks, and reduce our interest expense on long-term borrowings.

Your board of directors recently approved a \$2.6 million capital credit retirement for 2015. Current members will see a bill credit in October. Since 2008, your co-op has returned almost \$16 million. This is \$16 million directly into the pockets of past and present members that flows directly into our regional economy.

Another big economic stimulus provided by your electric co-op lies in such things as the in-house system improvements, equipment purchases, and outside construction contracts necessary to upgrade our distribution facilities each year. These are physical assets and additions necessary to keep the delivery of electricity to your home reliable.

Since 2008, we have invested more than \$18 million to maintain and improve the network of poles and wires throughout the 1,400 square miles of our service territory. This is money that will roll over multiple times in our regional economy.

In the six counties served by Cherryland, new and expanding business is vital to growing our economy. Your co-op assists in this area through a zero-interest revolving loan fund.

Set up by multiple USDA grants over the last several years, this loan fund helps local entrepreneurs purchase equipment and add to present facilities. For each \$20,000 borrowed, the borrower must show the addition or retention of one full-time position. The Cherryland board has approved \$1.6 million in zero-interest loans since 2008.

Over 80 jobs have been created or saved with the use of these loan funds. Obviously, numbers will vary from family to family. For argument's sake, let's say that each job pumps a mere \$2,000 per month into the local economy. Over the course of one year,

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Volunteering at Munson Manor

By Nick Edson

One-by-one they trudge into the dining room at Munson Manor, many of them tired from spending the day with loved ones in the hospital.

Some of them are lost in thought. When will I be able to go home? How am I going to pay for this? What am I going to do for dinner tonight?

Suddenly, they remember where they are and look up. They smell the freshly cooked meal wafting across the big kitchen. They see the smiles of the volunteer workers who prepared the meal. Suddenly, they feel the "home touch" they so desperately needed.

The smiles return to their faces. They start to think more positive thoughts about their situation. And they go out of their way to give a heartfelt "Thank You" to volunteers.

That is the experience of volunteering at Munson Manor, something I started doing with Rotary and my good friend John Racine 10 years ago. We would form a team of four people—John and his wife Linda, and my wife Lois and I.

We were not only doing something good for someone—after all, the Rotary motto is "Service Above Self"—but we genuinely had fun preparing a meal for 30 people in the beautiful Munson Manor kitchen that features multiple ovens, dishwashers, sinks and everything you would need to prepare such a meal.

The hosts of Munson Manor are Norm Weichelt and Char Hanson. They not only oversee guests checking in to rooms at the Manor, but are also there to answer questions about where all the pots, pans, plates and glasses are.

They make volunteering to make meals at Munson Manor easy and enjoyable. At Cherryland, we started by doing meals every other month in 2014. This year, we prepare a meal every month. And it's so popular with our employees that half of our 50 employees—25 of us—form teams and prepare meals.

Norm and Char would like to see more companies—and just more people—prepare home cooked meals at Munson Manor.

"We have anywhere from one to three volunteer groups a week," said Norm. "Some of them are

"What keeps us coming back is the appreciation that the residents express to us. It is heartfelt gratitude."

service clubs, like Rotary. Some of them are church groups. And some of them, like Cherryland, are businesses. We would welcome more groups because the residents who are staying at Munson Manor really appreciate the meals when this is their home away from home."

What do the meals consist of? Well, in July our Cherryland team of Chris Holmes, Debbie Sierzputowski, Caroline Simaz and myself prepared pulled pork and pulled chicken sandwiches, with baked beans, potato salad, chocolate sheet cake, lemonade and water.

We started preparing the meal at 4 p.m., served it from 5:30 to 6:30, put the leftovers in one of four refrigerators, cleaned up and left by 7 p.m.

What keeps us coming back is the Munson Manor staff, the first-class facilities and—most importantly—the appreciation that the residents express to us. It is heartfelt gratitude.



Nick Edson

It's why more companies and more groups should look into volunteering at the Manor. You can contact Norm at nweichelt@mhc.et or call him at 231-935-2300. It will be the best thing you do this week. ■

The Munson Manor Hospitality House is a "home away from home" for family members of out-of-town patients who face the added stress of traveling during a loved one's hospitalization. The facility is also available for patients and their caregivers who must provide their own lodging during outpatient treatments and procedures.

Munson Manor offers 30 rooms that can accommodate up to 54 people, including two RV pads with connections. It is located behind Munson Medical Center at 1220 Medical Campus Drive. For more information, please call 231-935-2300.

Balancing Temps in a Two-Story Home

By James Dulley

Even with the newest heat pump systems there can still be problems keeping all the rooms in your home comfortable. Someone is always too hot or too cold, particularly in a two-story home. Unless you install an expensive zone-control system with multiple thermostats, your heat pump can only respond to the temperature of the room where the wall thermostat is located.

Numerous factors determine how much heating or cooling is used. These can include the number and orientation of the windows, what floor the room is located on, activity level and the length of the duct leading to it.

There may also be differences in the energy efficiency of various rooms, which cause the temperature difference. Leaky windows are a common problem. When using an air-conditioning system, place an air deflector over the register to help distribute cool air.

Check your home's attic insulation, especially if it is the blown-in type. The insulation can shift, and some rooms can have 2 feet of insulation while others only have 2 inches. This will affect room temperature.

Standard sheet metal ductwork often has many leaky spots, so some of the heated or cooled air leaving the heat pump never makes it to the rooms in your home. The joints between the duct segments are the most common areas that leak. Use a high-quality duct tape to wrap all of the joints, and this may take care of most of the problem.

Each room should have a return air register, particularly bedrooms where the doors may be closed at night.



Check the ducts near the heat pump. If you see short handles on each one, they are for controlling dampers inside the ducts. Partially close the dampers in the ducts leading to the rooms which are getting too much heating or cooling to force more to the problem rooms.

Don't try closing the damper in the room's floor or wall registers. They typically are leaky, so the air flow will not be reduced by much. Also, the ducts inside the walls are probably leaky and you may have no access to seal them, so conditioned air is lost inside the exterior walls.

If these methods do not provide adequate temperature balancing, consider installing duct booster fans. These small fans mount in the ducts to the problem rooms and force more air to them.

The fans sense when the main blower turns on, and automatically run at the same time. Others have built-in thermostats to determine when they run. The fan can be wired into your blower switch to turn on with the heat pump.

A simple do-it-yourself option is to install a small register booster fan. This fan mounts over the register cover and plugs into a standard wall outlet. The fan uses about 30 watts of electricity, and some are adjustable to turn on only when more cooling or heating is needed in that particular room.

Setting the thermostat to "continuous fan" may also help, but note that it will increase your electric bill. The fan setting is most helpful if your new heat pump has a variable-speed blower that can continuously run on a low speed. These motors are also more efficient than a standard blower motor. ■



Use Your Space Heater Safely

Many people use space heaters for winter warmth, but they can be dangerous if used improperly.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) estimates that 25,000 home fires every year are associated with space heaters, causing over 300 deaths. An additional 6,000 people annually go to the hospital for related burns.

These fires are caused by contact with or nearness to the heating elements, flammable fuels used in the heaters, defective wiring, and carbon monoxide poisoning caused by improper venting or incomplete fuel combustion. ■

Here are tips for using an electric space heater safely:

- Keep it at least 3 feet from flammables, such as curtains, clothing, furniture or bedspreads.
- Select a model with an automatic shut-off, in case it tips.
- Buy one that is certified by an independent testing lab, such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL).
- Buy the right size to handle the area to be heated.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Keep kids and pets at a safe distance.
- Never leave it unattended, or sleep with it on.
- Never use or store flammable liquids near it.
- Do not use it in a bathroom—a high-moisture area can cause damage.
- Keep it away from water to prevent electrocution.
- Check the cord for fraying and cracks, and do not use an extension cord to run it.
- Be sure the plug fits snugly in the outlet. (The cord and plug may feel warm when operating, but it shouldn't feel hot. If it does, unplug it and have a repair person check for problems.)
- Do not try to repair a broken heater yourself—go to a qualified appliance service center.

Visit cpsc.gov for more safety tips on space heaters and ones that use wood or kerosene.



Pretzel Rods

Fred Black, Sandusky

- 1 lb. dark chocolate
- 50 large pretzel rods
- different colored sugars

Pour colored sugar on wax or parchment paper. Melt chocolate and pour into a tall glass. Hold onto end of pretzel and dip $\frac{3}{4}$ of the pretzel into the melted chocolate. Roll the pretzels in the sugar and put on plate to cool.

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CANDY

Irresistible recipes perfect for entertaining crowds or giving as gifts.

Luau Bark (pictured)

Deborah Black, Sandusky

- 1 lb. white chocolate
- ¾ c. chopped pecans
- ¾ c. toasted coconut
- ½ c. miniature marshmallows
- ½ c. chopped dried cherries
- ½ c. chopped dried pineapple

Melt the chocolate in a double boiler. Add all ingredients and stir in. Spread on parchment paper in 11x14-inch rectangle pan. Cut into squares when set. When cool, break apart.



Saltine Cracker Candy with Toasted Pecans

Mary Ann Schultz, Scottville

- 35 saltine crackers
- 1 c. butter, cubed
- 1 c. packed brown sugar
- 2 c. (12-oz.) semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1 c. toasted pecans (see below)*

Preheat oven to 350°. Line a 15x10x1-inch baking pan with foil; grease foil. Arrange saltines in a single layer on foil. In a large heavy saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Stir in brown sugar. Bring to a boil; cook and stir 3–4 minutes, or until sugar has dissolved. Spread mixture evenly over saltine crackers. Bake 8–10 minutes, or until bubbly. Immediately sprinkle with chocolate chips. Allow chips to soften for a few minutes, then spread over top. Sprinkle with pecans. Cool slightly. Refrigerate, uncovered 1 hour or until set. Break into pieces. Store in an airtight container in refrigerator.

*To toast nuts: Spread pecans in a 15x10x1-inch baking pan. Bake at 350° for 5–10 minutes, or until lightly browned, stirring occasionally.

Easy Pralines

Faye Adkins, Tecumseh

- 1 pkg. butterscotch pudding powder (not instant)
- 1 c. granulated sugar
- ½ c. brown sugar
- ½ c. evaporated milk
- 1 T. butter
- 1½ c. broken pecans

To a heavy 2 quart saucepan over low heat, add pudding mix, granulated sugar, brown sugar, evaporated milk and butter. Stir and cook until sugar dissolves. Add pecans. Cook and stir to a full boil. Boil slowly 3–5 minutes, stirring often, until candy reaches soft ball stage. To test readiness, drop a small piece of the mixture in a bowl of cold water. If it forms into a soft, flexible ball, it is ready. Take off heat. Beat until candy thickens but still looks shiny. Drop quickly with a tablespoon onto waxed paper to form 2-inch patties. Allow 1 spoonful for each. Let stand until firm. Makes 24.

Rocky Road Candy

Mákara Garcia, Baldwin

- 1 pkg. (6-oz.) semi-sweet chocolate pieces
- 1 square (1-oz.) unsweetened chocolate
- 1 T. butter
- 2¼ c. powdered sugar
- ½ t. salt
- 1 t. vanilla
- 2 c. salted peanuts
- 2 c. miniature marshmallows

Melt chocolate pieces, unsweetened chocolate and butter in a large saucepan over low heat, stirring until smooth. Remove from heat. Mix in sugar, salt and vanilla. Blend in chocolate mixture and stir in peanuts and marshmallows. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto waxed paper. Chill for 2 hours or until firm. Store in refrigerator and remove just before serving. Makes about 4 dozen candies.

SUBMIT YOUR RECIPE!

Thanks to all who send in recipes. Please send in your favorite "Chili" recipes by **Nov. 1** and "Gluten Free" recipes by **Dec. 1**.

Enter your recipe online at countrylines.com or send to (handprinted or typed on one side, please): *Country Lines* Recipes, 201 Townsend St., Suite 900, Lansing, MI 48933. Please note the co-op from which you receive your electric service.

Contributors whose recipes we print in 2015 will be entered in a drawing and *Country Lines* will pay the winner's January 2016 electric bill (up to \$200)!

Camp Grayling: Your Story Needed

Cherryland Electric Cooperative is proud to recognize its men and women who have served in the U.S. National Guard. We are looking for co-op members who are currently serving or formerly served at Camp Grayling to feature in a *Michigan Country Lines* story. Please submit your name, phone number and email to mglunz@cherrylandelectric.coop by Oct. 12, to be considered for inclusion in the upcoming November/December issue story.

Cherryland's 2016 Annual Meeting is June 23rd

Save the Date: Cherryland Electric Cooperative's 2016 Annual Meeting will be held Thursday, June 23 at Incredible Mo's. The 78th Annual Meeting will mark the third year Cherryland has held the event at Mo's, which features games for kids of all ages, plus outstanding food. And it's all free for Cherryland members.

Next Member Input Session Is Dec. 21

The board of directors at Cherryland Electric Cooperative is offering another opportunity for members to provide direct input to the board on a quarterly basis. Members will be able to talk to the board next on Monday, Dec. 21, at 9 a.m. at the company office in Grawn.

Members are asked to come to the lobby and request to speak to the board. Members are asked to keep their comments to 5 minutes. Member attendance at the board meeting is allowed for the public input portion of the meeting only.

Cherryland members are afforded a chance to meet with the board on a quarterly basis during meetings in March, June, September and December.

Cherryland Buys and Donates 2 Pigs at Fair

Two children of Cherryland Electric Cooperative members saw their pigs purchased at the Northwestern Michigan Fair on Aug. 13 by the cooperative.

In turn, the co-op donated the pigs to Father Fred and Goodwill.

Brent Osborn is an 11-year-old who goes to Mesick Schools. His swine weighed in at 243 pounds. Camryn Jenkins is a 9-year-old who attends Immaculate Conception in Traverse City. Her pig tipped the scales at 282 pounds.

More than 270 pigs were auctioned off at the fair.

Cherryland Cares Seeks Grant Applications

Area non-profit agencies who are seeking financial help can apply for a grant through Cherryland Cares.

Cherryland Cares is a five-member board, made up of Cherryland Electric Cooperative members, who distribute money from Operation Round Up to area non-profits. The next quarterly meeting of Cherryland Cares is Monday, Dec. 21. The deadline for applications is Friday, Dec. 11.

Operation Round Up money comes from Cherryland members who elect to round up their bills to the nearest dollar every month. This amount averages \$6 per year.

To receive a Cherryland Cares grant application or to join Operation Round Up, contact Nick Edson at Cherryland. His direct line is 231-486-9222 or e-mail him at nedson@cherrylandelectric.coop. ■

Cherryland's Economic Impact

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these 80 jobs are responsible for \$1.9 million. Since 2008, this comes to an economic impact of more than \$13 million.

Even the impact of our members' pocket change is being felt across our service territory. Through Cherryland Cares, members round up their monthly bill to the nearest dollar. These contributions average just \$6 per year, per participating member. Since 2008, this pocket change has totaled \$234,000 in donations to area non-profits.

With only two rate increases since 2008 and ZERO since 2011, we feel like we are doing what we can

to provide rates that more than beat the cost of inflation. I believe that every year we don't have a rate increase, we avoid a \$1 million hit to the local economy.

When I add up this snapshot of just a few ways Cherryland impacts the economy, I get an almost \$56 million infusion into our region since 2008.

So, while the bulls and bears of Wall Street come and go, and the price at the pump goes up and down, your local electric co-op continues to be a consistent engine that helps drive a positive economy locally and regionally. ■



Cherryland played a key role in Kids' Day at the Northwestern Michigan Fair, as well as being a sponsor of the pancake breakfast.



Cherryland board president Terry Lautner helped Cherryland purchase two pigs to donate to charity.

Goin' To The Fair

Cherryland Electric Cooperative was an active participant again in the Northwestern Michigan Fair. From sponsoring the pancake breakfast to providing games on Kids' Day to buying two pigs to donate to area non-profits, Cherryland and its employees were busy at the week-long event.

These pictures show some of the fun our employees had with the people at the fair. ■

NEW For Our Members

Every Photo Tells a Story

Enter the "Pay My Bill" Photo Contest! Cherryland members whose photos we print in *Country Lines* will be entered in a drawing and one lucky member will win a credit (up to \$200) on their December 2016 energy bill. Upcoming topics for 2016 and deadlines are: **"Best of Selfies,"** due **Nov. 15** for the January issue; **"Cute Pets,"** due **Dec. 15** for the February issue; and **"Winter Fun,"** due **Jan. 15** for the March issue; **"Birds of Beauty,"** due **Feb. 15** for the April issue.

Visit cherrylandelectric.coop/photo-contest/ to submit your high resolution digital photo, read contest rules and see upcoming themes. It's fast and easy. We look forward to seeing your best shot!

A Smart Way to Save Lives

Turns out, Grand Traverse 9-1-1 has a smarter way to protect us.

By Nick Edson

It's called Smart911 and it's a game-changer, according to Leah Hornacek, the administrative supervisor for Central Dispatch in Traverse City.

"We're the first county in the state to approve Smart911 and soon the entire state of Michigan will have it," she said.

What makes Smart911 different is its ability to pinpoint and locate emergencies quicker.

"It dramatically increases the amount of information available to first responders," she said.

"We had a local case where a man was coughing but couldn't talk when he called Smart911," Hornacek said. "We were able to pinpoint his location through GPS much quicker. Responders got to him 11 minutes quicker than they would have without Smart911. So he survived. Those 11 minutes were the difference between life and death."

Hornacek said Central Dispatch logged nearly 40,000 phone calls in 2014 and 75 percent of those calls—more than 30,000—were from cell phones.

Many cell phone calls don't come from home, so if a person needs emergency help and they aren't home, the information they furnish to smart911.com will allow first responders to get in touch with the person much faster through the use of GPS.

"How many of you currently use Smart911?" Hornacek asked a local Traverse City service club of more than 200 attendees during a recent meeting. Only a few hands went up in the air.

"Well, that's not surprising," she said. "Right now, only 10 percent of the people in our area use it. We have to get the word out.

She said filling out the information at smart911.com makes it easier for first responders to do their jobs.

What exactly is Smart911?

It's a free service used by public safety agencies across the country to enhance communication and response for their community. It can be used by 9-1-1 agencies to quickly send first responders to the location of an emergency with more information, by emergency management to better plan for and respond to disasters, and by municipalities to send emergency notifications to their citizens.

The **9-1-1 service** of Smart911 allows you to create a safety profile for your household which will proactively provide details on your family and home that 9-1-1 may need in order to send help in an emergency.

By creating a safety profile, you are providing potentially life-saving information to public safety officials at the time when they need it most.

The **emergency management service** of Smart911 allows you to answer questions about yourself, your family and your household that will help emergency management officials plan for and respond to disasters by being able to understand the needs of their whole community.

The **emergency notification service** of Smart911 allows you to opt-in to receive alerts from your community through a variety of communication channels including voice, text or email. ■





Cherryland Members Care About Others

By Nick Edson

Cherryland members who participate in Operation Round Up have made a big difference in the lives of their neighbors in need.

The five-member all-volunteer board that makes up Cherryland Cares has made \$260,000 in grants over the last 10 years.

The board considers applications from non-profits in the area on a quarterly basis and has made hundreds of grants over the years for organizations such as Father Fred, Boots for Kids and the Youth Conservation Corps.

"Father Fred has received several grants over the years and those funds have really helped people in need in our community," said Deb Haase, executive director of Father Fred.

The latest grant to Father Fred—in June of this year—was for affordable dental care.

"The lack of access to affordable dental care is a prevalent issue for the people we see," said Sara Sander, a client assistance administrator for Father Fred. "Just the other day, we helped a young woman with money we got from Cherryland Cares. She was having issues with multiple wisdom teeth that needed to be extracted. She had been in a great deal of pain—to the point she had to go to the emergency room at Munson. But once she got those teeth pulled, she felt so much better and was so grateful and appreciative of the assistance. She is a low-income wage earner with little to no room to save for such needs."

Not only does Sara hear first-hand thanks from grateful community members, but she also gets "thank you" cards.

"The latest card talked about how the dental program changed their lives," said Sander.

"They were proud to be part of a community where people pitched in to help those less fortunate."

Another non-profit that received a grant in June was SEEDS—which stands for Seeking Ecology, Education and Design Solutions.

SEEDS oversees the Youth Conservation Corps, a workforce development and training program for youths ages 16-25 who are considered vulnerable for reasons of family poverty, academic performance or behavior records.

SEEDS provides on-the-job training through service/learning projects. Each youth graduates with industry recognized credentials—like CPR/First Aid, scholarships for continuing education and improved life skills that foster adult success.

"The grant we received from Cherryland Cares helps these young people become better contributors to our community," said SEEDS Executive Director Sarna Salzman. "Youth Corps programs—and there are hundreds across the nation—are among the best programs to help youth living on the edge of success make that step into claiming their own positive futures."

Salzman said that SEEDS has provided more than 350 summer jobs in northern Michigan with the Youth Corps program.

Cherryland members can sign up to be part of Cherryland Cares/Operation Round Up by calling 231-486-9200 and talking to a member service representative. Your monthly bill will be rounded up to the nearest dollar and 100 percent of the money goes to area non-profits. ■

Above: Members of the Youth Conservation Corps, which benefited from the Cherryland Cares grant, assemble for a picture.



Chad Pastotnik Creates
Literary Beauty
The Handcrafted Way



Michigan's Bookmaker

By John Schneider

Had Pastotnik's alchemy is half art, half toil. The fine-bookmaker must baby ancient machines, negotiate literary translations, conduct workshops, and fulfill international speaking engagements.

In a recent blog, Pastotnik, who runs Deep Wood Press out of his home in the woods near Mancelona, wrote: "Sometimes running a business and being an artist have nothing to do with actually making art."

Nonetheless, the alchemy works. Four-hundred-year-old printing and binding techniques weave their magic. Pastotnik's lead becomes pure gold.

"I make books the old-fashioned way," Pastotnik says. But not quite. His limited edition fine-press creations are world-renowned and sell for up to \$3,000 each. That was the price tag on a one-of-a-kind deluxe edition of Pastotnik's treatment of Joseph Conrad's famous novel, *"Heart of Darkness."* Typically, Pastotnik's books cost between \$100 and \$1,000.

Pastotnik's type is hand-set, or cast on a linotype machine, from molten lead. His pages are printed on obsolete cylinder presses. He uses wood engravings and linoleum cuts. His handmade cotton paper is tucked into luxurious bindings of fine leather and exotic cloth. The finished product: "A piece of art that functions as a book." By Pastotnik's estimate, only 50 to 70 other people in the U.S. do what he does.

Pastotnik is grateful that his ancient equipment (one of his presses was built in 1911) is surprisingly reliable: "Fortunately, it's built much better than most things are nowadays."

Born in Cadillac, Pastotnik made his escape from northern Michigan as a young man.

"I couldn't wait to leave," he says. "Then, I couldn't wait to get back."

On a fly-fishing trip to Antrim County around 1990, Pastotnik came upon a small fishing cabin on the Cedar River that was for sale. The bucolic setting struck a chord. He moved in. In 1992, the cabin became the home of Deep Wood Press. Pastotnik studied printmaking at Grand Valley State University. His first venture into hand-made books came in Chicago. Pastotnik says, "I get to share my wonderful life with my wife, Kathryn, and our two children. Being able to raise a family in such an amazing environment is something we're thankful for every day."

Pastotnik confesses that he loves fly-fishing as much as making books. Some recent titles (*"The Trout in Winter,"* by Jerry Dennis, for example) reflect a blending of the two passions. "It's a good excuse for business meetings on the stream," he says.

Among Pastotnik's other recent books: *"The Intruder,"* by Robert Traver (the pen name of John Voelker, the Upper Peninsula author of *"Anatomy of a Murder"*) and *"There Be Monsters,"* written by Pastotnik, who calls it "a little fable about how to walk in the woods."

In 2010, Pastotnik won the prestigious Carl Hertzog Award for *"Heart of Darkness,"* and he's featured in the PBS television series, *"A Craftsman's Legacy,"* as *"The Bookmaker,"* Episode 11. It aired last fall, but you can find it at craftsmanslegacy.com/Home.

Pastotnik hopes his works of art aren't handled with white gloves and parked in display cases, however, "I would certainly hope," he says, "my books get read."

Visit deepwoodpress.com to browse all of Pastotnik's titles. ■

MESMERIZING GRAND MARAIS

By Yvonne Whitman



The Fishnet House boutique. Owner and artist Kim Amthor lived in the historic cottage for 20 years before converting it into her shop. "The building had a beautiful spirit to it and a rustic elegance. I fell in love with it."



The Pickle Barrel House Museum, originally built in 1926 as a summer home for cartoonist William Donahey. Purchased in 2003 by the Historical Society, it has been restored to its original condition as a summer cottage of the 1920s and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



Matthias Jung and Sarah Sadacharam, from Germany, in front of the Breakwall Bakery and Café. "Grand Marais just has a nice feel to it. Its calm and kind of mesmerizing."

Grand Marais, Michigan, was named by early French explorers who used the word "marais" to mean "harbor of refuge." It lived up to its name, as historically the large, shallow harbor has acted as a lifeline for sailors traveling the dangerous shipwreck coast of Lake Superior.

Nestled on the south shore of Lake Superior, the charming and idyllic Grand Marais now acts as the eastern gateway to the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore and a popular tourist destination. With a permanent population of only about 300, the town census ebbs and flows mightily throughout the year as the locale is well known as a four-season destination offering snowmobiling in the winter and biking, swimming, boating, fishing and kayaking in the summer. And while the community is small, its

voice is mighty as was evidenced in 2011, when it gained national attention by becoming the leader in a national contest sponsored by *Reader's Digest*. Visitors to the "We Hear You America" website had the opportunity to "cheer" for any community in order to win recognition and cash prizes. Grand Marais attained 1,281,724 "cheers" and won the top municipal first prize of \$40,000 in the contest, as well as notoriety in a subsequent *Reader's Digest* article.

The town plays host to several events during the popular summer months. In mid-June, the harbor is the site of the annual sea plane fly in, hosted by the Grand Marais Pilots Association on behalf of the National Seaplane Pilots Association. In July, it's home to the Great Lakes Sea Kayak Symposium, a multi-day event which attracts sea kayakers from

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and he picked Grand Marais.”



A group of Harley riders from the Shelby Township HOG chapter who made a stop at the Bayshore Market for gas and refreshments before heading back on the road to complete a 10 day road trip.



Kim Weaver pictured in front of the Grand Marais community rose garden with her dog, and town mascot, Heikki. Heikki is named after Heikki Lunta, the Finnish snow god character.



A group from the Lower Peninsula branch of the Civil Air Patrol who were in Grand Marais for training. According to Major Mark Ginnard "We come to this area to train in adverse conditions and get used to them. Grand Marais is a favorite place for us to stop."

around the country. It is billed as “the largest and oldest sea kayaking symposium on the Great Lakes.”

A music and art Festival in August and triathlon in September finish off the summer event calendar. Autumn heralds in the fall color tour season and legions of drivers trek to Grand Marais along H58, a road known for its infamous 194 curves that make it popular with motor enthusiasts. Grand Marais is also a travel town on the North Country Trail (NCT). Created by Congress in 1980, the NCT is the longest National Scenic Trail in the United States (4,600 miles when complete).

While Grand Marais draws visitors who enjoy its beauty for just a few days, it casts a more powerful spell on some individuals who opt to make it a

permanent destination. Such was the case for Kim and Dennis Weaver, who own Grand Marais Outfitters. The Weavers moved to Grand Marais four years ago when Dennis retired from a 23-year career with the U.S. Marines. Frequent visitors to the area over the years, according to Kim, “I asked him where he wanted to retire. I said, the government has been telling you where to go for 23 years and the Marines have been in some pretty miserable places. He had the whole world to choose from, and he picked Grand Marais.” ■

**For more information on Grand Marais visit
grandmaraismichigan.com**

Wish Upon a Star at Headlands International Dark Sky Park

By Emily Haines



Most of us have had the magical moment as a child of wishing on the first star in the night sky. But what if those moments weren't reserved for children in their backyards?

Those inspiring moments happen 24 hours a day, 365 days a year at the Headlands International Dark Sky Park in Mackinaw City, MI.

The only designated dark sky park in Michigan and one of the first 10 in the United States, Headlands is over 550 acres of wooded area and more than 2 miles of undeveloped Lake Michigan shoreline on the Mackinaw Straits. This protected area ensures not only the quality and safety of the land, water and air in the area, but of a resource that is often overlooked just above us—the night sky.

A “dark park” designation ensures light levels over the area never interrupt the natural darkness of the sky or impede the view of the stars and their celestial companions.

Headlands’ program director, as well as star lore historian and storyteller, Mary Stewart Adams encourages visitors to get in touch with their inner compass and explorer.

“Finding your way both on the earth and the sky is profoundly philosophical, as well as practical,” Adams explains. “We’ve lost our ability to navigate without the press of a button, and visiting the park allows you to learn to find your way again.” ■

Planning a visit to Headlands?

Follow these simple tips to make it a memorable trip.

- **Do research:** Check what you can expect seasonally in the sky to get your bearings.
- **Come early:** Get familiar and take in the sunset.
- **Lights out:** No artificial lights. If you need a flashlight, wrap a red bandana around it with tape.
- **Bug off:** Bring bug spray to keep away unwanted pests.
- **No camping:** While you’re welcome and encouraged to stay out all night, no tents or camping equipment are allowed. Bring along a chair or sleeping bag to keep comfy and warm.
- **New moon:** Best time to see the wonders of the night sky are at the new moon (in October, that’s the 12th).

Visit midarkskypark.org for more information.



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Total Utility Plant
additions since 2009

\$18.7 million

Money invested in
our local electrical
distribution system.

Economic Development Loans
to Area Businesses since 2009

\$1.7 million

Money circulated in our
local economy.

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