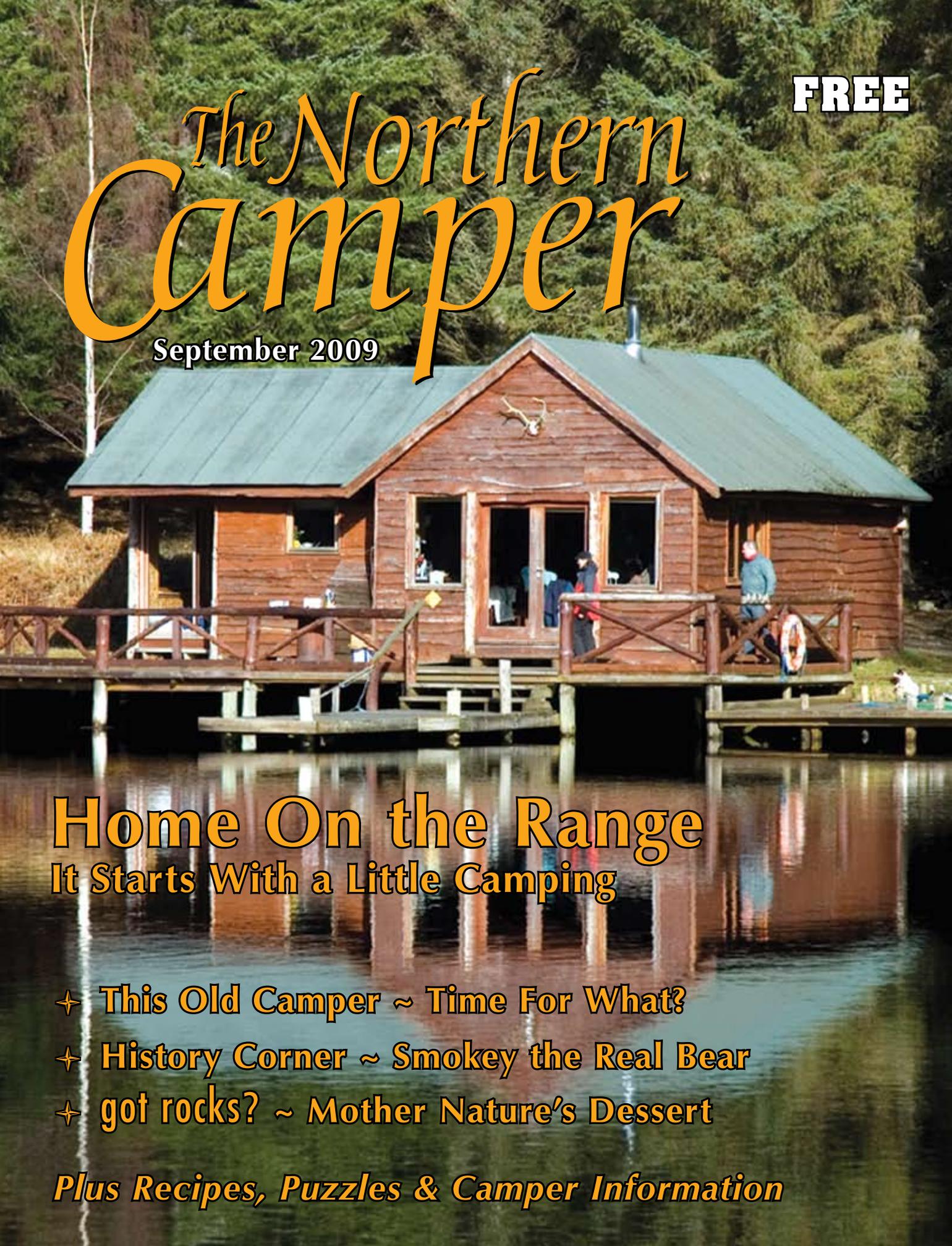


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A photograph of a rustic wooden cabin with a green metal roof, situated on a wooden pier over a calm lake. The cabin has a deer head mounted on its front wall. Several people are visible on the deck. The background is a dense forest of evergreen trees.

## Home On the Range

It Starts With a Little Camping

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*Plus Recipes, Puzzles & Camper Information*

**Editor's Pencil**

# Sha la te da

## Do you remember when ~ we used to sing . . .

Picture yourself on a weekend road trip. The sun is out (for real) and the fall hue is just kissing the edge of the leaves with reds and golds. Put in a CD of *Brown Eyed Girl* to remind you of that warm beach night. Move the dog out of the way and stick your own head out the window. Sing at the top of your lungs and feel happy. Fall claims to be the favorite season of many.

Check out the campgrounds you plan to visit next season. During your scout trip, you might as well write down the numbers from the real estate signs for that cabin or land that catches your eye.

Stop at the Farmer's Market but check our recipe page first so you can stock up on all you need to can, cook or bake.

And are you ready to winterize your camper? Gerry from *This Old Camper* isn't either, but keep his tip list handy for when you are and check out your local storage areas for great facilities, repairs and prices.

It's not too late to hit the beach either—just take your jacket and rock bag. The fall winds are churning up the

lakes for some of the best rocks to collect for your winter craft projects.

Don't end that road trip until you've checked out a small town—maybe a town you've never been to but pass the sign for it and always think, "I wonder what's there?"

Wherever that road trip leads, we hope it's fun and full of adventure. We'd love to hear your stories so please stay in touch through our website or give us a call.

Thanks to you, our readers, writers and sponsors we are looking forward to next spring and our 6th season. And though we love ole' Smokey Bear (*page 14*), we're not following his lead on hibernation. We hope to add another eight pages and new features: "Disect the Insect," and "Veg(itation) Out." We are also distributing a little farther and a little "wetter" adding marinas and a *Northern Boater*® section.

If you have a passion for the outdoors, a knack for writing, taking photos and talking with people, we look forward to hearing from you this winter. Thanks again for a great season and see you next May! ✦

~ Jim Dissette and Kathy Salvatore

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## What Do You Want to Be When You Retire?

*Tired of the 9-5? Ready to retire but not quite ready to give up some type of job?*

Here's a tip from the new camp hosts at Rambadt Park in Reed City who found the perfect retirement gig.

"Leann and I were married six years ago but knew back then we wanted to do this," said Tom Kingsbury. Both he and Leann were raised in Osceola county. Tom is a retired Osceola sheriff and soon to retire from the Reed City Police Department. Leann, a past infirmiry nurse is soon to retire from Vic's Supermarket.

So do they consider this their third career?



*(L to R) Past hosts Rosie & Jim Squires, host sidekick Terry Biker (back) and new host Jim Kingsbury (minus Leann, still working but not for long!).*

"Leann and I feel fortunate to be part of Rambadt Park," Tom said. "Our family is nearby in Ewart and our friends . . . well . . . I guess I'll still need to see this guy every once in awhile," Tom said of his past partner, Terry Biker.

And when the snow flies and the park snugs up for the winter, Tom and Leann won't be done hosting. They'll drive their 34-foot 5th wheel to Texas where another campground awaits their hosting hospitality for three months.

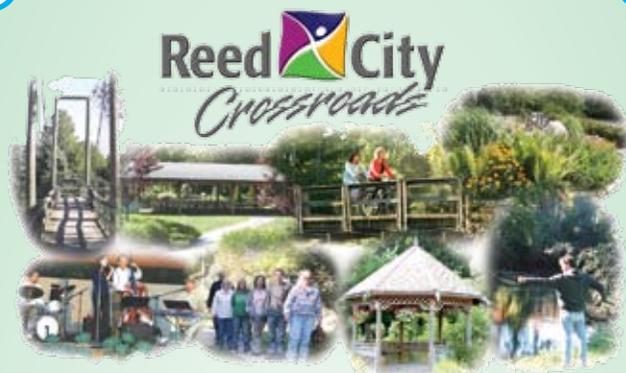
"We knew we wanted to see more of the country," Tom explained. "And we did a test run by living in our 5th wheel before we sold our house. Now we're rid of the bills and able to live our dream."

Past hosts, Rosie and Jim Squires are moving to Colorado but will miss the park. "We have the most beautiful gardens," Rosie said, "and the bonus is the city takes care of them!"

The Squires plan on making a trip to Texas this winter to see their old friends and enjoy the role reversal.

"I'll make a camping trip to Texas this winter myself," Terry laughed, "depending on how I feel about this guy at the time."

Old friend or new, plan a trip to Rambadt Park this fall or next summer and meet the Kingsburys. Maybe you'll "host" the thought of your retirement career! ✦



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# Home On the Range

## Tent to Trailer to Your Own Home

This may be the best time in years to own land in northern Michigan.  
Should you buy raw land or go from camper to cabin?

**Most people become campers** for an obvious economic reason – it's inexpensive.

At its most basic level, tent camping for a family of four can camp comfortably for under \$150. Really, all you need is the tent and probably a flashlight, if you don't already have one. Throw in some blankets and pillows, stick matches, a hammer for pounding tent stakes (of course, you can use a rock), a fry pan and some paper plates, knives and forks—things you already have around the house—and you're almost set to go. You'll want a cooler, but these aren't expensive either. You can get a styrofoam cooler for a couple of bucks. It won't last long, but you'll get a few camping trips out of it. You'll also need food, but you'd need that if you stayed home.

Load these things in the trunk of a car and off you go. Primitive camping fees in state campgrounds are only a few dollars a night, or you can camp on unimproved federal land for free, just check first with the U.S. Forest Service, [www.fs.fed.us](http://www.fs.fed.us).

Many young families start out this way, adding improvements to their gear as time goes on. Maybe sleeping bags for spring and fall camping as Christmas gifts and honey, how about a camp stove for our anniversary? (You could get worst gifts . . .)

Eventually, a camping family might show up at an RV dealer to walk through the trailers and motor homes and pop-ups, finally to return to purchase one.

This is a big step up. Suddenly, you have a full kitchen, a dry place to sleep and heated space. Camping along the shore of the Great Lakes becomes much more comfortable when you can get out of the wind. And on a rainy day everyone isn't confined to the close quarters of a tent.

Finally, after you've spent a few years visiting many campgrounds you begin to wonder if it would be possible to actually own some land in northern Michigan, maybe even a cabin or a cottage.

Then you look at the newspaper headlines and the dream seems to evaporate in the late summer air. Banks going out of business. People losing their homes to foreclosure. Adjustable rate mortgages climbing faster than a squirrel up a tree. No, you think, this can't be a good time to buy property.

You might be wrong.

Actually, a downturn in the real estate market can be a signal that this is a good time to buy. Factor in the cost of gasoline and it can be even more attractive. And when you consider that a land purchase is actually an investment, it makes even more sense. Consider these scenarios...



### Land For Your Camper Trailer

Anyone who is hauling a camper trailer into northern Michigan from another area, whether it's Grand Rapids, Detroit, Toledo or further away, is acutely aware of the price of gasoline. Your fuel costs have tripled in the last few years. In addition, you might be paying to store your trailer over the winter. Remember, too, that you're using a truck to haul your RV and also spending a lot of time hooking it up for the trip and unhooking it when you get to the campground.

Why not buy a nice piece of unimproved property and just leave the trailer there all year round?

This may not be for you if you're still in the exploration stage of camping. Maybe you still haven't camped near

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## Home On the Range *(continued from page 5)*

Lake Huron or Sleeping Bear Dunes or not yet ventured into the U.P. But if you've been there and done that and now find yourself coming back to Lake Missaukee or Mitchell State Park every year because you like the area, then you should consider buying property.

In addition to actually owning land up north, having a real investment and having a place to store your trailer, there are other advantages.

First, you can leave the truck behind, or sell it, and travel north in your little family car with the good gas mileage. The time you save not hooking up the trailer means you have more time to enjoy your vacation. It also makes the whole trip easier and it makes it easier to do it more often.

In addition, there are other things you can do with that land. If you hunt, you have your own private reserve. You might find morel mushrooms growing there in the spring. You'll see more wildlife than you will in your neighborhood down state. Since modern trailers have very good furnaces, you can also camp in the winter without worrying about whether the campground is open or going through the experience of pulling a trailer over snowy roads.

Another thing to consider with raw land is that you might, just maybe, be able to buy it on land contract terms. This means no bank is involved. You pay the seller in installments over a period of years until the land is paid

off. Your credit rating usually doesn't mean much. All that counts is that you make those payments, or you can lose what you paid as well as the land. You won't legally own it until its paid off—the seller will—but you'll have almost full use of it. For example, you won't be able to cut down all the trees on the land until you have paid for it, but you can enjoy a campfire any time.

Bottom line—because of the downturn in real estate, a seller might be willing to consider a land contract where they wouldn't have just a few years ago.

### An Up North Cottage

This is a true Michigan dream and more of a reality than in probably any other state. It came about because of the well-paying jobs in the downstate cities and availability and close proximity of the land in the forests and on the lakes to the north. And it's still alive. Many people own cottages and cabins in northern Michigan that have been passed to three or four generations. Your family can have this, too.

Largely due to the decline in the auto industry, there are a large number of homes, summer homes and cottages available in northern Michigan and many are located on lakes.

But this isn't likely to last. As baby-boomers get older, many are planning to retire to northern Michigan and while this trend is just beginning it's likely to mushroom.

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**Carolyn Lantz at Whitetail Realty in Lake City** points out that mortgage interest rates, while slightly higher than the historical lows reached a few years ago, are still reasonable and still way below, in fact about half the rates seen in the 1980's. In addition, she says, the annual increases in property values have stopped or declined.

"The decline in prices along with the First Time Buyer's Tax Credit of \$8,000 (December 1st deadline) make for a good time to buy property or a retirement home.

"It makes a lot more sense to put your money into an investment as opposed to just paying for gasoline."

Whitetail also specializes in lake front property around Lake City. "We know the plats," Carolyn said, which can mean the difference between actually owning a house with access rights to the lake as opposed to being near a public access anyone can use.

There can also be tax advantages to owning a second home or a cottage. Check with your tax advisor to see what might apply to you.

### Building Your Dream

For all the reasons mentioned above, the idea of building exactly what you want is more feasible, and less expensive, than it has been for many years. If you've ever considered this, now is the time to look into it.

**Arrow Homes in Merritt, located on M-55** about half way between Lake City and Houghton Lake, is one builder that has a lot of experience with people building vacation or retirement homes in addition to quality year around residences. They are a well-respected custom homebuilder, family owned and in business for over 37 years.

**Dean Utecht** says many people come to them with nothing more than an idea. Utecht says that Arrow Homes will sit down with a customer, get their ideas and then draw up a floor plan for them that will be used as the basis for the construction. They also work with many local banks.

Utecht says the cost of building a custom home have come down because of the downturn in the building industry. Materials such as lumber are cheaper and you won't have to wait long until construction can begin.

"Materials costs are as low as they have been in 10 years," Utecht said. Utecht pointed out one other advantage to owning a new home – the lack of a need for maintenance.

"We own a camper," Utecht said, "and I spend a lot of time on maintenance. You don't have any of that with a new home." (Arrow Homes: 231-328-4318)

So, while you're in northern Michigan, look around. Talk to a realtor like Whitetail or a builder like Arrow Homes. You might be very surprised what you find out. ✦



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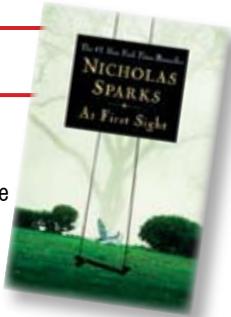
# Book Review

Jeremy Marsh is a New York writer who went to Boone Creek, North Carolina on assignment. He expected to write a magazine article. Meeting Lexie Darnell and falling in love was a complete surprise. Readers were introduced to their story in *True Believer*.

Nicholas Sparks continues the Jeremy/Lexie saga in *At First Sight*. During their brief time together, a child was conceived. Jeremy packs up and moves to Boone Creek to join his soon-to-be bride. The couple faces the usual adjustments, only at a quicker pace due to the pending wedding and baby. Jeremy has trouble adjusting to the slow-paced fishbowl that is small-town life.

Lexie prefers to keep secrets, and that causes tension as well. Several friends and their intentions complicate the mix and cast doubt on the future of Jeremy and Lexie. It's easy to follow the saga, but readers may want to check out *True Believer* before reading this tale to get a complete picture of all involved.

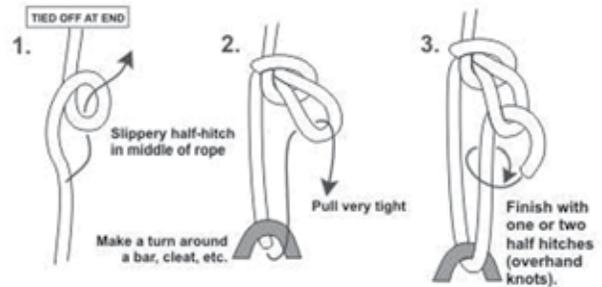
The majority of *At First Sight* takes place in Sparks' familiar coastal Carolina setting. Faith and tenderness amid a picturesque backdrop, trademarks of the author's past bestsellers, are present in this novel as well. Expect a few tears in this tale of true love.



# Camper's Knot

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The manufacturer also claims it compensates for crosswinds. (We'd like to see it tested on the Mackinaw Bridge.)

You can find out more about the Equal-i-zer brand hitch by calling their toll free number at **1-800-478-5578** or by visiting their website at **equalizerhitch.com**.

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# COOKIN' CAMPER'S

## STUFFED TOMATOES

- 1 Cup Short-Grain White Rice
- 6 Ripe But Firm Large Tomatoes
- 4 Tbsp. Olive Oil, Plus Extra for Drizzling
- Salt & Freshly Ground Black Pepper
- 1 Garlic Clove, Minced
- 3 Tbps. Chopped Fresh Basil Leaves
- 2 Tbps. Chopped Fresh Italian Parsley Leaves
- 1/4 Cup Grated Parmesan

Cook the rice in a medium saucepan of boiling salted water, stirring periodically, until just cooked through, about 10 minutes. Drain. Rinse the rice under cold running water. Set the rice aside.

Preheat the oven to 350°. Cut a 1/2-inch thick slice off the top of each tomato; reserve the tomato tops. Cut and scoop the seeds, pulp, and juice from each tomato into a small bowl. Reserve 1/4 cup of the tomato juice and pulp.

Oil the bottom of an 8 X 8-inch baking dish with 2 tablespoons of the olive oil. Place the hollowed tomatoes in the prepared dish.

Toss the rice with the reserved tomato juice and pulp. Add garlic, basil, parsley, Parmesan, the remaining 2 tablespoons of olive oil, and salt and pepper, to taste. Combine well. Spoon the rice mixture into the hollowed tomatoes, mounding slightly. Sprinkle leftover stuffing on the bottom of the pan. Drizzle entire dish with olive oil. Place the reserved tomato slices atop the tomatoes. Bake until the rice is heated through, about 20 minutes. Serve hot or at room temperature.

## PEACH SHORTCAKES

### SHORTCAKES

- 4 Cups Bisquick
- 1/2 Cup Sugar
- 1-1/2 Cup Milk
- 2 Tbps. Melted Butter
- 1-1/2 Tsp. Almond Flavoring

### PEACHES

- 6 Peaches
- 1 Tsp. Fruit Fresh (Fruit Preservative)
- Splash Warm Water
- 1-1/2 Cups Sugar

### WHIPPED CREAM

- 2 Cups Heavy Whipping Cream
- 1/2 Cup Sugar

### TOPPINGS

- Vanilla Ice Cream
- Mint Sprigs

Preheat oven to 400°.

To make the shortcakes, mix the Bisquick, sugar, milk, butter, and almond flavoring in a medium size bowl and pour into 12 well greased muffin tins. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes until done and remove from oven. Cool for 5 minutes and pop out of pans.

Peel, core, and slice the peaches. Immediately sprinkle with Fruit Fresh to prevent peaches from turning dark. Add a splash of warm water to the peaches to moisten. Stir the sugar into the peaches, cover, and refrigerate until ready to use.

In a large mixing bowl or mixer, combine the heavy cream and sugar, and whip until peaks start to form.

To serve, split the biscuit in 1/2 and place bottom 1/2 on a plate. Top with 1 scoop of vanilla ice cream, pour fresh peaches and syrup on top, and place top half of biscuit over ice cream and fruit. Ladle more fresh peaches on top and finish with a dollop of whipped cream. Garnish with a mint sprig.

## KOSHER DILL PICKLES

- 4 lbs. Cucumbers, 2 - 4" Long
- 3-1/2 Tbsp. Pickling Salt
- 1-1/2 Tbsp. Mustard Seeds
- 3 Cups Water
- 3 Cups White Vinegar
- 6 Bay Leaves
- 6 Cloves Garlic
- 6 Fresh Dill Heads, Or 1-1/2 Tbsp. Dill Seeds

Wash cucumbers. Combine salt, mustard seeds, water and vinegar in sauce pan. Heat to boiling.

Boil jars and lids. Drip dry jars and while still hot put one bay leaf, a clove of garlic and a piece of fresh dill into jar. Pack with cucumbers. Fill jar with hot liquid, leaving about 1/2-inch headspace. Carefully seal. Bring water to a boil in a large pan and insert the jars into the boiling water. Make sure the jars are covered with water. When all jars are in the boiling water, turn off the heat. Remove jars after 10 minutes. The pickles will be ready to eat in about 3 weeks.

## DOUBLE BAKED ZUCCHINI POTATOES

- 3 Large Baking Potatoes (About 3/4 lb. Each)
- 3 Cups Shredded Zucchini (About 2 Medium)
- 1 Medium Onion, Chopped
- 2 Tbsp. Butter, Divided
- 1/2 Cup Sour Cream
- 3/4 To 1 Tsp. Salt
- 1/8 To 1/4 Tsp. Pepper
- 1/2 Cup Shredded Cheddar Cheese

Scrub and pierce potatoes. Bake at 400° for 50-75 minutes or until tender. Cool until easy to handle. Reduce heat to 350°. In a large skillet, saute zucchini and onion in 1 tablespoon butter until tender. Drain and set aside. Scoop out the potato pulp, leaving a thin shell; place pulp in a bowl and mash. Add the sour cream, salt, pepper and remaining butter; mash. Stir in zucchini mixture. Spoon into potato shells. Sprinkle with cheese. Place on a baking sheet. Bake at 20-25 minutes or until heated through and cheese is melted

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## A Do-It-Yourself Guide For Camper Maintenance

by Gerry Bandelow, Lake City

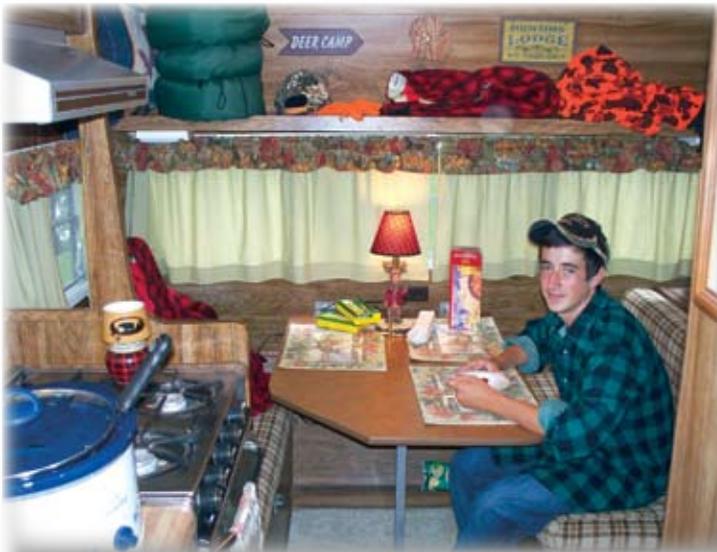
### *It's steadily approaching. We see the signs.*

The corn stalks reach higher to the skies. The vee of geese honk their good-byes from above. We start packing away our shorts and unpacking our long-johns. The rakes and snow shovels will change locations in the garage. The green shade trees will strut a new autumn wardrobe in a spectrum of red, orange and yellow hues. Cider, plain fried doughnuts and caramel apples on a stick will fill our pallets. The last of summer sun is on us and soon, winter will leave a white blanket over our camper roof tops. This brings us to this edition of *This Old Camper* and the “w” word—winterization.

I never look forward to winterizing our camper. Not because it's hard to do or time consuming, or even because it marks the end of summer. The main reason is—like I'm sure many of you—I use our camper up until winter has already arrived. On November 14th every year our camper becomes deer camp. My dad, son and I use the camper to sleep, eat chili from a crock-pot and watch mid-day foot ball games in. So my winterization doesn't happen until the end of November. And everyone in Northern Michigan knows “Old Man Winter” is already back by then.

Winterizing is essential, especially on used campers. They require a great deal of care to prolong the use and life of your camper and save on repair problems down the road.

So let's get started with the winterizing. First you will need to pick up a few things from your local store; non-toxic RV antifreeze, usually red/pink (never use auto antifreeze as it is very toxic), disinfectant wipes (like Clorox), bleach, moth balls (they now make them scented, we use lilac) and a vacuum cleaner. Once you have these things you can start winterizing. The following list is a general guild of things you should do to prepare your camper for winter.



- Drain the fresh water holding tank.
- Drain and clean out the gray and black water tanks. You will want to use a chemical cleaner (like bleach or contact your local camper supply dealer) on these tanks to kill any bacteria.
- Drain the hot water heater and implement hot water heater bypass systems as instructed in your owner's manual if needed.
- Open all of your water faucets and turn on the water pump until all of the water has been drained from the lines. Close all of the faucets after they are drained.

- You can buy a water pump kit, connect the inlet tube into your gallon of RV antifreeze, and then turn the water pump on and pressurize the system or put the recommended antifreeze into your fresh water tank through the intake valve on the outside of the camper with a funnel.
- Open each faucet, open the hot and cold valves until antifreeze appears.
- If you have a toilette, flush it until antifreeze appears. Cover the stool

- with saran wrap to help keep odor in.
- You will also want to pour a cup or two of antifreeze down each drain.
- You may want to double check your holding tanks to make sure they have antifreeze in them.
- You will specifically want to repair any cracks or seams that are worn to prevent rain, snow and ice from getting in. If this happens, come spring time you will have a terrible mildew and mold problem.
- Perform a thorough exterior cleaning, washing down the unit and inspecting for rust or other damage from the year of camping.
- Remove and store the battery. Keep the battery charged all winter and do not store it on a concrete floor. Make sure propane tanks are turned off.

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## This Old Camper *(continued)*

- Perform a thorough interior cleaning making sure you get all food residues and crumbs up from the floors, under the couch and in the cushions to keep rodents out.
- Remove all nonpermanent items including dishes, eating utensils, toasters (filled with crumbs) coffee mugs, pillows or sleeping gear to be cleaned and stored indoors until next year. I recommend buying a tote and labeling it "Camping Supplies."
- Remove all canned or packaged food stored in the camper over the summer and any aerosol cans that could rust or rupture due to changing temperatures.

After winterizing the camper it is a good idea to find a good place to store you camper. Placing a tarp over it is a good idea. This will keep the snow/water off the roof directly. I recommend building a ridge plate then a tarp so that the water can run off the camper. Another idea is shrink wrap the top of you camper. This is something you usually only associate with boats but also works well with campers. Never store your camper under a tree where a limb could break off causing damage. Park the tires on wood planks if you are storing it on concrete to help prevent the tires from dry-rot. Always keep an eye on it during those winter months to make sure the snow load doesn't get too heavy.

Ideally the best place to store a camper is inside a building. Try contacting your local storage yard (see **Ray's Landing** below or **Tim Murray's Outside Storage**, right). If you know a local farmer you may also see if he has some spare room in a barn you can rent for the winter or even run a want add in your local paper to search for indoor storage.

For all of us that live here in Northern Michigan year round, winter is a great time to plan next seasons camping trips and reflect on all the good times you had this season camping with family and friends. To all of you that are not winterizing your camper because you use it all winter in a south state, have a safe a fun trip.



It has been a fun year writing these last five months of *This Old Camper* columns. I enjoyed sharing tips on camper maintenance and up-keep with all of you and I hope you found my columns to be helpful. Remember if you have any questions or just want to share stories of camping or camping projects feel free to drop me a line at [thehappycamperguy@yahoo.com](mailto:thehappycamperguy@yahoo.com). Most important—keep on camping. You never know what adventures await you in the great outdoors! ✦

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## The Real Smokey Bear's Story

### Orphan Bear

One spring day in 1950 in the Capitan Mountains of New Mexico, an operator in one of the fire towers to the north spotted smoke and called the location into the nearest ranger station. The first crew discovered a major fire being swept along the ground between the trees, driven by a strong wind. Word spread rapidly and more crews reported to help. Forest rangers, army soldiers, Native American crews, men from the New Mexico State Game Department, and civilian volunteers worked together to gain control of the raging fire. As soon as they contained the fire to one spot, the wind would push it across the lines. During one of the lulls in firefighting, a report of a lonely bear cub who had been seen wandering near the fireline was reported. The men left him alone because they thought the mother bear might come for him.

About 30 firefighters, mainly soldiers but also a Capitan High School student, were caught directly in the path of the fire storm. Barely escaping, they layed face down on a rockslide for over an hour until the fire had burned past them. In spite of the experience, the firefighters were safe except for a few scorches and some burned holes in their clothes.

Rescued

Nearby, the little cub had been caught in the path of the same fire and had not fared as well. He had taken refuge in a tree that was now completely charred. His climb had saved his life but left him badly burned on the paws and hind legs. The soldiers removed the little bear cub from the burned tree, but they did not know what to do with him. A rancher, who had been helping the firefighters, agreed to take the cub home. A New Mexico Department of Game and Fish Ranger heard about the cub when he returned to the fire camp and drove to the rancher's home to get the bear. The cub needed veterinary aid and was



*"Smokey (he) was pretty badly burned on his stomach, paws and hind legs when they brought him to me," said Dr. Ed Smith, the vet who treated Smokey. "The infection would have killed him, but I treated him real good." Smokey went on to become the fire prevention symbol for the United States Forest Service.*

flown in a small plane to Santa Fe where the burns were treated and bandaged.

The news about the little bear spread swiftly throughout New Mexico. Soon the United Press and Associated Press picked up the story and broadcast it nationwide. Many people wrote or called to inquire about the little bear's progress. The State Game Warden wrote an official letter to the Chief of the Forest Service, presenting the cub to the agency with the understanding that the small bear would be dedicated to a publicity program of fire prevention and conservation. The go-ahead was given to send the bear to Washington, DC, where he found a home at the National Zoo, becoming the living symbol of Smokey Bear.

### Smokey's Name

In 1952, Steve Nelson and Jack Rollins wrote the anthem that would cause a debate among Smokey enthusiasts for the next several decades. In order to maintain the correct rhythm, the writers added a "the" between "Smokey" and "Bear." As testament to the song's popularity, Smokey Bear became known as "Smokey The Bear" to many adoring fans, but in actuality his name never changed, and he is still known correctly as Smokey Bear.

### American Icon

Smokey Bear is America's wildfire prevention icon. He has educated generations of Americans about their role

in wildfire prevention. Created in 1944, the Smokey Bear Wildfire Prevention campaign is the longest running public service advertising campaign in U.S. History.

As one of the world's most recognizable fictional characters, Smokey's image is protected by U.S. Federal Law and is administered by the USDA Forest Service, the National Association of State Foresters and the Ad Council.

The campaign's original catch phrase was "Smokey Says—Care Will Prevent 9 out of 10 Forest Fires." In 1947 it was changed to "Remember . . . Only YOU Can Prevent Forest Fires." Most recently, in 2001, it was again modified to "Only You Can Prevent Wildfires" in response to a massive outbreak of wildfires in natural areas other than forests. The term "wildfire" applies to any unwanted, unplanned, uncontrolled outdoor fire.

Wildfire prevention remains one of the most critical issues affecting our country and Smokey's message is as relevant today as it was in 1944. ✦

# Forest Terradactyl?

*It started out as a beautiful day. Waldo was ready for his noon-time walk through Indian Lakes near the shore of Lake Missaukee. We were still discovering new paths and decided on a trek through the woods. The path was open and light in the beginning and the forest floor was layered with huge feathers. I stooped to pick one up as a gust of wind blew from the tree tops and stole the feather from my hand. I looked up but all the branches were still. The feather was gone. The quiet of the woods was eerie.*

*The huge rapture came out of nowhere. "Ccccccaaaaaaawwwww . . . cccrrrrreeerrrrraaaawww . . . ccaaaaaaww . . . rreeerrrrraaaa." As I looked up, the creature's wingspan cast a shadow over us as if it was now midnight. We had surely traveled back in time.*

*The sound grew louder, shriller, increasing in vibration. Then, from the tops of the tall trees came another. The two of them were circling, shadowing, their calls relentless. Waldo and I stood there, frozen, like the characters in a movie you think are stupid for not running. Would we be eaten alive?*

*Hours passed. Waldo's ears were twitching and his tongue was hanging past his jowl. I tried to stuff it back in his mouth—a pink piece of meat was the last thing these creatures needed to tempt them. Thank goodness they did not seem to notice.*

*Finally, the creature's circle widened. The darkness lifted. Farther and farther they flew until our stretch to see over the trees was for naught. Were they gone or had we traveled back? The sun was again on our faces and we were back on the shore of Lake Missaukee. Now we were smart and ran through the path and flying feathers. That's when it hit me . . . Terradactyls don't have feathers.*

So there's a "kind of" true story to embellish for your children around the campfire. And to have a happy ending, here are some cool facts on this beautiful creature we now know as the Sandhill Crane.



## Sandhill Crane Facts

Sandhills are very large birds and it's hard to say which is longer—its legs or neck. Their wingspan is 79 inches and it weighs between 9.5 - 12 pounds. Males may be slightly larger, but they have the same markings as the female. Their call is described as a deep, rolling trumpet and rattling.

The Sandhill can live up to the age of 20 and breeds between two and seven years old. Mated pairs stay together year round and migrate south as a group with their offspring.

A Miocene crane fossil, thought to be about ten million years old, was found in Nebraska and is structurally identical to the modern Sandhill crane, making it the oldest known bird species still surviving!

Keep your eyes open this fall as staging areas provide excellent bird-watching opportunities. Staging areas are wetlands usually within a day's flight of nesting marshes that offer food, social interactions and protection prior to migration.

Baker Sanctuary in Calhoun County attracts about 2,000 - 4,000 Sandhills as does Phyllis Haehnle Memorial Sanctuary in Jackson County. Cranes spend the night roosting in shallow open water areas. Early in the morning, they fly out to feed and loaf in agricultural fields, returning late in the afternoon to roost. The sight of several hundred cranes flying low overhead, uttering their prehistoric calls as they wing their way back to roost, is one of the most aesthetic in all nature! (See *Festivities*, back cover, for festival info.)

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# got rocks?

## pudding Stone ~ Mother Nature's Dessert

by Kevin Gauthier (edited by Joan Haut)

*A reader has asked if we would write about pudding stone this month so here we go...*

For those who are unfamiliar with this rock it is a Jasper, and Quartz conglomerate. The simplest way to explain how pudding stone formed is to say it is nature's way of making concrete. (The only stone I compare to concrete is pudding stone and it is the process of fusing stones together that is similar to concrete.)

HOWEVER, do not get the image of some ordinary gray stone as it is beautiful when cut and polished. The pudding stone is primary white quartz with pebbles of vibrant red, tan, and black jasper.

Have you ever looked in the bottom of a clear river and seen many hundreds of round pebbles making up the river bottom? You have seen the foundation of pudding stone. Pudding stone started forming two billion years ago as a river bottom near the area of what is now Lake Elloit, Canada. The pebbles were than covered with white quartz sand. Over time with more layers forming over this base, enormous pressures fused the river bed together as one stone. I have been told of some areas in Canada where "Mountain" sides of pudding stone exist. I have been to an area, on a fly-in fishing trip, where boulders of pudding stone the size of cars made up the ground.

From these large formations, the glaciers have brought many smaller pudding stone treasures to Michigan. Pudding stone is more prominent on the east side of the state, however you can find smaller ones scattered along the west side as well. There are places in Clare County where the glaciers ended, that large boulder size pudding stones were discovered by farmers. The best places to find this distinctive stone is in the area from Cheboygan to Alpena. Drummond Island, although mostly private land, is know for pudding stone.

Pudding stone (sometimes called jasper conglomerate) is porous and can be difficult to polish. That is why many craft items made from pudding stone are often poured with a two part coating to seal all the pores.



A customer once told me he calls the small pudding stones "little pudd." I've always like that reference and the name stuck. When finding one of these stones on the beach I say to myself "hi little pudd."

Now, if you are snickering, remember rocks bring out the kid in all of us. As rock collectors we all have a connection to the ones we really like and it's O.K. to talk to them—just don't let any one catch you!

Have a great rest of your camping season and we'll be back with more rock stories in the Spring. Keep those questions coming by e-mailing us at [kornergem@chartermi.net](mailto:kornergem@chartermi.net) or stop in the store and see us this fall and winter! ✦

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## Whipples Market & Rustic Rafters: Time to Visit That Small Town

*How often do you drive the same road*, maybe not even far from home, and notice the green and white sign with the name of a town. You're always in a hurry to get wherever it is you're going, but you always say to yourself, "I need to check that place out some time."

It's some time.

Moorestown's signs are off of M-66 between Lake City and Kalkaska, or M-55 between Lake City and Houghton Lake. Either way you "venture a highway," it's a beautiful drive, and the first person I passed on Moorestown road waved. You won't come to the town right away, but you'll pass beautiful scenery, acres of farmland, and a few head-turning log homes.

Once you're in town there's everything you need—a good store, great grub and down the road a friendly place to chill.

**STOP Whipple's Market & Snack Shack**  
4865 E. Moorestown Rd. • 231-229-4232



(L to R) Pat Klein (Whipple),  
Linda Voke (Whipple),  
and Barb Booms.

The history of Whipple's Market is enough to make you want to visit. Bought in 1919 by A.D. Whipple ("A" for Alfred but no one's sure on the "D"), he moved first to Arlene from Barry County, then to Moorestown. He bought the store from his relatives, The Nichols family.

"A.D. ran a delivery system all the way to Houghton Lake," explained his great-granddaughter, Pat Klein (Whipple).

"I can remember when a lot of people came to the store in horse and buggy," Pat recalled. "For deliveries he used an old school bus and even supplied ice blocks for refrigeration.

"Grain came to the store in large sacks that were made out of material. When the grain was sold and the sacks emptied, we'd get to pick which sack we'd like to have a dress made from," Pat explained. "Every family used the bags this way."

In 1951, Pat's grandfather Deo and father, Lyle kept the Whipple name in the market business and bought it from A.D. "Deliveries weren't needed as much as more people had cars. Ice wasn't a necessity anymore either, but we still kept many of the same traditions."

Sadly, there was a fire in 1962 and the original building burned and had to be rebuilt.

"I remember my dad told everyone, 'Drink the beer up before it spoils so there is no waste.'" Somehow one bottle was missed and sits on a shelf in the diner area today, along with many other mementos, great antiques and priceless photos.

With a new building and changing times, Lyle made sure he was still taking care of his customers. Along with the groceries, hardware and the full-service diner, he sold appliances, snowmobiles and Pat thinks he may have installed and serviced most every furnace in the area.

Then in 1974, another sad event took place as Lyle passed at only 57 years old. "So that's when the store became ours," Pat said, referring to she and her sisters Linda and Lois. "We all grew up here so it was the natural thing for us to do."

So if you did the math, we're at 90 years in the same family. From horses and ice to 4-wheelers and omelets, the Whipples know how to take care of their customers.

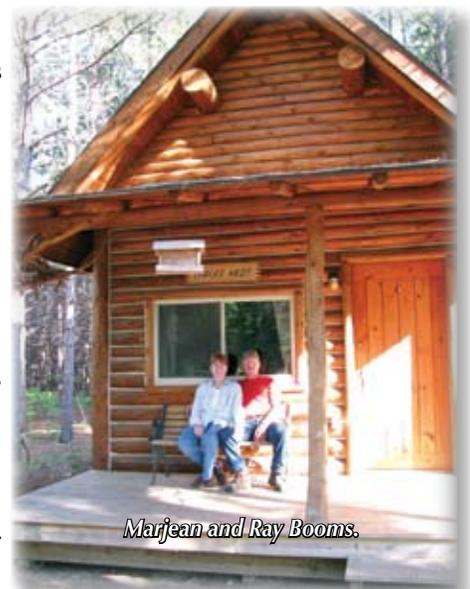
The full-service diner, now referred to as "Whipple's Snack Shack," is the place for great grub in Moorestown. You can get breakfast anytime and they make some of the best looking pizza I've ever seen come out of the oven. And who needs Burger King? The Whipple Whopper is a house specialty along with their royal treats of hand-dipped ice cream and fresh baked goods.

And the store? Well, what do you need? On your way to deer camp? Pick up your deer license and ammunition. Still want to fish? They have bait. If you're cooking, bring your list. Does something need fixing on the tent or camper? They have hardware. You can also purchase beer, wine or liquor for that toddy around the campfire.

**STOP Rustic Rafters Camping & Cabins**  
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Your hosts Ray and Marjean Booms opened this jewel in the woods in 2002. I say jewel as you can see a lot of care when into the crafting of this campground. From the wood and stone entrance sign, to the layout of cabins and campground, mother nature put things right where they should be and the Booms obliged.

Nestled in the trees to the right



Marjean and Ray Booms.

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## Small Town Visit (continued from page 17)

are authentic log cabins. And though the cabins are new (built in 2001) there is quite a history in the logs they're built with.

"My dad (Marcus) worked at a nursery in Higgins Lake," Ray said. "And when the nursery closed, he brought some of the trees and planted them right here.

"He told me, 'There, I planted them, now you'll have to harvest them.'" And living until 95 years old, Marcus was able to see his son not only harvest the trees but turn them into beautiful log cabins.

Previously in the shipping crate business, Ray had some experience with wood. "But building a log cabin is completely different than regular structured housing," Ray said. He hopes to have demonstrations on site next year and share his passion with others.

And Marjean, though she calls herself the silent partner, had hands on in the building of the cabins herself. "Did you know she's a professional roof shingler," Ray said. "And we also peeled the logs by hand," Marjean added. Silent or not, I'll listen to a woman who can use a saw, helps with cleaning and bookkeeping, has a day job as a nurse in Cadillac and oh yeah, she has a 125 lb. bear in the camp office.

"Ray made me get a little bear so his would be bigger," Marjean teased. As high school sweethearts and 41 years of

marriage, you couldn't ask for better partners in building and running a campground.

"We've been coming up here ever since they opened," said Dave Tindle from Kalamazoo. "We always pick the same site and love the extra space so we can set up a tarp next to the camper."

Dave's wife Pauline added how the Booms make sure you have everything you need. "We said something one night about getting eggs and the next morning, a dozen eggs were on our picnic table."

"We used to do a lot of camping before we had this place," Ray said. "We made the sites bigger (6000 ft. vs. the standard 1200 ft.) so you could have your space, but still make friends with the person next to you.

"And we don't worry about the paperwork and money before you set up," Ray said. "We'll leave the key in the door of your cabin or you come in and find a campsite, we'll find you later. If we weren't friends with the campers before they got here, we will be by the time they leave."

Thanks to the Whipples and Booms for sharing their stories and becoming my new friends. The history of yesterday and the serenity still kept there today—that's what awaits you beyond that green and white road sign. ✦



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[missaukee.org/parkdept.htm](http://missaukee.org/parkdept.htm)

Located on Muskegon River, 16 miles east of Lake City on M-55. 66 acres. 17 primitive sites, pit toilets, well, pavilion.

**Crooked Lake Park • County • (231) 839-4945**  
 PO Box 800, Lake City, MI 49651  
[missaukee.org/parkdept.htm](http://missaukee.org/parkdept.htm)

Located on southern edge of Crooked Lake, near Jennings. 60 acres, 1000' sandy beach. 37 primitive sites, 15 with electricity. New bath house, hand water pumps, sanitation station, hiking trails, boat launch.

**Goose Lake • State • (231) 775-9727**  
[michigandnr.com/parksandtrails](http://michigandnr.com/parksandtrails)

Located 2.5 miles from Lake City, south of M-42, off Al Moses Rd. to west. First-come, first serve. 54 sites for tents and small trailers. Rustic camp, vault toilets, hand water pumps. Good boating and fishing.

**Hopkins Creek Equestrian • State • (231) 824-3591**  
[michigandnr.com/parksandtrails](http://michigandnr.com/parksandtrails)

Located 5.5 miles north of M-42, up Lucas Rd. Adjacent to shore to

- shore riding/hiking trails. First-come, first serve. 16 sites for tent and
- small trailers. Group trail camps available by reservation.
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- **Long Lake – Missaukee • State • (231) 775-9727**
- [michigandnr.com/parksandtrails](http://michigandnr.com/parksandtrails)
- Located 3.5 miles northwest of Lake City. M-42 north to Randall Rd.,
- west 1/2 mile to Almoses Rd., north 1/4 mile to Goose Lake Rd., west
- 1.5 miles, Green Rd., north to camp. First-come, first-serve. 20 sites
- for tent and small trailers. Rustic site, vault toilets water hand pumps.
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- **Maple Grove • City • (231) 839-4429**
- [lakecitymich.com/michigan/area-parks](http://lakecitymich.com/michigan/area-parks)
- Located 4 blocks from Lake Missaukee, east end of Union Street.
- 32 sites, electric, water, rest rooms, baseball field, sanitation station.
- Community building with kitchen available for events.
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- **Missaukee Lake Park • County • (231) 839-4945**
- **PO Box 800, Lake City, MI 49651**
- [missaukee.org/parkdept.htm](http://missaukee.org/parkdept.htm)
- Located on north shore of 2000 acre Lake Missaukee. 33 acres. 170
- total sites; 96 water, electric, sewer; 21 electric only. Rest rooms,
- sanitation station. 1400' sand beach, baseball fields. Boat ramp with
- 68 slip rentals for docking.

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## The Night Sky for September 2009

### The First Day of Fall

The official start of fall occurs on September 22, 5:18 p.m. EDT. The astronomical start of fall means that Earth is no longer tilting the northern half of the globe toward the sun. Instead, the sun is directly over the equator. It has moved from a more northerly location in the sky and will be heading south for the winter.

### Saturn Loses Its Rings

The Ringed Planet has been tilting with respect to the sun so that the rings have been reflecting less light toward Earth. The sight of Saturn's shrinking rings has been captivating observers all summer. Unfortunately, now that the big moment has arrived, Saturn is too close to the sun for good viewing. September 4 is the date when Saturn's rings are edgewise to Earth. Saturn makes for poor viewing all month, reaching conjunction with the sun on September 17. In October Saturn will move into the morning sky and its rings will begin tilting enough to provide a view of their northern face.

### Jupiter's Moons Occult and Eclipse One Another

Telescope users will have a few chances to catch Jupiter's moons Io and Europa eclipsing and occulting one another. These two moons are the closest to the planet Jupiter. Jupiter is easy to find, shining brightly at magnitude -2.8 in the south, the brightest starlike point in this part of the sky after dark. On three Tuesday nights in September, the satellite Io will first occult (pass in front of) Europa and then as it moves away it will eclipse the other moon (cast its shadow on Europa).

On September 15 Io occults Europa starting at 8:42 p.m. EDT. This timing means it will be too bright in the other time zones of the United States to see the event, which only lasts about 10 minutes. The eclipse of Io on Europa occurs about an hour and a half later, at 10:10 p.m. EDT, also lasting approximately 10 minutes. (All occultations and eclipses described here last around 10 minutes.)

The next two events occur on September 22 and 29. These appearances are better for viewers in the western United States. The September 22 occultation is timed to begin at 8:00 p.m. PDT, and the eclipse begins at 9:39 p.m. PDT. On September 29, Io occults Europa at 10:18 p.m. PDT and eclipses Europa just after midnight at 12:06 a.m. PDT.

### The Moon in September 2009

On the evening of September 2, the Moon appears near Jupiter. Two days later, on September 4 at 12:03 p.m. EDT, the full moon occurs. Because the full moon occurs early in September this year, the Harvest Moon is not until October 4, which is closer to the fall equinox. On September 23, the moon is paired closely with Antares and sits within Scorpius's claws. On September 26, the moon appears very close to a star named Nunke, which is part of the handle of the teapot asterism of Sagittarius.

Jupiter's moons and Earth's moon provide the most interesting observing opportunities for September 2009.



# Campground Directory (continued from page 19)



**Reedsburg Dam • State • (989) 275-4622**  
**michigandnr.com/parksandtrails**

Located 5 miles northwest of Houghton Lake via M-55 and Co. Rd. 300. First-come, first-serve. 38 sites accommodate up to 40'; 15 waterfront. Rustic site, vault toilets, water hand pump. Boat access, rental, fishing.

**Rustic Rafters • Private • (231) 229-4433**  
**9446 N. Nelson Rd., Moorestown, MI 49651**  
**www.rusticrafters.com**

Located in northeast corner of Missaukee County. 5 heated log cabins, 17 sites for trailers with electric, water. Rest rooms, sanitation station. Reservations suggested for cabins.

## Osceola County

**Cadillac Woods • Private • (231) 825-2012 or (877) 727-2267**  
**23163 M-115, Tustin, MI 49688**  
**www.cadillacwoodscampground.com**

Located on M-115, 6 miles southeast of US-131, 8 miles southeast of Cadillac. 50 sites, water, electric; 6 cabins, group tent area. Rest rooms, sanitation station, store, laundry, free mini-golf.

**Crittenden Park • County • (231) 734-2588**  
**3641 S. 50th Ave, Sears, MI 49679**  
**osceola-county.org/County%20Departments/Parks/parks.htm**

Located on east shore of Big Lake, east of Evart on US-10 to 50th Ave., south 2 miles to park entrance on right. 80 sites, electric, water; 20 rustic. Sanitation station, store. DNR boat launch adjacent. Pavilion available by reservation.

**Rambadt Memorial Park • City • (231) 832-2245**  
**227 E. Lincoln Ave., Reed City, MI 49677**  
**reedcitycrossroads.com/city/parks**

Located on Reed City's west end. First come, first serve. 13 sites, electric, water. Rest rooms, sanitation station, trails on Hersey River. Free concerts Friday and Saturday nights during summer.

- **River Country Campground • Private • (231) 734-3808**  
**6281 River Rd., Evart, MI 49631**  
**campandcanoe.com**
- Located on Muskegon River, US-10, north 1 block east of light, 1.5 miles on River Rd. to fork in road, stay right, 2 miles. 130 sites. Rest rooms, laundry, store. Canoe, kayak, tube rentals, miniature golf.
- **Rose Lake Park • County • (231) 768-4923**  
**11726 Youth Dr. • LeRoy, MI 49655**  
**osceola-county.org/County%20Departments/Parks/parks.htm**
- Located east of Tustin and LeRoy off US-131 on Rose Lake. 48 acres, 1300' beach. 160 sites, most water, electric; some primitive. Rest rooms, sanitation station, store, boat launch, golf. Pavilions available by reservation.

## Roscommon County (West)

- **Houghton Lake Travel Park • Private • (989) 422-3931**  
**370 Cloverleaf Ln., Houghton Lake, MI 48629**  
**michcampgrounds.com/hnlktlpc**
- Located 1 block east of US-127 and M-55. 60 sites, 16 with sewer; cabins. Rest rooms, sanitation station, laundry, pool. Public access to Houghton Lake.
- **West Houghton Lake Camp • Private • (989) 422-5130**  
**9371 Houghton Lake Dr., Houghton Lake, MI 48629**  
**westhoughtonlakecampground.com**
- Located 1 mile east of US-127 and M-55, 1/2 mile north on Houghton Lake Dr. 127 sites, 47 with sewer. Rest rooms, laundry, store, rental trailers. Near Houghton Lake public access.
- **Wooded Acres Family Camp • Private • (989) 422-3413**  
**997 Federal Ave., Houghton Lake, MI 48629**  
**michcampgrounds.com/woodedacres**
- Located 2 miles east of US-127 and M-55. M-55 east to 2nd light (Loxley Rd.) and go south 1.7 miles to Federal Ave., camp on left. 101 sites, 12 with sewer. Rest rooms, store, cabin rentals, trolley rides in season.

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# CAMPER PUZZLE

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## ACROSS

1. Diner's offering
5. Vision: prefix
9. Total
14. Willy, e.g.
15. \_\_\_ Torino (old Ford model)
16. Calculate
17. Prosperity
18. idiot
19. Off \_\_\_ (not always)
20. Places for workers
23. Whichever
24. Swirl
25. Reprimands
29. \_\_\_ Minor
30. Syr.'s neighbor
33. Eastern capital
34. Vatican VIP
35. Relax
36. Dangerous game of chance
39. Employs
40. Provide a place
41. Respond to
42. Wager
43. Seagull harrier
44. Available
45. Article
46. O'Hare abbreviation
47. Idolizer
54. Noble
55. \_\_\_ the Great (boy detective)
56. As well
57. Orange container
58. Mad doctor's assistant
59. Dips bread, for instance
60. Jan or Elizabeth
61. Certain wrigglers
62. Dirty place

## DOWN

1. Laugh uproariously
2. Zone
3. Picket line crosser
4. Aura
5. Nash and others
6. Agent
7. Powder source
8. Held accountable
9. African nation
10. Zesty
11. Arrogance, slangily
12. Selfs
13. Stimp's pal
21. Spokes, e.g.
22. So long to Soulanges
25. Privet, e.g.
26. Word with effect, often
27. Outstart
28. Profit killer
29. Battery choice, perhaps
30. "Whole \_\_\_ Love" (Led Zeppelin)
31. John
32. Mix
34. Bad cold
35. Walensa
37. Off kilter
38. Hilo veranda
43. Hot, in a way
44. Not these
45. Steamed
46. Bar, legally
47. Mister in Munich
48. Mild oath
49. Riches preceder, maybe
50. Bidder's option
51. Scheme
52. Notice
53. Got up
54. 'His Master's Voice' comp.

# Campground Directory *(continued from page 20)*



## Wexford County

### **Baxter Bridge Campground • State • (231) 775-9727** **michigandnr.com/parksandtrails**

Located on Manistee River, 12 miles northwest of Manton via M-42 and 31 Rd. First-come, first-serve. 25 sites tent and small trailer; 3 accommodate 40'. Rustic camp, vault toilets, water hand pump. Canoeing, trout fishing, wildlife viewing.

### **Birchwood Resort & Camp • Private • (231) 775-9101** **6545 E. M-115, Cadillac, MI 49601** **www.birchwoodresortmi.com**

1 block southeast of Lake Cadillac on M-115 or 2 miles northwest of US-131, Exit 176. 33 sites, full hook-ups; cabins; no tents. Rest rooms, docking, pontoon rental.

### **Camp Cadillac • Private • (231) 775-9724** **10621 E. 34 Rd. (Boon Rd.), Cadillac, MI 49601** **campcadillac.com**

Located off US-131, Exit 183, east 1 mile. 115 sites, 30 with sewer. Rest rooms, store, pool, petting zoo, barrel train rides, bike rentals.

### **Coolwater on the Pine • Private • (231) 862-3481** **9424 W. 48 1/2 Rd., Wellston, MI 49689** **coolwatercampground.com**

Located 2 miles south of M-55 and 2 miles east of M-37 on Pine River. 65 sites, electric, water; cabins, trailer rentals, group sites. Rest rooms, laundry, Blue Ribbon Trout Stream, ORV and bike trails.

### **Hemlock Campground • Federal • (231) 723-2211** **fs.fed.us/r9/hmnf/pages/Recreation/camping.htm**

Located in Huron Manistee National Forest. 2,600 acres. 19 sites on west end of Lake Mitchell. Tables and fire rings only; wildlife viewing.

### **Kestelwoods Campground • Private • (231) 862-3476** **10860 W. 48 1/2 Rd., Wellston, MI 49689** **kestelwoods.com**

Located 1 mile south of Pine River on M-37. 96 sites, water, electric. Rest rooms, store, restaurant, pool, canoeing, rafting, biking.

### **Lake Billings RV Park & Camp • City • (231) 824-6454** **221 E. Elmore St., Manton, MI 49663**

37 full hook-ups; 48, electric, water. Rest rooms, sanitation station.

### **Long Lake – Wexford • (231) 775-9727 • State** **michigandnr.com/parksandtrails**

Located 8 miles northeast of Cadillac via US-131 to Campground Rd. First-come, first-serve. 16 sites tent, small trailer; rustic sites, vault toilets, water hand pump. Boating, motorcycle trail access.

### **Mitchell State Park • State • (231) 775-7911** **6093 E. M-115, Cadillac, MI 49601** **michigandnr.com/parksandtrails**

Located between Lake Mitchell and Lake Cadillac, west of Cadillac on M-115. 334 acres. 221 sites with hookups. Visitor's Center, beaches, boat ramps to both lakes, historic canal connects two lakes.

### **Northern Exposure • Private • (231) 885-1199** **285 Manistee River Rd., Mesick 49668** **northernexposureinc.com**

260 sites; 220, water, electric; 100 waterfront; 40 primitive. Rest rooms, sanitation station, boat launch, beach, Saturday night movies. Manistee National Forest biking and hiking trails, canoeing, rafting, (campsite pickup by Wilderness Canoe on Manistee River).

### **Old US-131 Campground • State • (231) 775-9727** **michigandnr.com/parksandtrails**

Located 7 miles north of Manton via US-131 and Old US-131 on Manistee River. First-come, first-serve. 25 rustic sites, tent, small trailer. Canoeing, trout fishing, wildlife viewing. Direct access to North Country Trail for hiking, mountain biking and nearby for ORVs.

### **Pat's RV Park • Private • (800) 665-9890 or (231) 885-1056** **2981 North 7 Rd., Mesick, 49668** **patsrvpark.net/rvpark**

Located at Hoodenpyle Dam on the Manistee River. 87 sites; tents, RVs, cabins. Boat rental.

### **Peterson Bridge • Federal • (231) 723-2211** **940 S. State, Route 37, Cadillac, MI 49601** **fs.fed.us/r9/hmnf/pages/Recreation/camping.htm**

Located off M-37, 1.5 miles north of Wellston on Pine River. First-come, first-serve. 31 total sites; 20 paved, 11 tent. 4 vault toilets, 1 flush, 3 spigots. Canoe access to Pine River.

### **The Campground LLC • Private • (231) 824-9111** **10330 E. M-45, Manton, MI 49663** **e-mail: thecampground@att.net**

Located off US-131, exit 191, east 1/2 mile on M-42. 30 sites, 22 full hook-ups.



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# PUZZLER SOLUTIONS

## Sudoku (Puzzle Page 9)

2	3	6	7	8	1	9	4	5
8	5	1	9	4	6	7	2	3
7	4	9	5	3	2	8	1	6
4	7	2	1	5	8	6	3	9
3	9	5	2	6	7	1	8	4
6	1	8	4	9	3	2	5	7
5	6	4	8	1	9	3	7	2
1	2	3	6	7	5	4	9	8
9	8	7	3	2	4	5	6	1

## Crossword (Puzzle Page 21)

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## CARL T. JOHNSON Hunting & Fishing Center

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### SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 4 ~ Centered Closed - Reopen on Sept. 5.
  - 5 ~ Live MI Snakes, 10 a.m. - Noon; 1 - 3 p.m.  
Jim McGrath of Nature Discovery  
~ Pellet Gun & Archery Range, 3 - 5 p.m.  
~ Float Fishing on Canal, 6 - 8 p.m.
  - 6 ~ Pellet Gun & Archery Range, Noon - 2 p.m.  
~ Float Fishing on Canal, 3 - 5 p.m.  
~ Handgun Adult Laser Shot Shooting Simulations, 6 - 8 p.m. (Must be 18 or older)  
~ Archery Range Open, 6 - 8 p.m.
  - 12 ~ Home Study Hunter Safety Class, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. – CLASS IS FULL!
  - 19 ~ Home Study Hunter Safety Class 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Pre-register by Sept. 5
  - 26 ~ Float Fishing Program on Canal, Noon - 2 p.m. ~ Laser Shot Shooting Simulations, 3 - 5 p.m.
- (October Schedule Continued on back page!)

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## Bellevue

Oct. 10-11, Noon - 7 pm • CraneFest XV  
Kiwanis Youth Area, adjacent of Michigan Audubon  
Baker Sanctuary, 21145 15 Mile Rd., (269) 763-3090

## Cadillac

Tues. & Fri., 8 am - 4:30 pm • Farmer's Market  
Chestnut St. parking lot across from city boat dock.  
(231) 775-6310

Thursdays, 7 - 9:15 pm • Upbeat Cadillac  
Rotary Pavilion. Ten-week series of jazz concerts by  
various artists. (231) 775-0181, ext. 111

Sept. 11-13 • Camp Cadillac Fall Fest!  
(231) 775-9724, campcadillac.com

Sept. 26, 10 am - 4 pm • Fall Fever Festival  
Come celebrate Downtown Cadillac's new Main Street;  
car show, Oldies 107.5 Disco Dance Off, food, shopping.  
downtown cadillac.com

## Houghton Lake

Sept. 5-6, 9 am - 5 pm • Labor Day Craft Show  
HL High School. (989) 389-4500, nccraft@yahoo.com

## Lake City

Sept. 17-20 • Festival of The Pines  
Beverage tent with music Friday and Saturday night.  
Parade, Lumberjack Competitions and more!  
(231) 839.4969, lakecitymich.com

## Merritt

Mondays, 6-9 pm • Golden Agers Dance Night  
Senior Ctr. Dancers, musicians welcome! (231) 328-4447.  
Sat., 11 am - 4 pm • Ben Jeffs River Park Farmers Mkt.  
M-55, east of Merritt. (231) 394-1509,  
missaukeepaddlesports.com

### MERRITT SPEEDWAY

Sept. 5 - Winged Outlaw Late Models, Modifieds,  
Plus Championships for Pro Trucks, Sportsman &  
Factory Stocks

Sept. 6 - Smr. School Bus Races Plus Monster Trucks

## Manton

1st Sat. Night of Month, 6-10 pm • Old Time Jamboree  
Manton High School. Square and Round dancing  
Refreshments, (231) 429-7025.

Aug. 6 - Sept. 17 (Wed.) 9 am - 1 pm • Farmers Market  
Railroad Park, Downtown Manton, (231) 824-3391

Sept. 4-7, • Annual Harvest Festival  
Manton's largest event, parade featuring Scottville  
Clown Band. (231) 824-3585, mantonmichigan.org

## Moorestown

Wednesdays Through Mid-Sept. • Farmer's Market  
Sept. 20, 2 pm - ? • Whipple's 90th Year Celebration  
Parade, country music, hay rides, square dancing,  
prizes. Bring your lawn chair and dish to pass, hot  
dogs provided. (231) 229-3242

## Reed City

Fridays, Saturdays • Music in the Park  
reedcitycrossroads.com, (231) 832-2245

## Tustin

Sept. 6, 1 - 4 pm • CAMS Model Airplane Show  
CAMS Air field. Large variety of planes and  
helicopters. Admission free. cornj.rchomepage.com/

### KETTUNEN CENTER EVENTS

Sept. 20, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. • FREE Fall Family Fun Day

Sept. 20, 4:30 pm • Escanaba in da Moonlight  
Dinner Theater presented by the Cadillac Footlites

Oct. 4-9 • Capture Northern Michigan  
Watercolors and Photography and Tai Chi Chuan: An  
Ancient Art of Wellness

Oct. 16 • Workshop, "Taking Charge: Special  
Assessment Districts for Lake Improvements"  
14901 4-H Drive, (231) 829-3421, kettunencenter.org

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### Hunting & Fishing Center

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### OCTOBER SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 3 Home Study Hunter Safety Class  
8:30 am - 2:30 pm, Pre-register by Sept. 19
- 10 Interpreting White Tail Deer Signs for the Hunt  
Noon to 2 pm  
Laser Shot Shooting Simulations, 3 - 5 pm
- 17 3D Archery Shooting, Noon - 2-pm  
Family Float Fishing, 3- 5 pm
- 18 Home Study Hunter Safety Class  
8:30 am - 2:30 pm, Pre-register by Oct. 3
- 24 Home Study Hunter Safety Class  
8:30 am - 2:30 pm, Pre-register by Oct. 10
- 31 Laser Shot Shot Shooting Simulations  
Noon - 2 pm