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LETTER FROM

Dear Readers:

Although this magazine does have many stories and fun activities, the main purpose of *Cabin Vacationing* is to provide helpful tips and ways to save money when renting cabins. This ranges from suggesting the best places to stay to simply giving out coupons. The goal of this magazine is to have that warm feeling of being at a cabin. This is also a reason why I picked the topic of cabins. Having a cabin myself, up in Hayward, Wisconsin, I know and realize the enjoyment one can have at a cabin. I also realized that many people in Hortonville can relate to this topic.

The beginning of this magazine seems like such a short time ago. At the start of this project, it was my goal to be ahead of everyone, but being the procrastinating person that I am, this goal did not fall through. Another reason that kept me from reaching this goal was the fact of how far some of my friends got in the early stages. This discouraged me from moving ahead. I wanted to feel special being ahead of everyone else. I was ahead at one point, but I felt like I could relax. This was a foolish mistake. During deadline one needs to be on top of things so they do not become behind as this can happen very easily.

Dealing with so many people was one part of DEADLINE that was enjoyable. People who I did not think were good at writing per se surprisingly shocked me with some well written articles. Another enjoyable part of the DEADLINE magazine was the creativity. Not being a creative person myself, I value creative pieces of work. Although not all the creative ads and miscellaneous items were mine, I did see quite a few great works of art. Among some great reoccurring artists were Sara Cooper and Elizabeth Lohrer. Even though I did know that they were both skilled at art, I did not expect anyone to really put that much time into the project. This brings me to

another point. Not to put any one group over another, but I found that the best quality work was done by girls. In general they found this project more enjoyable and really took advantage of the freedom that they had. If I would go through this project again, I would definitely hire more girls.

I did have some struggles during this project as I'm sure everyone else did as well. One struggle that I'm sure everyone had was keeping up with the deadlines. Although it was not always the person's fault that they were not ready for the deadline, most people ran into the problem of someone else not being prepared. I tried to fix this by reminding my sellers about my article or ad. This definitely minimized the amount of time I had to wait for my item. Another struggle I had that everyone also ran into was editing. This process was usually tedious and also very hard at times. Reading a poorly written article definitely did not make my day. This gave me a whole new respect for my teachers and anyone who has to proofread other people's work. One of the last major struggles I had, that I hope not as many people shared with me, was losing my flash drive. I did a digital magazine which required me to take my flash drive everywhere. The day before the 15/15 deadline I realized I did not have my flash drive. Thankfully there was nothing on my flash drive that I had to redo. I did have to retrieve all the lost files from everyone again, however. One way I could have eliminated the stress of the flash drive problem was by using the drop box more often. In this way the files would always be there. This mistake only cost me a little bit, but I strongly recommend for future magazine editors to use it. Another way I could have minimized the problem was by saving my files in more than one place. This is something that I should do for all classes and is a lifelong skill.

THE EDITOR

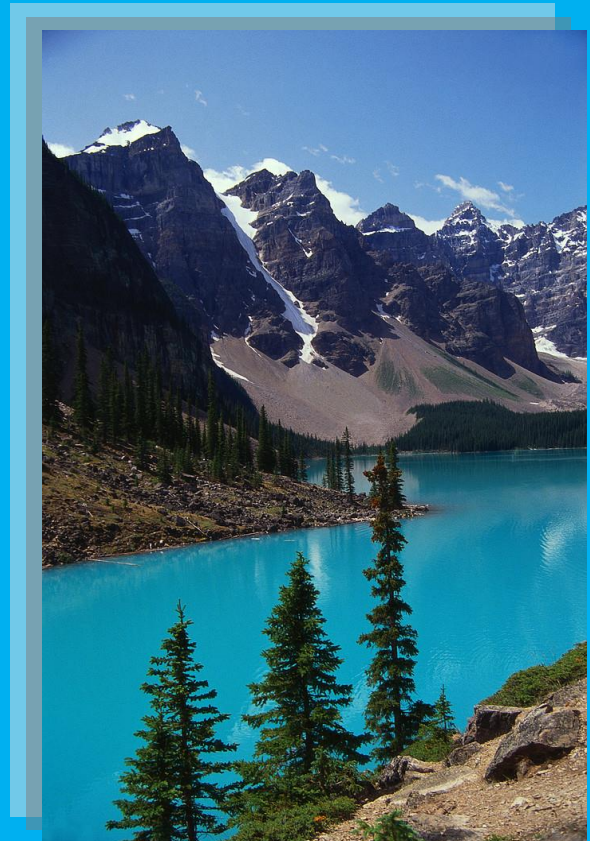
On the opposite side of failures are the successes. I was proud of most of the work I did, but with some of the things I wrote I really impressed myself. Although some writer's block did occur throughout the project, I always was impressed with the finished results of my works. This of course happened with many other people as well. I was very impressed with the entry by Megan Bonikowski as she had some very descriptive words in her one to two column article, *A Day at the Lake*. I was also thoroughly impressed by the entry by Mitchell Mocado. His letter to the editor really hit on some important points, and I could tell that he definitely put some time into it even though it was a fairly simple type of item to write.

This project really did prepare me some for high school as I had a good amount of freedom while still having to turn things in on time. Now that I think about it, each major writing project I have done in this class has prepared me in a different way. This was a great project all around, and I am glad it has been in the curriculum for so long and will be for years to come!

Sincerely,

Nathan Lichtfuss

First Last Name
Editor in Chief, *Cabin Vacationing*



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Your last edition of *Vacationing* was one of the most interesting editions I've read in a while! I learned about so many different cabins up north and popular places to buy cabins. I am looking forward to reading about even more interesting, up north hot spots in your next edition of *Vacationing*. The reason your unique magazine is at the top of the market is because of the demand of cabins right now in the Midwest; I am so inspired by you now that you have realized that. You took advantage of the demand and are receiving the benefits of your remarkable work! Keep up the great editing and I will write you again soon.

Sincerely,

Mitchell Mocadlo



Dear Editor:

I have just recently used my vacation I won from one of your contests to go to Naples, Florida. It was supposed to be in a luxurious cabin on a clean beach. Instead what I had to go to was a small, cramped cabin with spiders and bats inside! Not only did the cabin suck, but the beach was a rocky mess! The water was the ugliest green-brown I have ever seen in my life! I sat around all weekend doing nothing because it was also in the middle of nowhere. It was 100 degrees all week and I had no air conditioning! I am extremely disappointed and never recommending this magazine to anyone because of the poor quality results. I really do hope this was a mix up or that at least you have better cabins than this one.

Sincerely,

Brittany Sager



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The Worst Day Turned Perfect

By: Michaela Holewinski

Imagine going up to your friend's cabin for a weekend. The news said the weather was going to be hot, sunny, and gorgeous outside the whole time you were relaxing there. You can already feel the sun's rays kissing your face as you get packed, bringing all the necessities for playing in the ever-cooling lake for when you decide to take a refreshing dip in the water. You already know this weekend could be the best. You don't even consider that there could be any type of turn of events that will take your weekend and change it for the worst.

That's exactly how Miya Von Ross felt when she accepted her friend Emilia's invitation to join her at her cottage for a weekend in June. She could already picture sitting outside chatting with Emilia looking over at her and seeing her freckles come out when the sun touches her face. Emilia said it never got cold or rainy where her cabin was. She claimed it was like paradise closer to home. They could lie out and tan all day or go jet-skiing and swimming, it didn't matter to her, as long as they were having good wholesome fun. The car ride was filled with the two friends girly giggles and talk of gossip. It seemed as if it took only an hour to get to the cabin when it really took four. The time passed quickly with the girls oblivious to what the skies' colors revealed to them as they gazed out the window waiting to arrive.

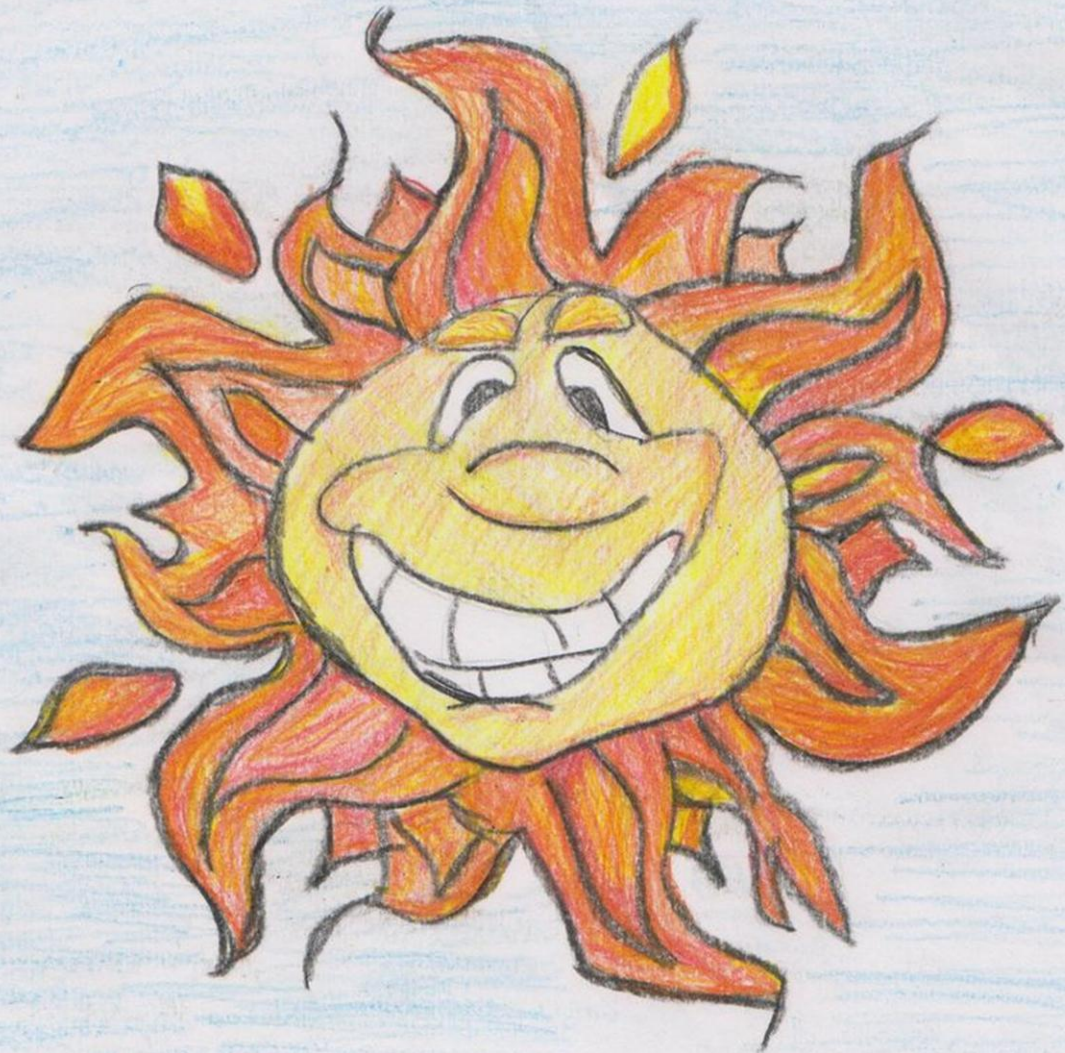
When Emilia announced they were about ten minutes away from the cottage, the sky let out a soft drizzle of rain. It didn't faze the girls they brushed it off and thought it would pass soon. Stepping out of the car, the girls decided the rain was coming down harder than

they thought. They hurriedly grabbed their bags before they got drenched. The hours passed and the storm, unfortunately, did not let up. In fact, it only seemed to grow worse as the booming of thunder came closer and closer to the little cottage, and with that its windows started to rattle. Miya and Emilia were devastated by three o'clock as they decided the rain wasn't going to give up. But they decided they weren't going to either, instead of moping around the cottage they played board games and watched movies. They even ventured out doors wearing trash bags to keep themselves dry as they played in the rain. They would not let the weather get the best of them. At six Emilia and Miya felt hope in their hearts as the rain slowed to a stop and in the center of the clouded sky, sun shone through looking as beautiful as ever. The two girls ran down the many flights of steps to the dock where they watched the sun in awe as it sunk beneath the horizon.

Once it was fully dark and too frigid to sit outside any longer they climbed the stairs to the second deck where they snuck into the doors to get ready for bed. Lying side by side covered in piles of blankets the two girls chatted. They both agreed that today they would remember forever, they decided the day was not a total waste and had enjoyed themselves. In that moment, the two girls learned the true meaning of learning to dance in the rain instead of trying to let the storm pass. They were both exhausted after their long day of play.

As they whispered their goodnights to each other, and rolled to their sides, the girls both silently wished that tomorrow would be as great as today was. The next day the two friends awoke to sun shining through the windows, and the chirping

of birds. They opened the shades to see everything as a perfect start to a perfect day would be. With the sun high in the sky and the water looking as smooth as glass, the girls grinned at each other both happy beyond belief that their dream weekend could still come true.



A Day at the Lake

By: Megan Bonikowske

Instead of wasting a perfectly calm and lazy summer day at home watching television or laying in the sun, why not spend a beautiful day with your family at a scenic cottage on a serene lake? There is an endless amount of activities that you can partake in that will guarantee a fun-filled day.

At a relaxing vacation home, not only can you swim and fish, but there are also so many more activities to do that will keep you in a pleasurable mood. One of the entertaining events that you can accomplish is boating. Boating may include as much as riding a speedy boat as you glide over the rigid waves or even partaking in a blast as you journey in a tube behind the boat. If you wish to ensure that you partake in a more relaxing vacation, paddle boating or canoeing is an amusing, yet peaceful option.

Another soothing activity to attempt is fishing. It is a great time to bond with others, and there are numerous species of creatures you can hook. Angling can include many classes of fish, including bass and trout, or you can even snag adorable turtles using nets. If you would like an entertaining and friendly competition with family or friends, you could even place prizes for the largest, longest, or tastiest fish. This strategy keeps everyone looking forward to having amusement and competition in their vacation!

After the busy afternoon is completed it might just be a decent idea to relax and enjoy yourself. Lying in the steamy sun, talking, swimming in the depths of the water, or riding in a pontoon is a great way to lay back and calm yourself.

There are endless options of activities to keep you busy during a summer weekend at the lake. Enjoy your beautiful surroundings and the serene feel of the sun

streaming on your back. Just do not forget to have a blast and spend rare time with your caring family and friends. You might even discover that a peaceful day or two at the lake might be the greatest retreat you have ever taken.



Cabin Word Search

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By: Tyler Swichtenberg



Answer key coming in next issue!

The Haunted Home

By: Blake Heimmermann

On July 10, 2000, a disaster story was created by a local resident at The Living Vacation Homes. Not only was this story life changing, but it was also life threatening. Continue to read to learn how the victim, Johnny Fast, survived or didn't survive a vacation home disaster.

On that hot July day, Johnny Fast tried to enjoy a day on the lake. But something was not right when he stepped into his rented vacation home. Johnny threw open the door. Creak. He stepped in and onto the 100 year old hard wood flooring. Creak. The floor creaked under his feet with every single step he stepped. "Ahhh! What the heck?" Johnny screamed as he dodged towards the floor after walking the few feet he walked. Johnny thought to himself, 'this is going to be a long weekend,' Which indeed it would be.

Johnny laid on the ground for about six minutes after he fell. He looked up and noticed a swarm of bats were living in this haunted home. The family of bats just sat upside down on the old chandelier staring at Johnny. BANG! The family of bats pulled the chandelier right down to the ground. The lights shattered and the bats flew away. Johnny got up and tried running away. Whoosh, Johnny slipped on all of the broken glass and fell flat on his butt. "OUCH!!!! AHH!! MY BUTT IS FULL OF SHATTERED GLASS!!!"

Johnny jumped up from the ground and ran to the nearest couch. While he was running towards the couch, he pulled the dozens of pieces of light bulb out of his butt. When Johnny sat on the couch, he threw his feet up trying to avoid the rugged carpet. Crack, the couch crumbles to the ground and out pops a black cat. Kitty, the black cat, hissed and screamed at Johnny. He started sneezing up a storm due to his allergies to

the cat. To add on to the pain of the shattered light bulbs, the cat scratched his right arm until it bled puddles of blood. The day was just getting started for Johnny.

When Johnny made his way to the bathroom, he turned on the sink to clean the blood off his arm. Swish, the water turned burning hot and splashed into his face. The water was so strong that it pushed Johnny right out of the bathroom window. Johnny then landed outside of the haunted house into the barbed wire fenced yard. He thought to himself, 'How do I get out of here?' Although he was alone, he could feel the dead with him. The weather was about 100 degrees when the clouds covered the sun. Crack, boom. Lightning hit the house and it sounded like two semis having a head on head collision on the road. Johnny stood in the pouring rain wondering what had just happened.

As time ticked away, Johnny made his way to the house again to leave the way he came in. Since the lightning struck the house, the lights went out. Johnny was stuck in the bathroom once again, but this time it was pitch black. Using his sense of touch, Johnny moved his hands all around while he was walking and feeling for the door. He grabbed the handle and swung it open. Step. Step. Step. Johnny took three steps. Step, step, step. He took three more steps, but on his third, bang! Johnny fell through the old hardwood floor to the ice cold basement. At this point in the after noon, Johnny just wanted to go home and go to bed.

For some unknown reason, the basement lights worked great, but the bad part was that there was only one light. Under the light was a chair, and on that chair was a doll. This wasn't the ordinary little girl's doll, this doll was old, ceramic, and dirty. The doll was also holding a pen. This freaked Johnny out even more. The doll then reached its little arm up, and pulled the light switch off. "Ahhhhh!!!" Johnny screamed

and ran towards the stairs. The stairs, dripping wet from the rain, were the newest part of this very old house, being made completely out of glass.

As he raced up to the basement door, each step he took either cracked the glass stairs or made him slip and worry for dear life. When Johnny finally made his way upstairs, the old and wooden door flew wide open for outside. Johnny ran faster than he has ever run before towards the door and in one split second, the door slammed shut. There stood the doll from the basement with an evil look on its face. Johnny stood there with a pale face, frozen. All he could do was keep his mouth open. He was scared for what would happen next for his life.

To find out how this story ends, tune into the next issue of THIS magazine.

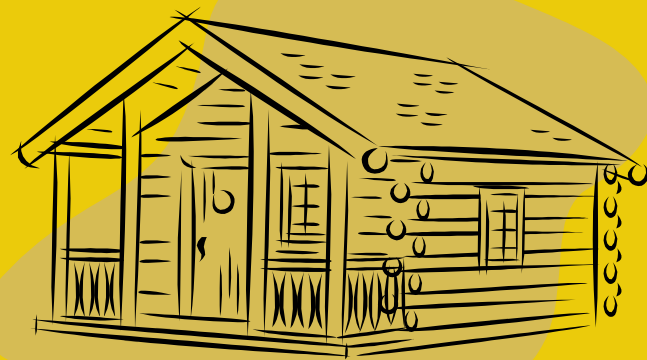


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Cabining

By: Nick Fassbender

In Wisconsin, most people go up north for a few weeks out of the year for relaxation. Some people would rather go in the winter and snowmobile than go in the summer and swim up north. My family and I go up north a lot.

My family and I started going up north when I was three years old. We owned a cottage in Northern Wisconsin for quite a few years. My grandparents owned it before us and gave it to us as a Christmas gift. We have had many people come up with us during the year including my grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and other relatives. We always have a blast; I have so many memories but here are just a few.

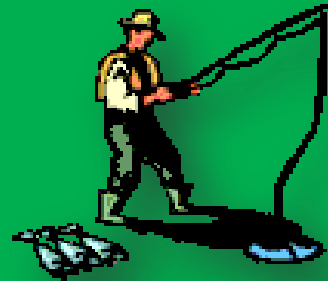
About six years ago when I was eight, my older brother, my younger brother, my father, my uncle, some of my cousin, and I went fishing on the lake our cottage is on. We got up early in the morning, around 5:30 A.M. to go fishing in our pontoon boat. The seven of us had coffee, cappuccino, or hot chocolate each before we went fishing. We piled into the boat at about 5:45 A.M. with everyone's fishing poles and tackle boxes. We went into the middle of the lake to start off fishing. We all casted our lines out in different directions; I was hoping I would catch the first fish. With very little luck for everyone fishing, we decided to go fishing next to the coastline where there are tons of weeds for fish to hide in. Instead of lures like we usually use, I used a hook and worm. I hooked it all up and casted my line about twenty feet from our boat. I could feel little bits on my pole but just left my line out there. Suddenly I had a big bite and I jerked my line to snag the fish. Then, I felt my line going out of the reel which meant the fish had the hook and was swimming in the other direction. I had a fish!!! I could tell it was a big fish because my pole was arched in a

rainbow. I tried reeling it in but the fish was full of energy. It took about thirty minutes to obtain the fish in the boat so we could measure it and weigh it. After I got a good look at the fish, I knew it was a northern. We measured it and it was forty inches and fifty-five pounds. That fish was MASSIVE!!! Then, I asked myself, "How did I catch a northern with a hook and worm? It must have been just some great luck!

The other memory that I would want to tell is when I was five years old. Our cottage had major chipmunk problems one year. About nine years ago, we went up to our cottage for a week. We always brought an abundance of food including: breakfast, lunch, supper, tons of snacks, and coolers full of drinks. It was my family, my grandmother, my aunt, and me. My mom makes the best mini muffins so she made three batches and brought them up this week. She put them in a Ziploc bag so they would stay better. Every morning we would realize that there would be fewer and fewer mini muffins in the Ziploc bag so I lifted the bag up and there was a hole in the bottom of the bag where chipmunks were taking our muffins!!! Therefore we had to come up with a plan to get rid of the chipmunk that kept eating our delicious muffins. So I got my fishing net, laid it down, and put a muffin in the middle of the net. I waited about forty-five minutes until I saw a chipmunk slowly move to the muffin. Once he was in the net I lifted it up and ran to our neighbor's yard where I let him go there! I did the same thing to fifteen other chipmunks who were taking our muffins. By the time the chipmunks were gone and not taking our muffins anymore, we only had a quarter of our bag of mini muffins left. We haven't had chipmunk problems since then!!!

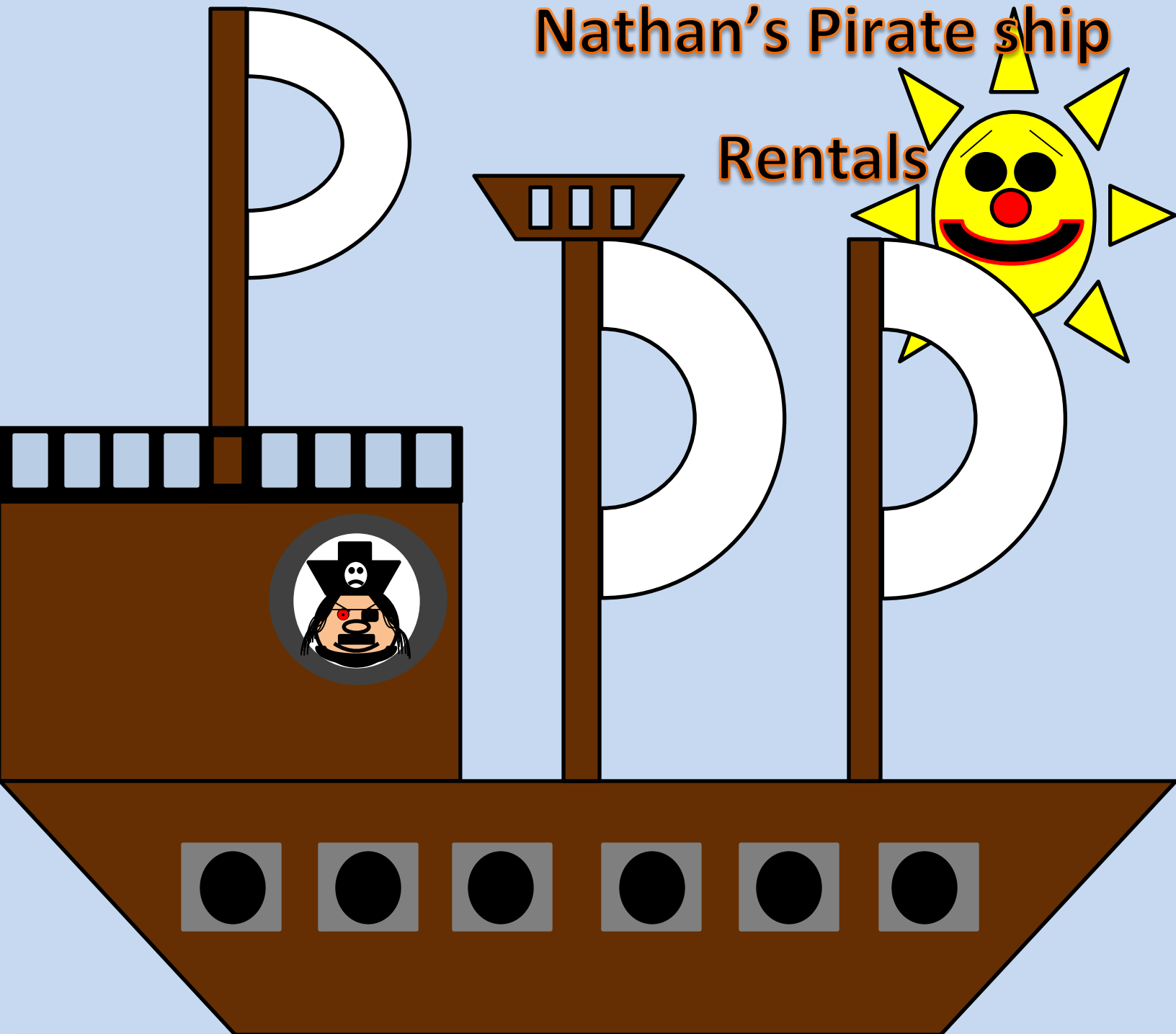
I love going up to our cottage. We always have a blast of memories every time

we go up there for a week. We have made so many memories and many more memories to come! Go and spend a weekend up north and you will love it up there. Nothing like Northern Wisconsin in every season!



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What to Look for in a Cottage

By: Jacob Ubl

I have been to many places to stay in all my years of traveling. One of my favorite types of places to stay is cottages or cabins. The close, home like quarters of these homes away from home are truly the best places to stay. I have heard about many bad experiences in cottages, but those only give the good cottages a bad name. If I had a choice between a hotel and a cottage, I would stay in the cottage.

The best places to stay are easy to find if you know what to look for. I have found that one of the best qualities of a cottage is the pool. A good pool can make the difference between a good and bad vacation. When looking for pools at a cottage, read the fine print. Sometimes cottages will advertise a pool but it won't be open. Other things cottages can do are clean the pool up really nice for the picture on the website. Then when you arrive expecting a theme park like pool, you find a swamp looking pool full of leaves and debris.

One of the first questions I ask when I call about a cottage was when was it last renovated. There is a big difference between a 1991 cottage and a 2012 cottage. I find that cottages take a picture of their best room and post it on their website or poster acting like that's what all the rooms look like. Modern amenities should be included in your cottage like a stove and TV as well to make your stay more comfortable.

Cottages often try to be "sneaky" on their websites or posters. They post pictures of what the cottage was like. They show how amazing one part of the cottage is, but they don't show the whole picture. Not all cottages are the same; they don't all try to hide something from your eye. Just because one cottage is not a pleasant place to stay doesn't mean they all are. I have found some pretty bad cottages in my traveling, years but on the other hand, I have found many

that I just never wanted to leave because they were so nice. One bad experience at a cottage should not ruin the rest of them for you. The only way to find the best places is to do your research on the cottage. Call the cottage and ask if they have the features that you feel are important to make your stay comfortable. If possible stop by the cottage before your stay and see what it's like through your eyes not someone else's. Cottages are the best place to stay while on vacation or just to go away from the stress of everyday life.



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By: Nathan Lichtfuss

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By: Emily Pappin

The Oldest Cabin; A Special Place to the Community and the World

By Josh Wilkins

ASHLAND WI-Recently there has been a purchase of a small shack on a fine piece of land of a small river that leads into a huge lake. The most special thing about this fully functionally cabin is that is the oldest cabin in the world, but to understand its full glory you need to know a few bits of history about this marvelous place. The cabin is about 700 sq. feet and was built in 1846.

History

Originally this cabin was built by Joseph Vandertum for a hunting lodge. Vandertum was one of the first settlers to the area. Later he transformed his cabin into his main house. He then wrote to his family to settle in this area which ended up founding the town of Ashland.

With the cabin being 167 years old, it has gone through many owners and multiple refurbishing projects. The first main project was a rebuild of the foundation. To do this the owner of the cabin in 1902, Tim McNellis, had to move the cabin three miles south. When moving the cabin south McNellis moved to cabin from the banks of Lake Superior to a small river that McNellis named after his wife Betty.

Forty years later, in 1942 the cabin was owned by the government for park rangers who had to work at the McNellis Vandertum State Park. When the government purchased to property they established electricity and refurbished the inside of the cabin. Lastly they established a dam which created Lake Thomas. The banks of Lake Thomas are 500 feet away from the front door.

After that not much was done with the cabin, in fact it was abandoned after the start of the Korean War. It was rediscovered in 1992 when locals reported strange smoke

signals coming from the woods near Lake Thomas. Local authorities found a group of hippies that were living in the cabin since 1979. The hippies were taken to jail for breaking and entering and being creepy.

Future Plans

Mayor of Ashland Henry Hutchinson states, "The oldest cabin is special place to the community and the world. Regarding Lake Thomas, we always went as children to play and have a great time. Every child in the community knew about the cabin, but no one knew about its history. It is very pleasing to see the cabin being turned into a national monument."

The owners of the cabin tell reports that they will miss playing at the lake and sleepovers in the cabin. "We enjoyed all the time we had at the cabin and we look forward to enjoying visiting the monument to learn about the people who built the cabin that my family and I spent a large amount of time at," explains Phil Weston, the owner of the cabin.

The cabin needs multiple renovations to be safe to the public. Tim Berkley says "We have our hands full for this [project]. First we have to see what pieces that are original and we can still use. Next remodel and furbish and before you know it we have created and brought back history."

Mayor Hutchinson also explains, "This cabin will promote enthusiasm of Ashland's history. It also will promote another reason for more tourism. This will boost local business leaving an overall positive impact on the community."

Disagreement?

Although many agree that the cabin is a good idea a handful of local disagree with the making of a national monument. Molly Sanderson says, "With the building and added tourists, Lake Thomas will be more polluted and our local traditions will be changed. The cabin has been around for all to go into and now we have the need to

make money on the cabin many knew about just now.”

As of right now the plans to make the cabin a national monument are still going on. If all goes according to plan the monument will be ready for the summer of 2014. Also we would like to hear your opinion of the cabin being made a national monument. Please write to 555 West Mason Street, Hortonville, WI, or call us at 920-348-7729.



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