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L I T T L E T R A V E R S E H I S T O R I C A L S O C I E T Y

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- New Director Will Soon Be In Place
- New Ernest Hemingway Exhibit Gearing Up For The 2010 Season
- CMU Photograph Collaboration
- Events For 2010
- History-How Petoskey Got It's Name

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NEW DIRECTOR SEARCH

The Little Traverse Historical Society and Museum is currently in the process of narrowing the search for a new director. Our previous director, Michelle Hill, resigned her position at the end of our operating season last fall to pursue new career opportunities. Her enthusiasm and energy will be greatly missed.

Our board and search committee have recently received several worthy applicants and are in the process of finding and obtaining the best qualified and most energetic person to take the helm of our museum.

Regardless of who the new director might be, the LTHS is preparing for some much

needed changes and updates that both the membership, and the community as a whole, should be excited



Petoskey History Museum

about.

You will begin to see regular newsletters mailed with upcoming events, interesting exhibit updates, museum

news, and of course, fun and interesting historic information from the Petoskey area.

We hope that you are as excited as we are! The new changes are sure to be a very positive thing for the LTHS.

The museum will also resume normal operating hours at the end of May. By that time our new director will be in place and well prepared to handle all of the fun and exciting things that the LTHS has become well know for.

We look forward to seeing all of you soon and hope that this winter season is enjoyable wherever you might be.

HEMINGWAY CONNECTION

Thanks to the Michigan Hemingway Society, some hard work, reorganization, and of course all of our private donors, the LTHS was able to open a new exhibit at the end of last season.

This unique, descriptive, and

captivating exhibit will be continued to be displayed throughout the 2010 museum season.

Visitors will be able to view pictures, artifacts, and heirlooms from Hemingway. They will also be able to learn how Northern Michigan and the

Petoskey region impacted Ernest Hemingway's life from childhood through his later years. This exhibit truly allows those who view it to see inside the man who has become one of America's most prized literary treasures.

CMU AND LTHS HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPH PROJECT



Cushman Hotel

Thanks to the efforts of our past direc-

tor, LTHS has joined efforts with Central Michigan University to completely digitalize all photographs in our archives. This is wonderful for two reasons: First, the images will be locked-in-time in their present conditions. The preservation of these historic images will allow future generations to experience the unique qualities of the Petoskey area. Secondly, LTHS will be able to digitally search for images and people at the request of patrons and visitors. These images will be avail-

able on a per-image-charge basis for printing or downloading! We will continue to add images, picture descriptions, and names of those in images, as the information becomes available. This is a truly interactive feature and LTHS will rely heavily on the participation and interest of the community as we move forward with this new digital endeavor.



“Petoskey means rising sun in the native dialect of Odawa Indian.”

HOW PETOSKEY WAS NAMED

As most know, the City of Petoskey was named in honor of Chief Ignatius Petoskey. Most don't know, however, that “Petoskey” is actually a corruption of his actual name which was Neyas Petosega.

Originally, born north of Harbor Springs near Middle Village, his father held him up to the morning sun and said, “...his

name shall be Petosegay and he shall be an important person.” And important he was.

In the Odawa language, Petosega means ***Rising Sun, Rays of The Morning Dawn, or Sunbeams of Promise.***

Ignatius Petoskey eventually moved to the southern shores of Little Traverse Bay near the Bear River. Here, he and his sons, acquired much land and became prominent land and business owners. Later, in 1873, residents forming the town of Petoskey named their city in his honor.



Left: The statue of Chief Petoskey Watches Silently Over The Frozen Waters Of Little Traverse Bay.



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Our Mission

The Little Traverse Historical Society was established in 1905. In 1969, The Little Traverse Historical Society was incorporated as a non-profit organization, "To preserve, advance and disseminate knowledge of the history of the Little Traverse Bay Area."

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

- **Historic Festival** Saturday, June 19th, From 11:00 am –4:00 pm.
- **Meet The New Director** Friday, June 25th, From 2:00 pm-4:00 pm.
- **Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social** Sunday, July 4th From 7:00pm-9:00pm
- **Dolly & Me Tea Party** July 24th From 2:00 pm-4:00pm
- **Railroad Round-Up** August 14th From 2;00 pm-4:00pm



Please Note These Important Dates