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New Photographic Volume Traces History of Little Traverse Bay
Book Release Celebration June 26, 2014

DETROIT—June 1, 2014—Celebrate the release of the new book Little Traverse Bay, Past and Present on Thursday, June 26, 2014, the opening night of the exhibit of the same name at the Little Traverse Historical Museum (100 Depot Court) in Petoskey. Author Michael R. Federspiel and photographer Rebecca Zeiss will sign copies and speak about the book, which uses both historical and contemporary photos to document the evolution of the area into a tourist mecca.

About the book: Featuring contemporary images by Rebecca Zeiss, over three hundred historic (most never before published) photos, and historical narrative by Michael R. Federspiel, Little Traverse Bay, Past and Present details the development of the tourist economy and also serves as a snapshot of the region today. Federspiel and Zeiss look at the cities of Petoskey and Harbor Springs; the resort associations of Bay View, Wequetonsing, and Harbor Point; and railroads, steamships, and excursions. Along the way, they visit historic hotels, public buildings, residences, commercial districts, and waterfront areas. At many sites, Zeiss’s beautiful and precise photos show that the historic views are still as they were; at others, they are hidden behind facades or structural alterations. Sometimes the historic sites are simply gone, replaced by something totally new or turned into empty lots. Federspiel also includes an introduction on the making of modern Little Traverse Bay and introduces the leaders and businessmen behind it.

Proceeds from the sale of this book go back to the Little Traverse Historical Society, which seeks to preserve, advance and disseminate knowledge of the history of the Little Traverse Bay Area.

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