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## Newsletter - November, 2011

### NEW OWNERS AT ANGLE OUTPOST

(Michelle Friend)

While not new to the Angle, they *are* new to this particular business venture. Jason and Lisa Goulet are accustomed to a busy life. As parents of eight children, ranging in age from 5 months to 14 years, to say they are busy is a terrific understatement. They recently made a move that ramps up 'busy' to what most would consider 'insanely busy'. In mid-Sept they purchased Angle Outpost Resort, a 16 acre, 11cabin, 70 bed compound on the mainland at Angle Inlet.

Early in 2011, Dave and Jessica Fandrich made it known they wanted to sell the resort in order to move closer to family. But Jason and Lisa weren't shopping for a business, certainly not a multi-cabin resort. Months passed. Friends and family occasionally presented the idea that they should buy Angle Outpost. The Goulet's only lightly considered the idea. After much consideration and much more prayer, the Goulet's came to believe it was feasible for them to make Angle Outpost their home.

Since they moved in at the end of the summer fishing season, they have been able to familiarize themselves with the business at a fairly moderate pace. Lisa majored in mass communication at Bemidji State University. With eight children to ride herd on every morning, she likely communicates on a micro-massive scale every day. Madi, the oldest, catches the school bus to Warroad around 6:15 a.m., Kelby and Jack are home schooled, Olivia and Logan attend the Angle School. That leaves three preschoolers, Jo Jo, Adely, and baby Emma, to entertain. But now, 15 years after receiving her degree, Lisa can use what she learned at college as she updates the website and brochure, and develops a marketing plan for the resort.

Jason brings many necessary skills to their new enterprise. The skills he acquired during five years playing hockey with the International Hockey League may take awhile to emerge. But during off season of his IHL years, he worked construction with his older brother. Prior to that, during college breaks, he worked as a mason. Being a do-it-yourselfer is a must at a small family owned resort. Four years ago he bought Robert "RC" Carlson's ice fishing business. He runs three bombardiers, and rents 25 ice fishing houses. And like his wife, many years after majoring in criminal

justice, Jason was deputized in April 2011 to the Lake of the Wood County Sheriff's Office. He fills the vacancy left when long time deputy Bob Nunn retired.

The Goulet's are a big family, who bought a big property and run a big business. If the trend continues, we can expect big things out of Angle Outpost.

Angle Outpost is open year round. There are 11 cabins for rent in the summer and seven cabins for rent in the winter. The ice fishing houses are available for rent to guests as well as non-resort guests. At the lodge the Goulet's sell hunting and fishing licenses, sundries, grocery and gift items and clothing. American plan (three meals per day with stay) will be available in May, 2012.

### FROM MY SOAPBOX...

(Deb Butler)

Hi to all from Flag Island! I just want to take this opportunity to thank all of the people who contribute to this newsletter and help make it happen. Especially to regulars Ann, Bonny, Linda, Michelle, Joan, Deb & Sue. I couldn't do it without you!

I also want to throw my 2¢ out there. We have a couple of organizations that need people to step up now. Yes, we're all very busy. And part of the reason for that is from the efforts of the Edge Riders' Club and the Chamber of Commerce, who contribute a lot to the health of the area. The efforts of the Chamber in area publicity, events, and issues as well as the excellent trails, maps, events, and advertising by the Edge Riders puts money & opportunities in front of all. Membership is down, participation is down, filling board positions is badly needed in both. It would be a shame to let these resources slip through our fingers.

### NEWSLETTER NEWS – Faster, bigger, cheaper!

The newsletter is on the Chamber's website ([www.lakeofthewoodsresorts.com](http://www.lakeofthewoodsresorts.com)) as well as being able to be sent to your personal email. With the electronic copy, pictures are also included on the last pages. Articles with accompanying pictures are indicated by a ★. To receive the electronic copy, fill out the information at the top of the membership form and mail to the address shown. You need Adobe Reader (which is free) to view.

Beginning with this newsletter, we're going to feature a business or item of interest from the past.

## **EDGE RIDERS NEWS** (John Howard)

With our first skiff of snow freshly on the ground and the excitement of deer season in the air it is great to feel the anticipation of another winter on the Northwest Angle. The Northwest Angle Edge Riders snowmobile club members are busy preparing for another great season of fun on the frozen lake.

The updated trail map is in final preparation with a full slate of advertisers and some new enhancements to make life easier for the traveling snowmobiler. Watch for further details on the website on availability and distribution.

We are also preparing for this season's annual Edge Riders' Winter Snowmobile Rally, slated for March, 2012. We fully expect this season's event to expand on the success of last year. Look for a big-top tent with heat, the signature bonfire, radar run, indoor and outdoor refreshments and many opportunities to win raffle and door prizes. This season we will raffle a Zack Shack fish house as the top prize. The Zack Shack is a highway towable, 6x10' fish house that can transport an ATV inside. Once you reach the lake you quickly unload your wheeler and pull the Zack Shack to your favorite spot. For more pictures and info about the Zack Shack, go to [www.zackshack.com](http://www.zackshack.com).

Watch for future news and the rally date on the Edge Riders' website: [www.nwaedgeriders.org](http://www.nwaedgeriders.org).

## **ST. LUKE'S through the years**

(Mike Rasmussen)

As with most of the 'western USA', the NW Angle & Islands were originally settled by homesteaders. Some of the original immigrants, who settled the Lake of the Woods area and more specifically the NW Angle & Islands area, are the Arneson's (Rocky Point), the McKeever's (Flag Island), the Carlson's and Nelson's (NW Angle mainland). They, as with other NW Angle parents, saw their sons answering the call of duty, sent off to wars in far away lands. Thanking the Lord for the safe return of their 'boys' and missing a focal point of gathering for worship services, Fritz and Gunda Carlson donated land for the erection of a school & a church. In the early 1950's, St. Luke's Church was built with donated local labor and sawmill materials. 1956 saw the formation of the first board of elders; Norman Carlson, Dan Carver and Harley Jensen. Secretary/ Treasurer was Evelyn McKeever. Harold Peterson, David McKeever, Mark Wells, Ralland Harrison, and Mike Rasmussen are some of the few that were appointed to positions on the board over the years. Many have served in the Secretary/ Treasurer position, including Judy Risser (daughter-in-law of original homesteaders Joe & Mary Risser), Irene Peterson (daughter of Fritz & Gunda), Ilyne

Rasmussen (granddaughter of Fritz & Gunda), and Jeanette McAtee.

During the late 50's and 60's, Concordia College in Moorhead, MN, provided lay student pastors to serve as summer interns at St. Luke's. Several of the students went on to full time ministry & often visited the NW Angle & St. Luke's years later. Pastor Jack Eichorst returned on July 13, 1975, to officiate at the marriage of Ilyne & Mike Rasmussen. In 1958, Paul Stoll, from the Detroit Lakes area, felt a Holy Spirit instilled call to minister within the native communities at the NW Angle & Islands. He built a home on Flag Island on land given to him by Charles & Hazel McKeever. He led local services & Bible studies on both Flag & Oak Islands; in resort buildings, schools & private homes. In 1972, with his children being the only students enrolled at the Flag Island school, he accepted a pastorate at St. Luke's. A basement was constructed under the building & living quarters were installed. It wasn't the Sheraton Ritz, but it was home for the Stoll's for a number of years until they moved to Warroad. Paul & Mary continued to drive to the NW Angle for Bible studies & Sunday services, until Paul's passing in 2008. Mark Wells (husband of Connie Colson Wells - grand-daughter of Jake & Lucy Colson of Pine Creek) ministered during the years of Paul's illness. Mike Rasmussen & Ralland Harrison serve in that position today. For those wishing further information, please feel welcome to call:

Mike Rasmussen 218-223-8151

Ralland Harrison 218-223-4513

Harold Peterson 218-223-4051

St. Luke's is a non-denominational, Bible-believing church, open to all. Please join us for services at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday, with coffee, snacks & fellowship after the service. Stop in any time, sign the guest book and browse our library of books, DVD's and related items.

We are blessed to have many individuals share and minister at St. Luke's. The Praise and Worship Team from First United Lutheran in Roseau, MN, has ministered several times in the last years. Dan Whipple, summer resident of Bear River, often leads us in song & worship. James and Toni Mitchell from Broken Arrow, OK, shared their personal testimony and personally authored guitar melodies. Terry and Mary Lou Burnes from Sioux City, IA, are always honored to share what the Lord is doing in their lives.

We at St. Luke's look forward to each new summer season, as it brings new and old friends of St. Luke's to gather for fellowship on Sunday mornings. Many old timers at the NW Angle (Joe Risser authored this claim) note that the fish seem to quit their biting activity between the hours of 10:30 and noon on Sundays.....

## PROGRESSIVE DINNER

The Progressive Dinner will be on Feb. 11, 2012. Call Jerry's (223-8381) for reservations and tickets. Tickets/reservations must be made by Feb. 9, 2012. Take your sweetheart to dinner - prizes, great food and great fun!

## THIS 'N' THAT

- The post office at the Angle will *not* be closing, as was feared. The northernmost post office in the contiguous US was on a list of possible closures but was deemed necessary and would place an undue hardship on residents if it were to be closed. It would be in our best interests to make sure that there is enough postal activity to maintain the need for the post office.

- Ladies activities this summer included:
  - ~ strawberry picking at Hadashville, MB
  - ~ noon luncheons at Sportsmans Oak Island Lodge (Miss ND 2004, Sara Schelkoph Dieter and baby Lauren in attendance!)
  - ~ a day trip to Steinbach and Ste. Anne des Chenes (the Dawson Trail is their Main St.)
  - ~ coffee at Starbuck's - Oak Island (aka Luann & Hayes Harned's cabin!)
  - ~ discovering trail systems on the islands and walking for exercise and to form friendships with neighbors along the way.
  - ~selling raffle tickets as a library fundraiser during the appearance of William Kent Krueger at the Warroad Library on Sept. 29. Judy Petermann, a retired elementary teacher with over 35 years of service in ND, won the opportunity to appear in an upcoming novel by Krueger.

- Sympathies to the Earl Jenkins family. Earl passed away Oct. 20 in Bemidji, MN. Earl and Lois have been involved with Laketrails since the 1950s.

- Sympathies to the Ray Hanson family. Ray, from Strathcona, MN, passed away Sept. 13. Ray's daughter and son-in-law, Joe & Anita Laurin, are owners of the lighthouse cabin & Flag Island Observatory. Ray played in a band that flew up to play at Flag Island Resort. "He had a great love for music & so enjoyed playing his Dobro and pedal steel guitar", Anita remembers.

- Nicole Meyer has taken on a project creating a logo for each lake in Minnesota. If she creates one logo each day, it should only take her a little over 27 years!! Interesting to look at those that are completed. The completed ones, however, do not yet include Lake of the Woods. For more info: [www.branding10000lakes.com/1108027/ABOUT](http://www.branding10000lakes.com/1108027/ABOUT)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday at 10:30 am – **Church services** at St. Luke's  
**Dec 9 – 7 pm. Edge Riders' Annual Stake Party** – Vickaryous' garage  
**Dec 10** – Jerry's Annual **Christmas Party**  
**Feb 11** – **Progressive Dinner** Pre-sale tickets only. Call Jerry's (223-8381) for tickets  
**Mar** – **Edge Riders' Rally** – check website for date and location.

## LAKETRAILS NEWS (Sue Lemm)

Laketrails had a great summer with 235 youth and chaperones paddling in and out of Base Camp. Campers came from nine different states and, as always, the canoes traveled to all parts of the lake. Island residents might have seen the big Voyageur canoe on the water a number of times, used on outings by the Laketrails staff as well as for camping trips with the teens. As the saying goes, "a good time was had by all."

New this past summer was a weekend called "Painters in Paradise" where adult hobby artists joined in camp life by pulling out their easels and brushes to re-create the scenic wonders of the area. What a talented group of folks!

2012 promises to be a banner year as Laketrails celebrates its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary Aug 17-19. Special events planned for the reunion include an adult canoe trip just before the celebration (Aug 11-17), a style show of past Laketrails fashions, and a campfire featuring lots of singing & camp stories from 1952 to the present. Interested Angle & Island folks are invited to watch the next newsletter, the Laketrails website ([www.laketrails.org](http://www.laketrails.org)) and their Facebook page for more information.

Drop a card to the ol' skipper, Fr. Bill Mehrkens at Gold Pine Home, 1700 30<sup>th</sup> St. NW, Bemidji, MN 56601. He loves hearing from friends on the lake!

## GATEWAY TO PARADISE (Patti Swanson) ★

Most of us are familiar with the two giant white pine trees along the road to the NWA. Resident Patti Swanson has always loved those two trees and has taken many photographs of them over the years.

Last summer, Patti completed an 18 x 24 inch oil painting of the "Gateway to Paradise", as she calls them. The painting shows the white pines before the other trees along the road were cleared.

At the request of friends, note cards have been produced with a print of the painting. Christmas cards have also been made. Signed limited edition prints, matted and framed, are also available in many sizes up to 12 x 18 inches.

For information contact Patti at 218-843-2867 or email her at [pswanson@ruralaccess.net](mailto:pswanson@ruralaccess.net).

## **BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL** (Ann Zavoral)

The Best Dessert title, out of 22 entries, went to Portia Smith of Moorhead, MN, with a woven lattice-topped blueberry pie. Erica Ebnet, Avon, MN, was 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner with a Lemony Fresh Blueberry Cream Pie, and Cindy Johnston, Grand Forks, ND, won 3<sup>rd</sup> place with a Blueberry Sour Cream Pound Cake.

Celebrity judges were Hazel McKeever and Norma Reinhart, mothers of Rick and Pat McKeever, respectively. These well qualified ladies have a combination of over 150 years of baking and cooking experience for their families, friends, school, and in island and area businesses as well as in their homes over the years.

Thanks as well to Joan Undahl, Jeanne Ecklund, Kathy Hughes, Bonny Edin, Roxie Horsley and Shauna Stoltman for their help during setup, and the tasting and serving of samples. A total of \$220 was dispersed in cash prizes among the winners. Income from sample tasting goes to the Chamber. One winner's earnings was directed to the Angle School to be used for the school trip! Beautiful floral arrangements came from American Point and Oak Island. Thank you, Lois Harrison and Dick and Marion Gross!

John Howard kept busy, frying thin and tasty potato chips to accompany Don McClanathan's brisk Brat N Sauerkraut business.

It seems that no one collected info regarding the Chili Cookoff, which appeared to be a big success, so we can't publish anyone's Claim to Fame. There were a number of participants and all were under the tent but no other details are available.

The State of MN shutdown affected the Raffle that was slated. Watch for it for 2012. Ticket sales will begin early.

Congratulations to all!

## **BAY STORE BEGINNINGS** (Ducky Webb)

Brothers Elvin and Orsleff Hansen came to Oak Island from Maiden Rock, WI, in 1923, where they bought the homestead relinquishment on the property from Oliver Smith. Elvin worked at various jobs while proving up on the property. He worked as a guide for Centre Island Resort and for Giddings' on Blackbird Island, then wintered in Chicago, working as an orderly in a hospital on the south side and at the Flossmore Golf Course to make enough money to live at Oak Island. Both Orsleff and Elvin had been in the Navy in WWI, where Elvin served on a troop ship and Orsleff was an airplane mechanic.

In 1927, Louise Wanous arrived on Oak Island to teach school. Three years later, Elvin and Louise were married by JP Phil Smith in Elvin's original homestead shack (which is still standing.) After their

marriage, Louise could no longer teach because of a rule at the time, regarding married women teaching with a normal school certificate.

Shortly after their marriage, Elvin, Louise and Orsleff started the Bay Store and fish buying operation. The operation consisted of the fish house, ice house and the store, which became the warehouse in 1937 when they opened the main store building. Along with fish they bought furs, blueberries and wild rice. The fish were sent to Booth Fisheries in Warroad by boat for re-icing then were shipped by rail to Chicago and other markets.

They also operated a beer parlor, where the Sat. night dances were very popular, drawing people from Kenora, French Portage, Warroad and generally from around the lake. Musicians were local (Louise played the accordion) and it seemed there was always someone with a guitar or fiddle. There was also a juke box. The Beer Parlor was closed in 1948 or 1949.

Louise was a ham radio operator and the only communication in the area for many years, however, during WWII they would not allow amateur radios to operate. They also would not allow small airplanes to fly. (People would sometimes ask me in the later years what it was like to live on the island before the planes flew, but I had to tell them to ask someone else because in 1937, I came from Warroad to Oak Island when I was 14 days old in Roy Dugan's airplane!)

Orsleff was commissioned Postmaster in 1934, and Elvin became Customs Officer. Due to his skill as a mechanic, Orsleff was in demand for engine repair and other repairs. Because he was a single man he was recalled to the Army in WWII. While in the service he married Ola Roberts from Nebraska. They lived briefly at Oak Island, later moving to the Denver area. Louise then became postmaster.

Elvin and Louise's only daughter, Grace (Ducky) met Ronald (Buck) Webb in Chicago, even though both were Minnesota natives. They married in 1956.

In 1960, Buck and Ducky Webb moved to Oak Island, taking over the Bay Store from her parents. Elvin and Lou moved to Phoenix, AZ, where Louise worked in a school and they managed an apartment building in the winter and spent the summers at Oak Island until their deaths.

We (Buck and Ducky) continued the store, post office and Customs along with a couple of housekeeping cabins. In 1985 Buck bought the barge service from Don Palmquist, running the Northwest Angle and Island Freight Service and gas business from 1985 to 1992, selling it to Richard and Beth Carlson. In 1994, Bay Store was sold to Frank and Laura Walsh, the current owners.

## CHAMBER NEWS (Deb Kellerman, treas)

Leadership is needed in the Chamber – volunteers for the executive board – for planning and organization of events that happen throughout the year. Meet about every three months to implement those events. Please call Deb Kellerman (223-8111).

**Savings Balance as of 11/1/11 \$12,705.56**

**Checkbook Balance as of 11/1/11 \$5,559.34**

Disbursements (to be sent in Dec):

School.....	\$ 320
EMT.....	1,090
Snowmobile trails...	405
Fire Dept.....	1,030
Wildflowers.....	530

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Web links –	19	19
Members –	108	137

Membership is lagging. Please join the Chamber using the accompanying membership form. The Chamber would like to thank the following for stepping up in 2011:

**Bonny Edin** – for all her hard work on the beautiful flower bed at the OARS booth at Jim’s Corner. This probably won’t continue without additional help from the community! It’s not a one-person operation!

**Joan Undahl** – Blueberry Festival

**Ann Zavoral** – Blueberry Festival

**Deb Butler** – newsletter, Progressive Dinner

**Deb Kellerman** – treasury responsibilities

**Linda Kastl/school children** – Chamber Breakfast

## RELAY FOR LIFE – 2012 (Patti Swanson)

Efforts are already underway for conducting our 2012 Relay for Life on the Lake. The event is tentatively scheduled for August 2, 2012, under the full moon, during our Annual Blueberry Festival. We will celebrate the huge progress made in the fight against cancer as well as all of our local loved ones who lost their battle with cancer. And we will fight back against this horrible disease and raise funds for research, education and help for patients & families.

We are hoping all previous teams from our famous 2009 event will again participate. Fundraising projects can begin anytime!

We are also looking for additional teams of up to 15 people. Each team is asked to raise a minimum of \$1,000. All team members will receive a T-shirt.

Please contact Patti Swanson (call 218-843-2867 or email [pswanson@ruralaccess.net](mailto:pswanson@ruralaccess.net)) about your team’s participation, to share any ideas or ask any questions you may have about the event.

There will be a Team Captain meeting in May of 2012 to plan all the details of the event.

Our 2009 event made us famous! Since then, many Relays on the Lake have been held on lakes and in ocean marinas around the country. A number of people are hoping to visit our event this year after viewing the terrific video from our first event.

I am so proud of and thankful for each of you who participated in 2009! Let’s gear up and have an even more exciting event next summer! I’m anxious to hear from you! Patti

## CATCH THE FLAVOR (Mary Dieter)

It was a warm, sunny afternoon and I sat down with the CATCH THE FLAVOR of the NORTHWEST ANGLE & ISLANDS cookbook just to peruse it briefly. Well, two hours later I realized I had read this entire cookbook! Being new to the Angle and it’s people and culture, I found it fascinating to read the preface, introducing me to the history of the Angle, and each divided section filled with information on landmarks and/or one of Marv Espe’s detailed artwork from his “Man’s Hand in the Northland” series.

Instead of highlighting recipes I wanted to try, I highlighted those people who submitted the recipes...the names I could put a face with. Many of them included a short autobiography. Oh what a savory read! These islanders were not only sharing their kitchens with me, they were sharing their stories. Slowly reading through, I found myself smiling and whispering, “I didn’t know they had a place up there.”

As fall descends I am especially interested in trying out “Mail Day” Soup (pg 182) made by Ducky Webb as islanders waited for the mail plane to arrive. My mail is delivered into a narrow slot right into my kitchen!

When I was cooking for the seven of us I had my standard fare...quantity, comfort, and quick, as there was always someone coming or going & an endless list of chores to be done. Where were all those “helpful hints” (pg 231-254) when I needed them?

You won’t find the recipe for “Good Whitewash for the Outbuildings” (pg 232) in Joy of Cooking. Neither will you find a recipe for “Homemade Floor Varnish” (pg 232) in Ina Garten’s Barefoot Contessa cookbooks. But you *will* find it in the CATCH THE FLAVOR cookbook!

Perhaps I shall invite my friend and neighbor, Joyce Newcom, over for coffee, conversation and to sample *her* Sugar and Spice Cookies (pg 73).

If you don’t have CATCH THE FLAVOR of the NORTHWEST ANGLE & ISLANDS on your shelf or bedside table, be sure to order one for yourself and another for someone on your Christmas list.

Cookbooks can be purchased at Angle businesses or by calling Joan Undahl at 218-223-4010.

## YOUNG'S BAY NEWS

Dear Members,

We have come to the decision to have four cabins open this winter! Since this is a first time deal for us, we would just like to put the word out. Cabins 1, 2, 4 and 5 will be winterized (every cabin except for the big cabin). Cabins 1 and 2 have six bed each and Cabins 4 and 5 have four beds each. We will not have the store open, but hope to in future years. We will, however, have a temporary "office" where we will sell some groceries, pop, bait and apparel. We will also provide a place to clean your fish.

We are charging \$55 per night, per person, for the cabins with a three person (\$165) minimum. Red Fox Ice Fishing Company has offered their services at \$60 per day for their all-inclusive ice fishing, if you so choose. It includes bomber rides out to the fishing grounds, leaving from Jerry's, heated fish houses, pre-drilled holes and bait. All you have to do is bring your own fishing gear, kick back and catch some fish! He does not, however, serve lunch, so we will have box lunches available for purchase. Snowmobiles are always welcome, as well, if you just want to do some trail riding or have your own portable. Guided snowmobile fishing is also available upon request.

If you would like more information, please check out [www.youngsbayresort.com](http://www.youngsbayresort.com) or call 218-223-8031. Also, come "like" us on Facebook to receive fishing updates throughout the year – search for Young's Bay Resort.

Some more big news, after 18 years Rick and Pat's oldest son, Rick, has returned home. He brings with him his wife Lisa and two beautiful children; son Tyson is 2 ½ years old and daughter Andie was just born in September. They are going to live and work with us here at the resort. Please help us to welcome them to our community and make them feel at home as we are sure they are going to make a great addition to the Angle.

Thank you to all our customers who have helped make Young's Bay Resort such a success, we look forward to the opportunity to serve everyone even better now that we've got some extra help around.

Sincerely – Young's Bay Staff

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Zack Shack, to be featured in the Edge Riders' Rally raffle



Louise, Grace (Ducky) & Elvin Webb



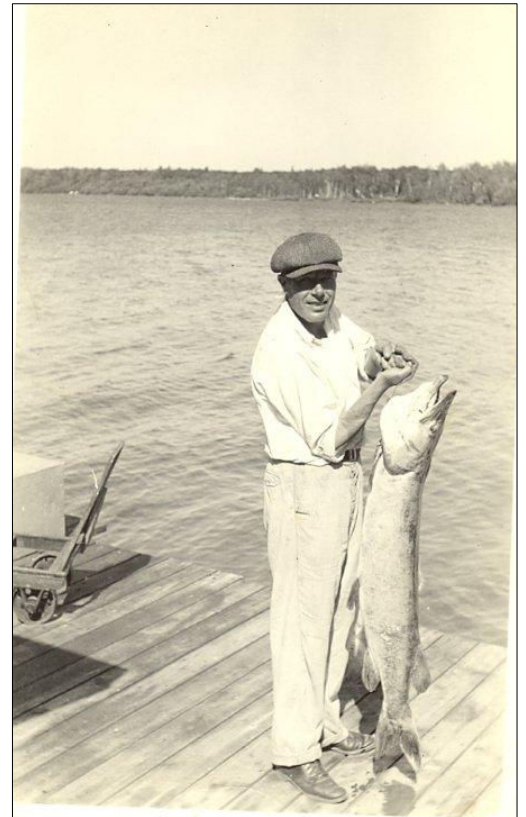
Orsleff Hanson – 1937 or 1938

Interior shots of Bay Store  
 No 'paper or plastic' – purchases were wrapped in paper (from the rolls) and tied with string (suspended from ceiling) or boxed. The large black box on counter is the register.





Exterior shots of the Bay Store. 1938

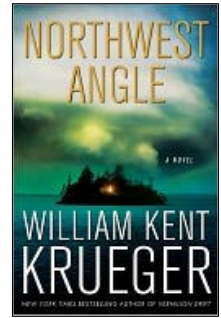


Elvin Hanson and his 'catch of the day'  
On the dock at Bay Store



The Bert Steele, unloading supplies and picking up fish boxes at Bay Store dock. All transportation was by boat after the war until Don Hanson began a flying service again in 1947. Other boats providing cross-lake service from Warroad to Kenora and points in between were the Resolute and the Scout.

Note the non-electric gas pump on the right. This was used for years, even after the Angle was electrified, because of the unreliability of the electricity supply.



Locals will recognize landmarks as well as a few people in this 11<sup>th</sup> book in the Cork Connor series by Krueger, who visited the Northwest Angle & Islands in 2010 to do research for the book.

Attending the book signing at the Warroad Public Library for Krueger's book *Northwest Angle* were: (front) Evelyn McKeever, author William Kent Krueger (l-r) Dave McKeever, Pat McKeever, Ralland Harrison, Deb Kellerman, Jerry Stallock, Lois Harrison, Mary Dieter, George Risser, Patti Swanson, Tony Wandersee



"Gateway to Paradise" by Patti Swanson

(Editor's note: I'm not sure if this is very realistic as there's not enough washboard in the road!  
JUST KIDDING!)



Fun at school! These cowgirls are dancing to the song, Buffalo Gals (Won't You Come Out Tonight)! They are taking a break from packing the blue shoe boxes on the floor in front of them, which are for Operation Christmas Child, a program through the Samaritan's Purse relief organization.