

Birthday Story Time for Grandpa Lyle

If you or your children have been to the library or attended school in Cook County, chances are you know "Grandpa Lyle" Gerard.

Lyle has been reading to children all over Cook County for many years, sharing a wealth of knowledge and passion for literature with countless young readers. Recently, vision problems have curtailed his ability to read, and now it's our chance to give back to this man who has given so much to us.

Please join us at the Grand Marais Public Library on Saturday, December 16th, 2017, at 12:00 p.m. to celebrate Lyle's birthday and his invaluable service to our community. During this event, anyone who would like to read to Grandpa Lyle is invited to do so, whether it's to share with him a book that he once read to you, or an entirely new book he might enjoy. Everyone is invited to bring a book, or browse the children's collection for a favorite children's book to share

Mindful Ways To Celebrate the Winter Solstice

by Kate Jackson

Beginning on the winter solstice, which this year falls on Thursday, December 21, the days will officially stop getting shorter. The solstice marks the shortest day and longest night of the year, which means that those of us in the northern hemisphere can look forward to less than 10 hours of daylight on Wednesday.

The winter solstice occurs when the earth's tilt away from the sun is at its maximum, which is why the sun seems to hardly climb above the horizon at all this time of year. Although the solstice is "officially" the first day of winter on this side of the globe, folks in the northland usually have a good laugh at this distinction. For most of us, it serves simply as an encouraging reminder that we are (slowly but surely) making it through the darkest days of winter.

But the hope of more sunshine and longer days is not the only thing we can gain from this astronomical event. Cultures around the globe have been celebrating the winter solstice for ages as a way honoring the changing of the seasons and acknowledging humanity's connection to the earth.

The solstice's proximity to Christmas can provide us with a great opportunity to take a step back from the rush of shopping, parties and preparation that can often feel overwhelming and exhausting. Why not take advantage of this unique day by slowing down and giving yourself a chance to just take it all in?

Here are a few ideas for low-key ways to celebrate the solstice:

- Gather your family together and make a list of all the things you are thankful for, especially the little things, then hang it up on the fridge or somewhere everyone can see it. This can be a great activity to do with the kids in your life. Remembering to count our blessings in this bountiful time of year is the perfect way to enhance our enjoyment of all the holiday fun to come.

- Include the birds and furry creatures near your home in this season of generosity. Fill a new bird feeder or sprinkle seeds and nuts where the wild animals will

find them. If you have kids, help them make a special treat for the birds by coating a pine cone in peanut butter, rolling it in seeds and hanging it in a tree near your home. Then gather at the window to watch and wait for the all the happy recipients to assemble.

- Devote a portion of your solstice day to quiet reflection by designating an hour (or 15 minutes if you have small children) of intentional silence in your household. Whether you choose to sit quietly, reflecting on the stillness of the winter season, or to let the silence lend an element of mindful calm your daily activities, this can be a great way to pause our busy lives and simply enjoy the moment we are in.

- Take a walk in the outdoors. The solstice is a time of endurance for all the living things that share our corner of the world. With long hours of darkness, biting cold and limited food, the animals and plants that are thriving all around us are surely ones to be admired. Whether it's a favorite walking trail, a park or just the space around your home, spend some time this solstice just looking and listening to nature, appreciating its continual wonder.

- Make a meal that honors the bounty of the earth. Traditionally, many cultures that celebrate the winter solstice have included feasting in their festivities as a way to create a sense merriment in what may otherwise be a rather lean time of year. Consider preparing a clean and simple feast that highlights traditional winter foods, ones that folks from the northern corners of the world may have had access to in these long, cold months. For example, try including squash, potatoes, leeks or dried fruits in your special solstice meal.

- Have a winter bonfire. What better way to create a sense of warmth and brightness on the longest night of the year? There is something about a roaring fire that tends to bring everyone together in awe of the power of nature. Dance, sing, simply stare into the blaze or break with tradition and roast up some marshmallows!

Happy Winter Solstice!

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FEATURE PROPERTIES



•57 Nelson Dr, SB MLS6030470: Looking for a back to the woods location on Lg site in City of Silver Bay, check out this 3BR, 3BA house w/det'd 2 car Gar., Lg. deck & many recent updates incl: windows, siding, deck, doors, some lighting, BA's, paint, & 6 panel maple interior doors w/matching trim. **REDUCED \$179,500**

Silver Bay & Surrounding Area

HOMES IN TOWN

•82 Burk Dr., SB: Back to the woods, w/views of LK Superior, 3 BR, 1 BA move in condition. Updates incl: 1/2 log siding outside & inside, newer shingles, windows, storm door, updated BA, remod. Kit., newer appliances, flooring, some wiring & window treatments. Private back yard w/views of Lk Superior from the hillside & a fire pit for your enjoyment. **\$104,000**

•813 Slater Dr., Beaver Bay MLS 6030905: Looking for a house near the Gitchi Gammi bike w/city sewer & water & good storage. Check out this split entry house w/2 BA, up to 4 BR, full basement, att'd garage, rear deck, aux. garage & city water and sewer. **\$149,500**

•5881 Hwy 1, SB MLS6031441: Lg completely remodeled custom Kit. & many other updates throughout. 3+ BR, 2 BA, full walkout basement, w/det'd 3 car Gar, 30x50' quonset w/storage for equipment, tools & space to work on projects, good landscaping, convenient location, just an 8 min. walk to Baptism High Falls. It's the perfect place for you! **REDUCED \$215,000**

•5940 Old Hwy 61, SB MLS6028125: Rare opportunity to own 200 feet of Lk Superior lakefront w/ accessible beach. Let your vision create the color palette & update modifications you prefer. New roof in 2014. New septic system will be installed. Spring fed water supply. Tranquil, private setting, yet only six miles to Silver Bay, one hour to Duluth, & 3 1/2 hours to the Twin Cities. Walking distance to Tettagouche State Park, hiking trails & the Baptism River. **REDUCED \$349,900**

•61 Adams Blvd, SB MLS 6026996: 1.7 story, 4 BR, 2 BA house back to the woods w/updates incl: siding, windows, shingles, 2nd floor add'n, new garage roof, no maint. decks, hardwood floors, new Kit. countertops & backsplash, oak cabinetry, hearth stove, new carpet, & good landscaping. Other feat's incl: full basement, att'd 2 car garage, shed & large side yard. **\$218,900**

•XX Burk Dr., SB MLS6031120: Wooded vacant lot w/view of Lk Sup., city water/sewer nearby. **\$18,500**

•33 Garden Dr., SB MLS6029856: 2 BR, 2 BA house w/full partially finished basement & many updates throughout. Shingles, in-floor heat, remod. kitchen, remod. BA's, new drywall, recessed lights, new furnace, & new sewer line. Other feat's include front deck, add'l covered storage behind garage or a covered patio let your imagination guide you. Level lot & quiet street. **REDUCED \$69,500**

•58 Horn Blvd, SB MLS6029726: 3 BR, 1 BA home, detached 2 car garage w/many updates in a convenient location on corner lot. Updates incl: vinyl windows, siding, overhead water lines, new plumbing in slab, new shingles, remodeled kitchen, paint, insulated garage, gardens and a large storage shed. **REDUCED \$74,900**

•14 Lee Cir., SB: Enjoy the features of this 4+ BR, 2.25 BA home w/full basement, patio & detached 2 car Gar. on level site. Improvements incl: newer shingles, new water heater, hwd flooring, updated BA, updated Kit., good storage incl. add'l shed. **REDUCED \$129,500**

•49 Nelson Dr, SB, MLS6028794: Peacefull, move in ready, 2 story, 4BR, 2.5BA home, full basement, att'd gar., large back to woods site. Updates: siding, windows, sun rm, remod. kit. w/maple cabinets, maple hardwood flr., Silestone countertop, newer appliances, gas fp, ext. landscaping, Lg. workshop & shed. **\$225,000**

RURAL HOMES

•3508 Hwy 61, TH MLS6029529: On Lk Sup. between Gooseberry & Split Rock w/easy acc. to Gitchi Gammi Bike trail. Custom built Arts & Craft style 3 BR, 2.5 BA home w/quality finishing throughout. Build a fire on the beach after a day of biking the Gitchi Gammi bike trail. Cook together, make new memories or share old ones in the kitchen, relax in the sunroom, & don't miss out on game night in the lower level. There is a green house & raised beds and lg. wood shop **\$897,500**

•6990 Air Base Rd, Finland MLS6030813: Listen to Tower Creek from the quiet setting of this 3 finished BR, plus a potential master BR suite, house w/ull walkout basement, deck, det'd 2 car garage & many updates including several windows, patio door, shingles, furnace, stainless appliances, remod. BA, hardwood floors & paint. **\$154,900**

•4622 Crown Creek Spur, Finland MLS6020160: Enjoy the peace & solitude of this property & listen to the sounds of Crown Creek from the covered porch of this 1BR, 1BA cabin. Log cabin has newer windows, electricity, gas forced air furnace, drilled well & a septic system. **\$169,500**

•5275 Williams Dr., SB MLS 6031285: Well built 3 BR, 1.5 BA multi level house w/det'd 3 car garage on a 2.45 acre site. **\$147,500**

•6771 Riverside Dr.: Nice lots on Baptism River with 300' of River Frontage. Structures need some TLC, but great opportunity to own property in the country. **\$89,900**

LAND & BUILDING SITES

•4751 Correll Rd, Finland MLS6029567: 7.5 wooded acres with approximately 328' of frontage on the Baptism River. Electricity is available nearby! Good location with recreation trails nearby and access to Highway 1 close. **\$65,900**

•XXX Sannes Rd., TH: 5.26 acres, very convenient road access, nice building sites, mature Norway Pines & Poplar trees, a creek bordering the property & electrical & high speed internet hook ups close by. Take a look today & don't miss this opportunity. **\$42,500**

•XXX Kane Lk Rd. 40 Acr. of remote hunting land w/road access & public land surrounding **\$34,500**

•XXX London Crossing & JC Campbell Rd. 242 Acres with a 20'x20' hunting shack, ATV trail access, public land surrounding, mix of high and low ground and a trout stream running through the property **\$205,700**

•61XX Little Marais Road Lot A, Lot B and Lot C, Silver Bay, MN. Three 10 acre lots with views of Lake Superior near Little Marais. Lot A is reduced to \$69,900, Lot B reduced to \$59,900 and Lot C reduced to \$69,900. MLS 6027797, 6027795 and 6027794

•XXX Hwy 61 & Onion River Rd. MLS6005052: 18 Acres commercial resort bldg site between Tofte & Lutsen on Onion River Rd. Great views of Lk Sup. High ground w/pwr at rd. Close to Sup. Hiking trl & rec. activities. **\$173,500**

•6826 Breezy Lane, Finland, MN MLS6017955: Wooded 115.94 acres w/frontage on the Baptism River, access from Breezy Lane & power available nearby. **\$165,000**

XX Reed Dr., SB, MLS6017982: 3.2 ac. bldg. site w/rd to property & cleared bldg site. Great location in the city w/views of Lk Superior, access to Rec. Trails close by. **\$57,900**

•5-Newly Developed Building Sites MLS24229: Marks Dr. Larger than typical lots w/curb, city water & sewer, back to woods. **\$45,000 to \$60,000** plus special assessment which has decreased.

•XXX Hwy 1 Finland: Large piece of property w/a network of Roads in place, trout streams, Lake frontage, big mature Norway Pine trees. Close to ATV & Snowmobile trails. An Investor or hunting party's chance to own 846 acres. **\$889,000**