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Proud Hunter Author to speak at Escanaba Library Program

The Friends of the Escanaba Public Library are pleased to announce that former Sault Ste. Marie native Leon E. Hank will give a presentation on his book, *Proud Hunters Proud Yoopers*, at the Escanaba Library on Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2010 at 6:30 pm. Hank will also present the book at Marquette's Peter White Library, Thursday, Sept. 16 at 7 pm.

Hank's book is 50 short stories about growing up in the UP in a family where hunting is a part of the tradition, heritage and culture. A number of outdoor writers have given the book outstanding professional reviews, and Hank, who self-published the book, has completed a second printing since he first published in January, 2009.

"I've been overwhelmed by the response to the book," Hank said. "While this is a book about hunting, it is also about much more, including conservation, deer management, the timber industry, and other subjects of interest to UP residents and the outdoor community."

Local residents who have read the book give it high marks. "I really enjoyed the book and it gives a realistic and up close picture of life in the UP in the last century," said retired judge James Collins of Marquette. "There are some great stories about hunting and about life woven into the book."

"This is a great book about the emotions that hunters experience throughout their lifetime," said Randy VanPortFliet, MDOT's Region Engineer from Escanaba who both works with and hunts with Hank occasionally. "Leon has really captured what's special about hunting and living in the UP."

Hank will sell and autograph copies of his book at the Library following the presentation. He will also donate \$5 from every book sold at the presentation to the Library. The book sells for \$13.

For more information, contact the Escanaba Public Library at (906) 789-7323 or visit www.escanabalibrary.org.

