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Subject: Oh Deer!

Acme – The deer herd in Michigan has changed considerably throughout history. Logging of the dense forests in northern Michigan produced a better habitat for deer and by the 1880s the northern herd was estimated to be around a million deer. The abundance fostered a public attitude that this resource was inexhaustible, which led to the depletion of the herd by using deer as a primary source of food for the men in the logging camps and market hunters slaughtering deer for the sale of venison, shipping it by train out of state to Eastern markets.

Deer management has developed and improved significantly from those days, but it is essential to continue conservation, management procedures and laws to keep the deer herd and deer range in high-quality condition. Katie Keen, Wildlife Communications Coordinator for Department of Natural Resources, will present the story of Michigan’s deer population on Monday, August 14, 6 p.m., at Samaritas Senior Living, 4354 Mt. Hope Road, in Acme. Keen will discuss the animal’s biology, how the deer population is managed today, how harvested deer are aged and how conservation is funded in Michigan.

The event is free, but advance registration is appreciated.

For more information and to register, email dmikowski@grandtraverse.org or call 231-922-4911.

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