

Bears loom large in our mythology

On a recent trip up north, we drove by a corner near Harrison that brought back many memories to me. Although that corner looks very different from the way it did 25 years ago, I could recall vividly the days when an old gentleman named Spike Horn lived there with his bears. My older readers may recall stories about this bearded old fellow walking to Lansing with his bears accompanying him, in order to get the governor to grant him a favor.

Three generations of children thrilled to his stories of bears in the north woods. My mother and I enjoyed them, as did my older children.

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AS A CHILD growing up in northern Michigan, I remember my grandmother rubbing our chests with warm bear oil when when we had a coldlear greace was also used to cure other aches and pains, and it was
believed that sleeping on a bearskin would relieve a backache.

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Legends about bears circle the globe. Chinese fulktore is filled with
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