Ham Radio Operators at Whitefish Point. Museum Ships Weekend (*Rob Koleski*)

(Inside the fog building, talking to people all over the world)

(Working on the Antennas)

Story on following page
As I walked towards the fog building at Whitefish Point I observed the large mobile antenna in the parking lot, another antenna going from the fog building to the top of the lighthouse. I entered the fog building to the sounds of “Kilowatt Golf Eight Edmund Fitzgerald” I looked into the room to the sight of many radio operators trying to contact other radio operators.

From Friday night June 4th through Sunday June 6th the goal of this team of eight radio operators was to provide activity and to “Work” as many Hams as possible. The objective of the many hams scattered across the country was to “Work” as many Museum Ships and Ship Memorials as possible. While I was in the room within a matter of seconds I heard; Nova Scotia, Delaware, Texas, New Mexico. These operators at the Point were talking to other radio operators around the Country. During this time frame the group was able to contact over 1900 other ham operators in 49 states, 8 Canadian Provinces, and 5 countries. Once contact was made the radio operators at the Point would explain facts about the sunken freighter the Edmund Fitzgerald which sank November 10th 1975 17 miles west of Whitefish Point. Many did not know about the Fitzgerald while others remember the very night the freighter went down. One operator said he was on the docks in Superior, WI with his son and waved to the crew members as the ship left on its last voyage.

“After making over 1900 QSO's and talking with many people about the "Fitz", it was evident that Edmund Fitzgerald and its crew has a very special status in the annals of Maritime and American history”. (from events website)

Mark Hinkleman the group’s public relations person explained to me that this was the first time the group came to Whitefish Point and they have enjoyed their stay in the area. Most of the group are from the Adrian Michigan area. Marks interest in ham radio started when he was just a kid with a shortwave receiver, and later a small primitive radio and microphone. I asked Mark how one gets involved in this field. Mark stated that there is a web site at ARRL.org which has lots of information, online help and study guides to get you started. After studying you must take a test to receive your license. Many towns and cities have ham radio clubs you can join. These clubs will also provide help for new hams. The group Mark is in is called the “Adrian Amateur Radio Club” and the website address is http://www.w8tqe.com/. Mark explained that the most important role ham radio operators’ play is to function as a backup and provide emergency communication when needed. He also noted that Amateur Radio (Hams) have played a role in many exciting new advances in electronics, emergency communication, and the many exciting new advances in emergency communication, personal communication, and space communications. I find this field amazing Mark has sent me information on getting started in this field. Ham operators are friendly and attempt to get more people involved in this field. For more information on the Museum Ships Weekend, check out their “Kilowatt Golf Eight Edmund Fitzgerald” website at http://www.kg8ef.com/
Paradise United Methodist Church, Pastor Sandra J. Kolder

As we head into summertime and enjoy the presence of our “snowbirds”, I thought the story below provided some food for thought!

Q: “I have a bad cold. My father says that I should drink a large glass of carrot juice after a hot bath. What do you think?”
A: “I think that after you drink the hot bath, you will not have any room for the carrot juice!” (How do you get a horse out of the bathtub? By Louis Phillips. P.2)

Life is like that. When we are busy with large things we do not have room for little things. For instance, when we are constructively employed we do not have time for mischief. When we are busy giving ourselves away, we don’t have any room in our hearts for misery. When we take charge of our own health, we do not have room for excess smoking, drinking, or junk foods.

In short, when we are busy being Big we do not have room in our lives to be little. When we are full of Christ, we no longer have room to house resentment, fear, anger, or grudge. Lots of gnawing, fretful, limiting things that distort our lives cannot find room when Christ is in our hearts. Let our fervent prayer be an invitation to Christ to be Chief guest in our hearts. When he is present, we won’t have room for activities and attitudes we really dislike about ourselves.

Blessings and Peace
Rev. Sandi

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The June 1st rainbow over Whitefish Bay

On June 1st after a storm the sky opened up and a beautiful and complete rainbow was seen by many. Thanks Theresa!

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Our special guest will be Jan Huttenstine, giving us an update on her newly published book “Remotely Yours” and also what is coming next.

Hope to see many at the reunion.
Question call Gladys Tamlyn (906) 643-8292 or Ernie (906) 492-3345
FISH AND LOAVES NEWS!

The first Fish and Loaves dinner was a huge success. With 32 dinners cooked and delivered to our friends and neighbors in record time. Special thanks to Buddy Brown who not only donated the whitefish for the meal but also cooked it. Laurell Graham provided home made oatmeal rolls, Jodie Atwood the cole slaw and Ruth Campbell the potato dish. Dessert and magazines were also inserted with the meals and delivered by Jack Purcell, Sue Anway, Debi Skeans and Sharon Petit. Doris Englebrecht assisted in assembly and packing. The next meal will be sent on June 17th.

The Whitefish Township Community Center was bustling with activity on June 5th with the first Fish and Loaves fund raiser and bake sale. The spaghetti dinner, organized by Debi Skeans, was delicious. Mega-bakers Darlene Hobbs, Laurell Graham, Bonnie Bedell and Mary Marsden contributed cinnamon rolls, breads, pies and cakes. They sold as fast as they were added to the tables. Many thanks to the above for their baking expertise and donations and to the following for their time and effort toward this outreach ministry: Ruth Campbell, the Archambeau girls, Doris Englebrecht, Rose Bussiere, Marilyn Blaine, Pete Myers, Mary Stehouwer, Sarah Holden, Bob and Judy Weighman, Gale and Al Dean, Sue Anway, Sharon Petit, and to the community for supporting this program.

The Fish and Loaves Outreach program would like to thank the Paradise Area Community Foundation and Jerry Marsden for facilitating a grant to purchase a commercial mixer for the meal ministry. This will allow us to prepare food items for our bake sales in large quantities. All the proceeds from these ventures will go directly to the program to purchase food for the monthly meals.
Whitefish Township
Emergency Services Proposal

Shall the limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution on all taxable real and tangible personal property in Whitefish Township, Chippewa County, be increased in an amount not to exceed 1.0 mill ($1.00 on each $1,000.00 of taxable value) for a period of four (4) years, 2011 to 2014 inclusive, of which .9492 mill is a renewal of the millage rate that expires in 2010 and .0508 mill is new additional millage to restore the full amount of the previously authorized millage, for the purpose of operating, equipping, purchasing and making capital expenditures for emergency services (fire and ambulance); and shall the Township levy such millage for said purpose; the estimate of the revenue the Township will collect if the millage is approved and levied by the Township in the 2011 calendar year is approximately $65,000?

The above proposal is a renewal of the operating millage which, per Township attorney opinion, also includes the Headlee override. This will cost the taxpayers $1.00 per $1,000 of your taxable value. For example: If your taxable value is $20,000 the current cost on your tax bill is $20. If your taxable value is $40,000 the current cost on your tax bill is $40. If your taxable value is $60,000 the current cost on your tax bill is $60. And so on….Remember – it is your taxable value – not your assessed value! This is only a renewal that includes the Headlee override which by law, in the ballot wording, must state an increase for that portion of the 1 mill.

What is Headlee?
When the Township voters approve a multi-year millage, the number of mills the township may levy during each year of the millage is rolled back by a “millage reduction fraction”. For example, if township voters approve a four year millage of 1 mill in August 2006 and the township levies the millage in December of 2006, the millage the township will be able to levy will begin to roll back (reduce) in 2007 and will continue to do so in each passing year. Using the same example, if the township was able to levy only .9 mill due to the Headlee rollback, when the millage expires in 2010, the township may only ask for the .9 mill in its renewal proposal in the ballot. If the township wants to reset the millage rate back to 1 mill, they must ask for the increase of .1 under the Headlee override.

The above wording is asking for a renewal of the amount levied in 2010 (.9492 mil) plus the increase of (.0508) to bring the amount levied back to the original 1 mill per the Headlee override. If you have further questions or need clarification, please contact the Township board or Renee Gray.

Please vote YES on the August ballot. Thank you for your continued support!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

It now has been over 700 days since Derrick Henagan went missing in the Newberry area under suspicious circumstances. I spoke with Derricks mom Betty who will be in Paradise in August to see the area where her son went missing.
Betty feels her son is deceased due to the facts that were given to her.
She is in search of her sons remains to “bring him home for a proper burial”.
This will be updated as more information is received.
Help Luce County Pet Pals win a $10,000 grant!!!

Luce County Pet Pals Inc. (Pet Pals) is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization concerned with the welfare of Companion animals. We are currently raising money for construction of a safe and humane animal shelter for our area as Luce County does not have an animal shelter. The Luce County Animal Shelter closed in November 2008 after two millages failed. Pet Pals also raises money for financial assistance for spay/neuter surgeries and care of homeless animals.

With the absence of an Animal Shelter, Pet Pals relies heavily upon caring individuals who volunteer to foster homeless animals. Pet Pals is currently participating in the All Star Animal Rescue $100,000 Animal Shelter Challenge. The grand prize is a $10,000 grant to help care for homeless animals. Grant prizes of $1,000 will also be awarded to the organization that receives the most votes each week during the contest and to the overall winner in each State. Votes can be cast once a day per computer daily until August 22. To help support Pet Pals, go to www.lucecountypetpals.com and click on the voting link. Enter Luce County Pet Pals and MI as the State. Follow the directions from there. Pet Pals is looking for businesses that would be interested in helping spread the word about this challenge. If your business would be interested in adding a voting link to your website or including voting information in newsletters are mailings to your patrons, please contact Geri at 906 293 3965.

Come join us at the American Legion in Newberry Saturday, July 3 immediately following the Village Parade. The Kiwanis will have a tasty Chicken BBQ and Pet Pals will be selling home-made fresh brownies, cookies and other various outstanding baked goods during the Brownie Bonanza and Bake Sale. You won’t want to miss this!!!

The Summer 2010 Paw Prints newsletter will be out soon. Be sure to watch our website www.lucecountypetpals.com for the newsletter.

This month our featured pet available for adoption is Autumn. Autumn is an eight week old female tortoiseshell kitten. She is a very sweet kitty who is looking for someone to love her.

To find out more about Luce County Pals, to volunteer or adopt a pet, call Geri at 906 293 3965.
PARADISE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

50th ANNIVERSARY

THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY IS INVITED TO JOIN US TO

WORSHIP---FEAST---PLAY---PRAISE

On August 1, 2010, we will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the formal beginning of our church with activities for the entire day and into the evening. The people began meeting approximately a year earlier as a Sunday school.

On August 1, the worship service will begin at 10 AM (usually 11 AM) and will feature several speakers:

Our current Pastor, Sandra Kolder

A former Pastor, Rev. Don Bates

A former Pastor, Rev. Merton Seymour

The Holy Gospel Quartet will provide special music.

The newly installed stained glass windows above the alter will also be dedicated.

12 PM- Games for the kids in the public school play-yard.

2 PM-Pig Roast for the entire community. Food for the entire event will be provided for everyone and will consist of pork, fruit salad, potato salad, beans and rolls; and deserts!!

4 PM-A softball game between Paradise and Hulbert will at the ball diamond of the public school.

6 PM-Evening Praise Service featuring the Praise Band from the Pickford United Methodist Church in the Community Center.

8 PM –Camp fire (weather permitting) With s’mores and snacks for the young kids and the old kids

From Rock Shop to carven Shop, (More to come)
Typically, building in Haiti has been done with cement - either blocks, poured in forms, and/or plastered over a wooden frame. Perhaps this will change after what was learned on January 12, 2010 when the “quake” hit. But who will be the winners?

Many small modest homes had been nothing but sticks and grass. They began with four corner posts and a header of about the same size. With two or three smaller posts in between on each side, a framework was made for “weaving” split bamboo or easily bent saplings to make a loose framework. This was plastered over, inside and out, with a very thin concrete mixture, let dry and whitewashed for a finished look. A thatched roof of palm fronds or grasses was attached. Shelter, yes. Rainproof, questionable. Subject to mold and varmints, definitely.

Then, for those with a few more resources, came the cement block structure reinforced with “re-rod”. A stone foundation of about 12-15 inches was constructed. A column on each corner, and perhaps one other in the middle of a wall if it was over 8 feet long, with blocks laid up to those columns helped to make it hurricane proof. One wall could be pushed down and away from the columns without taking down the whole building. The blocks were then plastered over to make a smooth finish for painting and added strength. A wooden framework secured to the blocks held a corrugated metal roof. Shelter, yes. Rainproof, probably, Subject to mold and varmints, not likely.

Those with greater resources could put a poured concrete roof on rather than the corrugated metal. With proper use of columns and enough “re-rod” these buildings could be made 2 or 3 or more stories high. And they were. I expect that the foundation was more than 12-15 inches on the bigger, higher buildings as well. They provided all of the amenities mentioned above.

But then came January 12, 2010. And the walls came tumbling down!!! Rigid structures made of concrete and iron, do not stand much shaking without losing their form and shape - especially if the builder “fudged” a bit on the richness of the concrete mix or the size of the “re-rod” used.

So, different building styles are needed, and there are many being offered. In the past few weeks I have read about several and talked with some people in the business.

One proposal is to build with large sheets of reinforced foam looking a little like corrugated cardboard only thicker. These are anchored to a concrete base with several roof styles available. The exterior and interior are plastered for added strength and to provide a surface that can be painted. Average one bedroom home about $3,500 not including electricity.

Another is a metal framework with a composition material used for walls and roof which is reinforced with plaster for strength and stability. These, too, run about $3,000 for a one bedroom if built in a village type setting of about 100 or more homes. One representative with whom I talked is even thinking of setting up a manufacturing operation in Haiti to make the component parts. At least that would provide some much needed employment.

One that I thought was particularly interesting is to collect the MANY plastic bottles that litter the landscape, fill them with other litter for stability, line them up and pour concrete over them. The idea is to keep repeating this process until there is a wall built. Columns could be made by arranging the bottles in a starburst arrangement and pouring concrete over them, using a removable retainer on the outer side. Great idea as it would clean up the environment while providing inexpensive building material. Whether it is practical, strong, and stable is another matter.

Someone also proposed collecting old tires to put in the foundations of buildings to make more cushioning when and if another quake occurs.

The time is ripe for new methods and material of construction in Haiti. The basic requirements are that they be hurricane resistant, earthquake resistant, lighter materials that will not cause so much loss of human life when and if they come tumbling down, they are inexpensive and can be constructed quickly. Is that asking too much???
But the big question that people are asking is, “Can I rebuild on my property in my former neighborhood, or do I have to move to a new “manufactured” community which is far from what is familiar?” So, who wins? The companies who are promoting these new methods of building or the people who have already lost so much? Will time be taken to train the Haitian construction people to rebuild in new ways, or will people be brought in from the “outside” to do the work and have the jobs? Who will assume leadership to make sure that these new methods are well tested to withstand the heat and humidity, the rain and the wind, the termites and the mold that plague the Haitian environment? Or will the Haitian people once again be at the mercy of their government (and the governments of other places) to take what is offered whether it be good or bad? Only time will tell.

BY VIRGINIA BELL (Paradises own missionary to Haiti)
EVENTS AT WHITEFISH POINT LIGHTHOUSE

July 1-Open House from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Whole complex is open free of charge.

July 4-Dennis Hale-Book Signing-Survivor of the Shipwreck Daniel Morrell. Author of "Reflections of a Sole Survivor."
10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

July 26-The Saginaw Voyageurs will camp at the Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum. Arrival anticipated mid afternoon. The members participate in a journey tracing the route of the original voyageurs and fur traders of the Great Lakes. Call 906-492-3747 for approximate time of beaching.

July 27-Terry Pepper-Executive Director of the Great Lakes Lightkeepers Association. Terry will discuss the historic Whitefish Point Light Station in the Lightkeepers Quarters. Admission ticket required. 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.

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GREEN HOUSE

Thanks to a partnership between Whitefish Township Community Schools and the Paradise 4-H club with additional support from Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) 4H Youth Development Participation Fee Grant and a North Central Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (NCR-SARE) Grant in addition to many other private donations, things are growing at Whitefish Township Community School.

The work began last year with a grant from MSUE which provided for the purchase and establishment of the greenhouse located behind Whitefish Township Community School. Work began in the summer thanks to a great volunteer labor force and donations from Tinker Excavating and Bolz Construction for site preparation. By the end of the summer the 22 by 48 foot structure was erected and ready to be put to the test of its first UP winter. With additional donations from the United Way for service learning projects, beds were constructed inside which will be used to grow food for the school and the local community. Much of the design was modeled after another successful greenhouse project at Bay Mills Community College.

Those who have struggled with attempts at agricultural production in the Paradise area know that the two greatest barriers to successful agricultural production are climate and soil quality. With the erection of the greenhouse structure, the problem of a sort growing season has been partially solved, although a few other climate control measures inside the greenhouse were needed to help level out temperatures all year long. Already we have seen temperatures inside the greenhouse climb above 140°F. Soil temperatures have also climbed up above 60°F. Thanks to a donation from Great Lakes Endurance, the sponsors of the Taqhua Trail Run, end vents were installed and a roll up side system was completed in early April to help keep temperature from skyrocketing out of control. Additional automation equipment still needs to be added to help reduce the need to constantly monitor the greenhouse temperatures.

The second problem, poor soil quality, however is still a work in progress. This January Whitefish Schools was awarded a Youth Educator grant from NCR-SARE. The focus of this grant was to utilize cafeteria food and shredded paper waste from the school to provide food and bedding to worms, which in turn would help compost the material to improve the soil. Worm boxes were built to house the worms and waste paper was collected and shredded in the school to provide their bedding. On April 8, the worms finally arrived and were introduced to their new home. So far things seem to be going well, however it will take some time for these worms to process enough waste to get a good jump on this growing season. Extra food waste has also been added to a couple of the beds to be composted in place. In early May additional funds from Great Lakes Endurance were used to purchase topsoil to fill the beds so full production could begin.

With a grant from DonorsChoose.org for large garden tools, and the addition of topsoil to most of the beds, planting took place near the end of the school year. The greenhouse is now lush with fresh growth and students have already harvested a few radishes from one of the first beds planted. This year remains an experimental year as we work to find out what plants do best in the greenhouse and try to compare the various bed preparations (native soil, compost enhanced soil, top soil, and worm enriched soil.) Other donations of expertise, garden hand tools, irrigation equipment and other related equipment are also appreciated. For more information feel free to contact the school at (906) 492-3353.

It is hoped in the long run that this venture may become fully self supporting through the local sale of fresh vegetables, and bait worms. Data from a study by Michigan State University of other similar greenhouses in both Rudyard and Engadine have shown the potential to produce a steady stream of income for the owners. They have also shown an ability extend the growing season from early to mid February all the way into mid to late November.

(Pictures on following page)
Greenhouse Pictures

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Crisp Point Lighthouse Work Weekend
by Margaret Warren

For the first time since at least 1992, Crisp Point Lighthouse was the setting for a large group of campers and tents. This event, the Crisp Point Work Weekend, took place over Memorial Day weekend in May. Ever since the Crisp Point Light Historical Society was formed, only one family at a time has been allowed to stay at the light, acting as volunteer keepers, talking to visitors and doing light maintenance. This year, faced with a long list of work that needed to be done, an exception was made. Anyone who was willing to spend some time working could camp near the lighthouse. Fifteen workers spent one or more nights, and three others came to help during the days.

A large number of the jobs involved painting. The lighthouse tower itself needed a fresh coat inside the lantern room, on the central post, the window frames and the outside railing. Closer to the ground, the windows and floor in the service building also got new paint. An impressive new railing was installed in the lantern room to increase the safety of visitors. A new visitor center building was built last summer, including two bathrooms with flush toilets. This building still needed some final work, such as painting inside and out, installing a new sign, and putting ceiling lights in the main room.

The new visitor center now has four cabinets with glass tops that can be used to display historic artifacts and memorabilia. Rick Brockway, CPLHS President, asks for your help in filling them with items from Crisp Point. If you, or anyone you know, has historic material, please contact Rick at 517-230-6294 or email cplhs@sbcglobal.net.

Names of donors to a recent fund raiser were engraved on boards, which were installed in the boardwalk during the work weekend. A new boardwalk platform was also built, overlooking the water, with two benches for visitors to relax. Various other tasks were completed, including the planting of 40 shrubs to help control erosion, repairing steps to the beach, scraping old paint off the tower steps and adding gravel to the parking area. The weather for the work weekend could not have been better. The days were warm and sunny, and the nights cool and clear, with no rain in sight. The wind was enough to keep bugs from biting, and the sunsets were beautiful. Despite a bear which left tracks nearby, everyone who came enjoyed their time at the light, and the weekend was a great success.
MORE CRISP POINT PICTURES

Diane Raths painting the visitor center building  planting the new shrubs

PARADISE AREA SENIOR CITIZENS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 8, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Zelna Dreves at 6:00 PM

Rose Bussiere lead us in prayer
The pledge of allegiance was lead by Ray Davis
The reading of the last minutes were read and approved as read
Treasure John Dreves Report the current balance that was approved as read
Sunshine Committee  Chairman  Bob Taft reported all cards mailed
State of Officers were read as follows for two years:

• President John Dreves
• Vice President Ann Peters
• Treasure John Dreves
• Seceretary William Byrd

Jim Collins moved to approved the slate of Officers. Betty Winkler second, carried.
No sign up sheet necessary for pot luck
It was suggested that new  pictutes be taken for the Spring Show, for the poster board and photo album
Jim Collins motion that we take pictures. Seconded by Kareen Davies, motion carried
Penny Augustin and John Dreves were celebrated. There were no anniversaries.
All enjoyed a pot luck meal with bingo.

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Found Property

On Sunday May 30, 2010 (late afternoon) Rick Brockway was driving north on CR-500. He found the items shown in the picture just a few miles north of M-123.

They were all within a mile of each other.

The boots are both for the right foot and different makes so someone has messed up two pairs of boots or they have a problem I don't want to know about.

The owner can e-mail me at cplhs@sbcglobal or call 517-230-6294 (Rick Brockway)
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August 5-6, 2010
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Join us for two days of intensive learning, networking—and fun—in the splendor of Michigan’s Upper Peninsula.

Practical techniques and valuable resources
The program is packed with informative, interactive sessions featuring topics relevant to the entire township board, as well as those that are tailored to the duties specific to your township board position.

Mini Expo
Take a stroll through the "Northern Market Expo" and network with vendors to find providers of products and services that can help your township run more efficiently.

Pre-Summit Program
Kick off your learning experience by participating in this afternoon program, which is part of MTA's innovative Township Governance Academy curriculum.

Evening Activities
The Island Resort offers a lot more than gaming! It boasts an 18-hole championship golf course, a sports bar and features a variety of live music in the lounge.

The registration brochure appeared in the May issue of Michigan Township News, and is also available for download at www.michigantownships.org/UPsummit.asp.
Wild Blueberry Festival is fast approaching and we are working on getting everything ready for the fun-filled event!! This year’s entertainment includes a magician, ventriloquist, our own juggler, a pianist, musicians and much more!! The Art Fair is filled and overflowing with arts and crafts for you! New this year we will have a Kids Craft Tent. We hope you will join us for the fun!!

We are still looking for volunteers to help us at the festival. Please call Linda Smykowski at 492-3211 if you are interested in working at the festival.

We are also looking for volunteers to work on the committee for Wild Blueberry Festival 2011. We have several positions that are open and need to be filled. They are Chairman, Entertainment and Brunch. Please con-

Pictures from Hulberts County Music Festival…..Thanks Esther!

American Legion Post 393 Commander
Don Morningstar of Strongs pulls fresh whitefish from the fryer at the American Legion.

Ken and Bev Blow of Hulbert and Denise Compton and Randy Hoholik, of Strongs, help on Friday night.
SPRING SHOW 2010

The 4th Annual Spring Show sponsored by the Paradise Area Chamber of Commerce was a great success this year. We want to thank all the businesses and residents that attended this year’s event. The event that showcase’s the areas businesses and service agencies for what they have to offer to the area residents. With an attendance of 125+, it was the biggest year we’ve had so far.

This year’s guest speakers was Dean Oswald from Oswald’s Bear Ranch of Newberry, discussed his facility and facts of his Ranch. It was a big success with the kids, where as Dean brought baby bear Cayden with him to show him off.

Also, Jan Huttenstine updated us on her first Book “Remotely Yours”, the first of a series of 3 for us. She was a guest speaker 3 years ago to discuss her research of the books she was beginning to write. She presented a wonderful power point presentation of photos from her book and explained them. Paradise sure has a lot of history in this small community. She signed her books for residents that purchased them.

We want to thank both of our guest for a wonderful evening. And to all the residents that came out. We hope you enjoyed it and to see you in the futures Spring Show’s.

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Ahhh, summer! Summer brings us lots of wonderful fresh fruits and veggies from the garden and from the wonderful farm markets in our area. A salad is a great way to get a good dose of fruits and vegetables and this is an easy one to make ahead if you are have a busy schedule or company coming. This quick and healthy salad is guaranteed not to heat up your kitchen!

**Summer Spinach Salad**

Please note, ingredient amounts will vary depending on what size salad you are making (side salad vs. main dish) and how many people you are preparing it for.

Spinach, or other lettuce of your choice. (Remember dark leafy greens are better for you.)
Mandarin orange segments, well drained
Fresh strawberries, washed and sliced
Button mushrooms, cleaned and sliced
Herb almonds (recipe follows) or roasted pumpkin seeds, or sunflower seeds or your favorite nut/seed
Honey Mustard Dressing (recipe follows)
Optional: Grilled chicken, grilled or baked salmon or tofu.

Assemble salad with greens first, then top with mushrooms, oranges, strawberries. Wait until just before serving to top with herb almonds and honey mustard dressing. If you are using chicken, salmon or tofu it should also be added just before serving.

**Herb Almonds – yields about ½ cup**

½ tablespoon butter
½ cup sliced almonds
2 tablespoons Parmesan cheese
½ teaspoon garlic powder
dash of black pepper
1 teaspoon mixed dried herbs

In a small dish combine dry ingredients; garlic powder, black pepper, Parmesan cheese and dried herbs. In small saute pan, over medium heat, melt butter. Add almonds and stir with heat proof rubber spatula or spoon to coat almonds with butter then sprinkle dry mixture over almonds. Continue to carefully stir almonds and cook until lightly browned and toasted. The idea here is to coat the almonds with the herb mixture, however, if it doesn't work for you, don't worry they will still taste great. Remove pan from heat and spread almonds in a single layer on a plate to cool. Once cool, if you are not using them right away, place herb almonds in a covered container.

**Honey Mustard Dressing – yield about 2 servings**
Fourth of July In Paradise
Sponsored By: Whitefish Twp Emergency Services

Fourth of July Itinerary

Breakfast will be served at the Community Center
7:00 – 11:00 AM – (By Donation)

Parade starts at 1:00 PM – Line up on West Hwy. M-123 at 12:30 – Ending at the School. Categories will include:

* Best Kids Bike  
* Most Patriotic  
* Best Organization  
* Best Family  
* Best Business  
* EMS Honorable Mention

Kids Games will be at the School from 3:00 -5:00 PM – (Weather Permitting)
Live Band & Concessions at the Community Center  
“The Steve Parish Project”

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Fireworks at Dusk behind the Community Center!!!!!!!!!

Come Join us for a Fun Filled Day!!!!!
The Many Benefits of “Exercise” on the National North Country Scenic Trail

“Exercise” can be a very intimidating word for some folks. “What should I do?” “How much is enough?” “What should I wear?” Well, forget the fancy work out clothes, reps and sets! Put on some comfortable shoes and hit the trail for an awesome physical, mental, and/or spiritual experience in the form of recreational activity.

The benefits of trail walking (hiking) are plentiful. Although burning calories is often a main goal of walking, another fantastic outcome is the increase of endorphins, nature’s “happy” drug. Many studies show that outdoor physical activity beats the indoor types hands down – especially in the mental and relaxation categories. Faster paced walking will release more of these endorphins, feeling more effects of better mood; however, even slower paced walkers will notice the improvement. Still another benefit of hiking is stress relief. Getting away from stressful environments and into nature can calm your nerves and help to think through problems…or forget them for a bit. Strolling through nature, noticing the wind in the trees, the sound of the songbirds, or the spectacular colors of wild flowers, are pleasing ways to reduce stress and become more aware of life’s simplicities.

One barrier to walking expressed by some people is that it may be a bit boring. If this is you or someone you know, try a hobby to get you outdoors! A few suggestions include birding, picking berries, mushroom hunting, nature study or photography. Adding an ulterior motive like a hobby can make your time on the trail more meaningful, fun and entertaining.

A great place to get outdoors in our local area is a trek on the National North Country Scenic Trail. This trail system will pass through some 4600 miles when it is completed, currently with over half on the ground. It is divided into sections and is maintained and promoted by local Chapters. Our local Hiawatha Shore-to-Shore Chapter extends from the Mighty Mackinac Bridge to the swinging footbridge over the Little Two Hearted River Campground. Volunteers adopt a short section of trail to maintain in over 77 miles through the Hiawatha National Forest. In fact, it is volunteers that maintain the trail in seven states – New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and North Dakota. Trail maintenance and construction are great ways to get physical activity and particularly beneficial because all of the work is done with hand tools! Not only is this a great workout, but in addition, you are rewarded with a completed project that many will enjoy for years to come.

The Hiawatha Shore-to-Shore Chapter gathers for monthly hikes at different sites on the trail. The hikes are held on the second Saturday of the month, starting at 10:00 am at a designated site. The next hike will take place on July 10th at Soldiers Lake. Hikers will meet at the Soldier Lake Campground Day Use Parking Lot, between Raco and Strongs corner, on M-28. For more information about the Hiawatha Shores-to-Shores Chapter membership, the Soldiers Lake Hike and calendar of events, or volunteer opportunities, please contact Charlene DeWitt at dewitt.charlene@yahoo.com or Roger Morrison at rmorri-son@sault.com, or call Roger at 906-322-0993. You can also visit the Hiawatha Shores-to-Shores website at www.northcountrytrail.org/hss/index.htm. You do not have to be a member to join the HSS hikes, so please consider joining a future hike!

Yes, hiking can be exercise for some, relaxation for others, and even transportation for a few. It can also be a spiritual connection to nature and our wild furry and feathered friends. You can go alone or take the whole family. Your adventure begins nearby!

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Sidebar:

**Suggested Local Hiking Destinations along the National North Country Scenic Trail**

- The Straits State Park hiking from the Welcome Center to downtown
- Castle Rock Trailhead west for two miles or more
- Brevort Lake Road to the Brevort Lake Dam
- Brevort Lake Campground to Worth Road
- M 123 West to the Taylor Creek
- East Lake Road east to Guard Lake or to USFS Road 3323
- USFS 3323 off East Lake Road along the Niagara Escarpment
- H 40 Trout Brook Pond area
- Dick Road (north crossing) west to 3141
- Dick Road (north crossing) to Soldier Lake Campground
- Whitefish Bay Scenic Hwy Naomikong parking to Shallows or Bark Dock Parking

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**Superintendent’s Journal**

June 21, 2010

Value of a Can

Who would have thought that the value of a can (one dime at a time) would generate over $23,500 for our little athletic program and help save a life? As most of you know, Mr. Dreves (aka The Can Man) diligently processes thousands of returnable cans and bottles every month all to benefit the athletic programs at Whitefish Township Community School. During this processing removes and saves the little tab from each and every can. Why does he do such a thing?

Mr. Dreves has been forwarding the aluminum tabs to the American Legion’s Tabs for Tots program. This program regularly provides permanent pediatric equipment to hospitals and ambulance services. Available figures indicate that more than 147 pieces of equipment totaling over $300,000 have been donated to Michigan hospitals and ambulance services since 1989.

Mr. Dreves recently made an exception to this Tabs for Tots endeavor.

Earlier this month Mr. Dreves received a note and thank you card from Sue Passinault of Munising Michigan. Sue referenced a conversation she had with Mr. Dreve’s daughter, Kandee Wyatt. In that conversation they discussed the ESPN Can Man video and the need for beverage tabs to assist a little girl from Gladstone. Two-year-old Allie Berndt is suffering from medical issues involving growth and development. Allie is unable to properly take nourishment causing serious and potentially life threatening illness. The Berndt family is receiving support from the Ronald McDonald House and is requesting your help in acquiring can tabs. The tabs will be turned into the Ronald McDonald House to help offset medical costs for children.

Mr. Dreves was all over this and immediately funneled the tabs he had collected to Allie’s cause. Sue was overwhelmed by this response and forwarded a thank you card which states:  

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There have been angels in my life . . . angels who show up when a kind word is needed, when a smile or an act of kindness can make a big difference.

Yes, there have been angels in my life and one of them is you.

You are part of this process. All of you that donate your cans and bottles to Mr. Dreves are now not only helping our sports program but also giving little Allie a chance at life. Please remember when you drop off cans for Mr. Dreves take the tabs off and tell him that they are for Allie Berndt.

Tabs for Allie are being collected until July 31, 2010.

Golf Scramble Reminder
Can Man Open September 18, 2010 Newberry Country Club
All proceeds go to benefit the sports program at WTCS
Contact Gerald Roach (307) 351-1391 or Kandee Wyatt (906) 387-1696 for more details

School Board News
It is with regret that the Whitefish Township School Board accepted the resignation of Board President Laura Tinker. Laura, Jay, Mary and Steven are moving to the Pickford area where they look forward to experiencing a little bit of farm life. We wish them all the best in their new adventures.
Laura’s departure created a School Board vacancy. Five local candidates submitted letters of interest for the vacancy resulting in the Board appointing Theresa Gazley to the position. Theresa will serve this appointment until the next regular school Board election in May 2011. At that time the voters will determine who will fill out the remainder of Laura’s term which expires in 2013.
Theresa is a recent graduate of Lake Superior State University acquiring a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing. She and her husband Ryan reside in Paradise with their three children. Theresa believes that in order for children to thrive they need a community to support them. Whitefish Township Community School is fortunate to have a caring supportive community. On that note we welcome Theresa Gazley to the Whitefish Township Community School Board.
Whitefish Township Community School Board organizational meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 13, 2010 at 6:00 PM.

Who would have thought that a simple beverage could be turned into thousands of dollars to help fund sports teams and provide life saving support for kids? When applied en masse the power of perseverance, the power of a positive “can do” attitude, the power of hope can do amazing things.

As always, thank you for your smiles, kind words, and most of all, your prayers.

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(You may find that you need to adjust the ingredients to your taste. I often make things as I go, so I don't always have exact measurements.)

3 tablespoons mayo or salad dressing (If you haven't tried it yet, the Mayo with Olive Oil has a great flavor)
½ - 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
1 tablespoon honey

Combine all ingredients in a small bowl and whisk together. Adjust ingredients as necessary to suit your taste. This is better made ahead of time so the ingredients have time to blend together.

Questions or comments – send me an email at kitchenconversations@gmail.com. 'Till next month – happy cooking! Lisa :-)

**BAPTIST CHURCH SEMINARS IN PARADISE**

Scientist and author, Dr. David DeWitt will be speaking in Paradise on the creation/evolution controversy. Dr. DeWitt is the Director of the Center for Creation Studies and a professor of biology at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia. He is a frequent speaker and writer for Answers in Genesis and is the author of the book, *Unraveling the Origins Controversy*.

The seminars will be held from 7-9 pm on July 27 and 28 at the First Baptist Church of Paradise.

July 27: “The Creation/Evolution Controversy” and “Image of God or Planet of Apes”

July 28: “Evidence for Noah’s Flood” and “What the Bible really says about Creation”

**LIBRARY NEWS**

Ed and Tasha Stielstra visited our library on Wednesday, June 16th, and presented an engaging program on mushing and the Iditarod Race in Alaska. Dispelling myths and taking us along on the journey of a 2,000 mile race in Alaska was completely absorbing to the audience. Wandering calmly through the library as Ed and Tasha presented their power point program were two former racing dogs. The dogs were very gentle and quiet—the opposite of a high energy, barking sled dog one might imagine. After the program, there were cookies and lots of questions for Ed and Tasha. We were very fortunate that they made the trip from McMillan to Paradise to share their enthusiasm for dog racing with us.

**BOARD HIGHLIGHTS**

The Library Board chose new carpeting for the library which should be installed sometime in July. Because the library is so busy on Tuesdays, permission was granted to hire extra help on those days. The library will be providing box lunches for the group, Fiddlers Restrug. The library is seeking a new board member. Call or stop in the library for details.
NEW BOOKS

Spoken From the Heart by Laura Bush
Private by James Patterson
Oprah by Kitty Kelly
Every Last One by Anna Quindlen
Blockade Billy by Stephen King
The Search by Nora Roberts
Triumph: A Life After the Cult by Carolyn Jessop
Sizzling Sixteen by Janet Evanovich
Burning Land by Bernard Cornwell
Winter Garden by Kristin Hannah
Angelology by Danielle Trussoni
One Good Dog by Susan Wilson

A special program will be coming to the Community Center on July 9th. Sponsored by the library, Fiddlers Restrung will be performing behind the Community Center. Every summer, Fiddlers ReStrung, a 15-piece string ensemble, embarks on a summer tour that brings their unique blend of American Bluegrass, Celtic fiddle, popular folk, Appalachian Step-dancing, and Progressive Acoustic music to communities and concert halls across the country. This year’s tour is called Waterbound, honoring not only a song on their upcoming CD, but also acknowledging their visit to each of the Great Lakes. It promises to be lively and very entertaining and we were very lucky to get them to come to Paradise. We hope to see you there!

Cindy Bulmer, Librarian

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FRIDAY JULY 9TH
12:00 PM

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Music for everyone!

- American Bluegrass
- Celtic Fiddle
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- Appalachian Step-dancing
- And more!