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**Ahnee (Hello)!**

**Finally, two days of sunshine to help us “bury out” from over a foot of snow that hit our region during the early hours this past Wednesday. There was enough snow that came down (on bare grounds) that most all schools were closed and GTB’s tribal government.**

**This has been a busy week and I tried to capture most of it as I could. There are some new readers to the blast and we welcome you! Also, please note that these blasts are not usually this long! I will be heading to DC next week, the state of Washington and then to Phoenix for the National Indian Gaming Association conference. So, a lot of travel but also a lot of fun reporting to share! Until then...**



**03.14.11 Karen Schmidt, Historic Barns Park & Botanic Garden Campaign Co-Chair, met with me to update GTB on the current status/progress of this project. I sincerely appreciate this campaign’s effort, and the work that Karen is doing to make this dream a reality for our area! To learn more, please visit here: [www.4good4ever.org](http://www.4good4ever.org).**



**03.16.11** I had to include this – the **FIRST RIDE OF THE YEAR!!!** With temperatures nearing 60 degrees, GTB member and friend of mine, Desmond Berry decided to get the bikes out and “tear up” Leelanau County! (To my 3 cousins who are Leelanau County deputies, don’t worry – no speed limits were broken!) We are pictured outside of Grumpy’s on M-72.

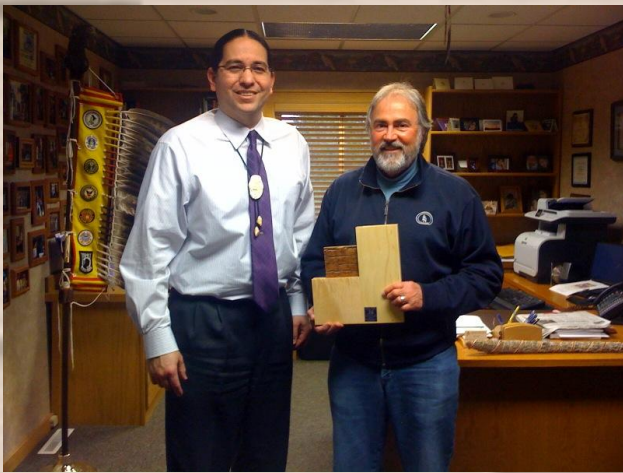


**03.18.11** On Friday morning, I met with Leelanau County Administrator Eric Cline. I appreciate the work Eric is doing for Leelanau County and believe he just passed the first year working in this position. One thing about Eric is that he listens, is open to feedback, and shows a willingness to work together. I appreciate those qualities in him – Megwetch!



**03.18.11** On Friday, during the lunch hour, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Peshawbestown Polar Plunge took place! We had seven “plungers” who combined helped to raise over \$2,300.00 for the annual Health Fair held the third Friday in August. Megwetch to the plungers, staff, volunteers and supporters of the P3: Peshawbestown Polar Plunge!

This week’s Leelanau Enterprise (thank you Eric Carlson) covered the event:  
<http://leelanaunews.com/drupal/index.php?q=node/28001>



03.18.11 From the Northport area, I met with Tim Sahs who owns Northport Building Supply (<http://northportbuildingsupply.com/home>), and he showed me some new wood designs and ideas he is working on. I was thoroughly impressed and look forward to seeing and learning more from him!



03.19.11 I was asked to be a speaker at the 1<sup>st</sup> Benzie County Water Festival (<http://water-festival.org>), which was held at the Frankfort Elementary School this past Saturday. I was pleased by the turnout for a early Saturday morning, and the questions that were asked following my presentation on Asian carp.



In the first picture, Josh Stoltz makes opening comments and introductions, and in the 2<sup>nd</sup> picture are two new friends that are helping in the cause to protect and preserve our waters!



03.21.11 I meet a lot of great individuals, but my meeting with Rev. Ronald White, of Hospice of Michigan ([www.hom.org](http://www.hom.org)) truly stands out. The caring and giving through his efforts and the efforts of the Hospice of Michigan organization is definitely commendable. Rev. White is the Spiritual Care Advisor for our area and came seeking assistance to offer a more culturally-sensitive approach and

understanding when working with Native people. Again, we say “Megwetch (thank you)” for the work you do and your respectful request!



03.22.11 To assist with raising awareness for the efforts of the Traverse Bay Children’s Advocacy Center (<http://www.traversebaycac.org>) and their upcoming community celebration on April 16<sup>th</sup>, I participated in a recording with Brauer Productions (<http://www.brauer.com>). I only hope it turns out well due to the benefit for our children; our future leaders.

To learn more about the Zero Tolerance for Child Abuse event at the State Theatre, please click here: <http://www.traversebaycac.org/events.html#zero>



03.22.11 I was invited by my friend, Shawn Carlson, to attend a local chapter of the 9/12 Project Group, in which U.S. Representative Dave Camp (<http://camp.house.gov>) was speaking at. I appreciated this opportunity to meet other engaged citizens and learn more about this group of individuals. To learn more about 9/12 Project Groups, click here: <http://the912-project.com/test>.

On a side note, I was able to have one-on-one time with Representative Camp and discuss Asian carp and how we can work together, in a government-to-government relationship, on this most extreme invasive species we have/will know.



**03.22.11** On Tuesday morning, I met with three inspiring individuals from Central Michigan University's College of Medicine program. Picture above (L-R): Connie McCann (Executive Director of Development), Ernie Yoder, MD (Founding Dean), and Kathleen Wilbur (Vice President for Government Relations). Our discussion focused on the development of CMU's College of Medicine, instructional philosophy (which was great; identification of issues affecting the individual in their entirety, and potential of Native recruitment).

For more information, please visit here: [www.cmich.edu/med](http://www.cmich.edu/med)



**03.22.11** Following my meeting with CMU representatives, I attended (okay, I crashed!) the Rotary Club of Traverse City's lunch! It was great to see several friends there, and especially my Norwegian brother Olaf!

In the first picture, Sid Lammers makes comments to the those in attendance. For more information, please visit here: <http://www.traversecityrotary.org>



**03.22.11** A young tribal member received tremendous news on Monday. GTB citizen, Dwaun Anderson, was named the 31<sup>st</sup> recipient of the Hal Schram Mr. Basketball title of Michigan!! We are so proud of Dwaun and his personal development, academic success and his incredible accomplishments athletically! In the 2<sup>nd</sup> picture, Coach Todd Hursey and Dwaun's father, Ron Anderson share in the

moment (also in the far right is Dwaun's great-Uncle Gerald Anderson). The Suttons Bay basketball team poses with Dwaun and the trophy in the last picture.

There were several news articles on this momentous occasion and here are a few links:

- <http://www.freep.com/article/20110321/HSS/103220405/Mr-Basketball-Dwaun-Anderson-king-from-Up-North?odyssey=mod|newswell|img|Roadwork|p>
- <http://record-eagle.com/sports/x10254939/Dwaun-Anderson-wins-Mr-Basketball>
- <http://www.lansingstatejournal.com/article/20110321/GW02/303210005/Dwaun-Anderson-Suttons-Bay-named-Mr-Basketball?odyssey=tab|topnews|img|FRONTPAGE>

Dwaun also was named the AP Class C Player of the Year!

- <http://www.mysanantonio.com/sports/article/Dwaun-Anderson-is-AP-Class-C-Player-of-the-Year-1266923.php>



03.22.11 Dwaun speaking at the Suttons Bay High School celebration in recognition of being named the 31<sup>st</sup> recipient of the Hal Schram Mr. Basketball award!

03.023.11 SNOW DAY!! During the night, at my home, over a foot of snow we awoke too! Enough that the Tribal Government offices were closed.



03.24.11 During the day Thursday, I was in Petoskey to chair the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority board meeting (<http://www.1836cora.org>).



**03.24.11** On Thursday night, Dora and I attended the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa's Length of Services awards dinner ([www.grandtraverseresort.com](http://www.grandtraverseresort.com)). I had the opportunity to share to the dedicated employees how much their work efforts and commitment is appreciated! I feel sometimes we do not share that enough with one another. In the first picture (L-R): Matt Kewaygoshkum (Bob's son), Donald Ponniah (GT Resort GM and President), Councilor Robert Kewaygoshkum, and Dora Willis.



**03.25.11** Today, TCAPS Superintendent Steve Cousins visited with me and shared about TCAPS' language programming, and other educational opportunities. It is always a pleasure meeting with Superintendent Cousins and learning from his vast experiences!

**Have a great weekend and week!**

**Chairman Bailey**



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