

News

MTU Preschool Rummage Sale Saturday

The Michigan Tech Preschool will be holding its annual rummage sale on Saturday, Oct. 6, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Daniell Heights Community Center in Houghton, rain or shine.

From 11 a.m. to noon all remaining items will be half-price. From noon to 1 p.m. you can fill a grocery bag for only \$1. There will be lots of kids' stuff, household items and clothing. Something for everyone! For more information, call Margaret at 487-1754.

Dry Board Alert! If You Use a Claridge Board, Use a Claridge Marker

Anyone using classrooms with Claridge dry erase boards should only use Claridge brand markers on these boards.

Other brands do not erase well, and after several classes the boards are difficult to read. This is especially bad with colors other than black.

Most new boards, including those in Fisher, Rekhi, the Library and Chem Sci first floor, are Claridge. Departments that wish to order these markers can contact Claridge and receive the University discount.

If you need information on how to contact Claridge, call Reggie Saxton at 487-2711. Any questions about the boards and markers can be directed to William Mitchell at 487-1636.

Entertainment and Enrichment

Reminder: University Social Friday

The next First Friday University Social is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 5, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Memorial Union Alumni Lounge. The early time has been chosen to allow everyone to participate in the Homecoming Hobo Parade at 5:15 p.m. Wear your Huskies colors to First Friday.

Please also bring a canned food item to donate. It will be added to the items collected at Friday's Hobo Lunch and donated to a local food shelter.

All faculty, staff and graduate students are invited and encouraged to attend. The purpose of the First Friday University Socials is to provide a casual setting for informal discussion and socializing.

Complimentary soda and light snacks will be served and a cash bar will be available. Come to enjoy the company of your colleagues and celebrate Huskies Homecoming 2007.

"Talking to the Spirits": Public Lecture Oct. 12

John W. Norder will present "Talking to the Spirits, Talking to Each Other: Ancient Pictography of the Great Lakes" at 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12, in Dow 642.

Norder, an assistant professor of anthropology at Michigan State University, will discuss ancient rock art and other image-based communication systems used by the indigenous people of the Great Lakes.

Ancient rock paintings, carvings on stone, geometric stone alignments, scrapings on lichen-encrusted rock and etchings on birch bark are ways that Native American peoples of the Great Lakes either communicated with each other or to with the world around them. For archaeologists studying this phenomenon, the fundamental

question has always been "What does it all mean?"

Norder will discuss past research in the field as well as his own findings on just how complicated these systems of communication could be. For more information, contact Professor Susan Martin (Social Sciences), srmartin@mtu.edu.

Family Outdoor Weekend in the Keweenaw Oct. 6-7

Submitted by Joan Schumaker Chadde, Western Upper Peninsula Center for Science, Mathematics and Environmental Education

Pull on your walking shoes and head out to discover the natural beauty of the Keweenaw Peninsula Oct. 6-7. Four local land-conservation organizations will be on hand to show off their respective nature sanctuaries and provide information for visitors. In addition, Michigan Tech students will offer fun hands-on science and nature activities at each sanctuary.

The four sanctuaries on display include the Michigan Nature Association's Redwyn Dunes in Keweenaw County, north of Eagle River; the Keweenaw Land Trust's Paavola Wetlands just north of Hancock; the Copper Country Audubon Club's Bailey Lake Wildlife Sanctuary, four miles north of Eagle Harbor in Keweenaw County near the start of Brockway Mountain Drive; and the Houghton-Keweenaw Conservation District's crown jewel, the Bete Grise Preserve in Keweenaw County, south of Lac LaBelle. Volunteer stewards will be at each sanctuary to greet visitors, provide sanctuary maps and answer questions.

A special bonus this weekend is the fun outdoor science and nature activities for families that Michigan Tech students will conduct at each sanctuary: In Search of Wildlife, Why Do Leaves Change Color and Making Autumn bookmarks, Plant Detectives, and Wonderful Wetlands.

To encourage families to visit more than one nature sanctuary, each visitor can add their name to a drawing to be conducted at the end of each day at each sanctuary for a chance to receive fun nature prizes. Prizes will be mailed to the recipients.

The Family Outdoor Weekend program is coordinated by the Western U.P. Center for Science, Mathematics and Environmental Education (www.wupcenter.mtu.edu), in partnership with the Michigan Nature Association, Keweenaw Land Trust, Copper Country Audubon Club and the Houghton-Keweenaw Conservation District.

For more information, contact Joan Chadde at 487-3341. No registration is needed for this event, and all activities are free.

Seminars and Workshops

Chemistry Seminar Friday

Elizabeth C. Minor of the Large Lakes Observatory and the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry at the University of Minnesota, Duluth, will present a seminar, "Photodegradation of Natural Dissolved Organic Matter from a Temperate Estuary," Friday, Oct. 5, at 3 p.m. in Chem Sci 101. A discussion period will follow. Refreshments will be served, and all are welcome to attend.

For more information, visit www.chemistry.mtu.edu/pages/seminars/index.php.

Great Lakes Hydrology Seminar Monday

Thomas E. Croley II of the Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory in Ann Arbor will present a seminar, "Great Lakes Hydrology Modeling with the Advanced Hydrologic Prediction System," on Monday, Oct. 8, at 3 p.m. in Dow 642.

His presentation is part of the Environmental Engineering Seminar Series. For more information, contact Shen-Feng Chen, schen1@mtu.edu .

Regular Features

Michigan Tech Notables

Undergraduate student Amanda Rosenberger (SBE) has received a Wall Street Journal 2007 Student Achievement Award, given to the junior or senior student in the School of Business and Economics with the highest GPA.

On the Road

Associate Professor Thomas Van Dam (CEE) was invited to conduct an international best practices workshop at Chang'an University Sept. 20-21. The workshop presented an overview of pavement technology with respect to design, concrete materials, construction, maintenance, repair, rehabilitation and international practices for long-life concrete pavement.

New Staff

Jaclyn Timmer has joined the Admissions staff as a regional admissions manager. Timmer was previously employed as a hall director by Loyola University Chicago, where she earned a Master of Education in Higher Education Administration. She also served as the residential life coordinator at Hope College prior to graduating from there with a bachelor of arts. She enjoys reading, walking and a good cup of coffee.

Retirement: Susan DesRochers

Susan DesRochers, a project manager in the J. Robert Van Pelt/Opie Library, is retiring from the University on Nov. 2. She began working at Michigan Tech in August 1985. DesRochers has also held other positions in the library, including serials check-in clerk, binding manager and safety and building manager. Her special memories include staff parties, of which students were a part, and her Employee Excellence Award in 1979. She says the most special memory, a wonderful way to end her employment at the library, was its renovations and the Opie addition. DesRochers' retirement plans include gardening, grandchildren, her small business of specialty items (canning), volunteer work, Friends of the Library—of which she is an honorary member—volunteer work and enjoying life.