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KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY 7TH WINTER TRADITIONAL POWWOW



Left to right: Jacqueline Swartz, Sierra Ayres, Jason Dowd, Raistlin Awonohopay, and LeRoy Gauthier.



Rodney Loonsfoot, Head Veteran Dancer leads the KBIC Color Guard in the Grand Entry.



Many Anishinaabeg attend the Ke- 🕸 🋱 weenaw Bay Indian Community Cultural Committee's 7th Winter Traditional Powwow on Saturday, January 29, 2011, at the Niiwin Akeaa Community Center in Baraga, Michigan. Gerry Mantila, Cultural Committee Chair, welcomed guests to the morning ceremonies of "Honoring Our Tribal Council." Opening song was performed by Jeremiah Churchill of Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, who also was the event's guest speaker. Cultural Committee member, Doreen Blaker, gave the opening prayer. The very talented Courtney Clisch performed a selection of musical solos and an honor song was offered by Jeremiah Churchill. The Cultural Committee recognized the current Tribal Council - Warren (Chris) Swartz, Jr., William (Gene) Emery, Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Eddy Edwards, Jerry Lee Curtis, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, Elizabeth (Popcorn) Mayo, and Isabelle Helene Welsh. This year a special recognition was presented to KBIC's First Woman Tribal President, Myrtle Tolonen. Head Veteran Dancer, Rodney Loonsfoot, led the KBIC Color Guard in the 1:00 and 6:00 p.m. grand entries. Jason Dowd and Jacqueline Swartz served as Head Male and Female Dancers with LeRoy Gauthier and Sierra Ayres as Youth Head Male and Female Dancers. Raistlin Awonohopay and Megan Tucker served as Junior Head Male and Female Dancers. Woodland Singers served as host drum and provided songs along with invited drums Four Thunders and Summercloud. Emcee, Eric Awonohopay, did an awesome job keeping everyone informed of the events, and Arena Director, George Gauthier, kept the arena running smoothly with the assistance of the

Tribal Council Members:

Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President William E. Emery, Vice-President Susan J. LaFernier, Secretary Toni Minton, Asst. Secretary **Eddy Edwards, Treasurer Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews** Elizabeth D. Mayo Michael F. LaFernier, S **Jerry Lee Curtis** Frederick Dakota Gary F. Loonsfoot, Si Isabelle H. Welsh



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- February 5, 2011 Tribal **Council Meeting**
- **KBIC 7th Winter Traditional Pow-wow, January 29th**
- **New Employees**
- **Drug Convictions**
- **KBIC holds Healthy Heart** Fair
- **KBIC officials attend President Obama special**
- **Deepest Sympathy**

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Assistant Arena Director, Joe Jacker. The day's events included a Pink Shawl Honor Dance and hoop dancer Megan Tucker. The Cultural Committee honored Gabrielle Picciano, Miss Keweenaw Bay, and Tribal Elders: Richard J. Edwards and Lena Kuopus, and our first Woman Tribal Council President, Myrtle Tolonen. A grand feast was enjoyed by all in attendance.

Sierra Ayres, Youth Head Lady Dancer.

K.B.I.C. Cultural Committee

Gerry Mantila, Chairperson Beverly Lussier, Vice-Chair Diane Charron, Secretary Elizabeth Matthews **Doreen Blaker**



Leo Durant Toni Minton Myrtle Tolonen Evelyn Ravindran



Women's Traditional, Left to right: Veronica Adams, Jacqueline Beauchamp, and Cindy Curtis.

FEBRUARY 5, 2011, TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on February 5, 2011, at the Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room in Baraga, Michigan. President Warren C. Swartz, Jr. presided over the meeting with William E. Emery, Susan J. LaFernier, Eddy Edwards, Jerry Lee Curtis, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, and Isabelle Helene Welsh present. Toni J. Minton was absent. President Warren C. Swartz, Jr., shared numerous Thank You and For Your Information items addressed to Council. One of the topics included the Settlement of Cobell vs. Salazar Lawsuit-Distribution of materials/information regarding Indian Trust Settlement for IIM account holders, owners of land held in Trust/ Restricted status or their heirs. Council agreed to schedule a Community meeting for our members with a representative from the BIA present to explain the Cobell vs. Salazar Lawsuit. The date of this Community meeting is to be determined.

The President's Report was given for January 2011 by President Warren C. Swartz, Jr. (page two), the Secretary's Report was given for January 2011 by Secretary Susan J. LaFernier (page three), the Treasurer's Report was given for January 2011 by Treasurer Eddy Edwards (page two), and the CEO Report by Larry Denomie III was read for January 2011 by Susan J. LaFernier (page four). Council passed the Department Head Reports for December 2010.

Motion by Gary Loonsfoot, Sr., to table the economic development committee presentation regarding implementation plan and charter vs. stock corporation and the risk and benefits associated with them until Attorney John Baker is present, supported by Michael LaFernier, Sr., ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Minton), motion carried.

Motion by Eddy Edwards to table the request from the grant writer regarding the Rural Innovation Fund Program Grant with the Office of Deputy Assistant Secretary for Economic Development until next Thursday's meeting and to have the CFO present, supported by Isabelle Welsh, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Minton), motion carried.

Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo, to approve the January 2011 donations to the Baraga Special Olympics Basketball in the amount of \$500, to Superior Alliance for Independent Living Second Annual Chocolate Festival in the amount of \$250, to the Keweenaw Family Resource Center to participate as a patron of the playground in the amount of \$500, and to Congressman Frank Pallone, Jr.'s campaign fund in the amount of \$1000, supported by Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Minton), motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2011

The following is a list of activities that occurred in the office of the President for the month of January 2011.

- I attended a number of committee meetings this month including hiring, gaming, retirement, and others. I also attended a department head meeting during the month.
- I received a copy of the current strategic plan from the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College. The plan is currently being revised again by faculty and staff for the upcoming accreditation visit.
 I also received the college's quarterly report as required by the MOA.
- Yvette Friisvall has completed her review of the Tribal Code Book. The attorney's office is formatting and reviewing her changes, so it can be printed.
- The Isle Royale National Park would like to meet with KBIC representatives regarding their new cultural resources management plan. The Tribal Historical Preservation Office has been participating in the public listening session. The next meeting will take place on February 17th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Duluth, Minnesota, at the Great Lakes Aquarium. This workshop provides an important opportunity to broadly discuss issues and concerns regarding landscape treatment alternatives for the Washington and Barnum Island landscape with representatives from key stakeholder groups with an interest in Isle Royale National Park.
- The Council approved football promotions in the casino.
- The House National Resources Committee Chairman-elect, Doc Hastings, was named subcommittee chairman for the 112th Congress. He announced the establishment of a new subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs. Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3, of the Constitution delegates to Congress the power to regulate trade with Indian tribes, and in the House of Representatives the Natural Resources Committee is assigned jurisdiction over this power. Oversight and legislative responsibilities for Indian and Alaska Native matters were previously handled by the full committee.
- The Keweenaw Bay Tribal Council adopted ordinance 2010-04, Title 16, the Motor Vehicle Code of 2010. This is an ordinance of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community adopted under the authority of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community for the purpose of authorizing and regulating the issuance of certificates of title for motor vehicles; regulating the registration of motor vehicles; and re-

ters located in Michigan. He asks to meet to discuss a way to "cooperatively develop models for future management consideration." We are in the process of gathering the biologist's information and doing an analysis of the data. I'm confident the Community is using appropriate methodologies in estimating populations and setting total allowable catches (TAC's) given available data.

- The Council participated in operation Red, White, and Blue Phase 4. It's where we send out care packages for soldiers overseas. This event was put on by the 6th graders from Baraga Area School. We also donated to a similar event put on by a number of individuals in L'Anse and the L'Anse 5th Grade class.
- The Council affirmed the recommendation of the President to appoint William Winkler Jondreau as Justice of the Appellate Division of the Tribal Court. Jondreau accepted the three-year appointment. I wrote a letter to Justice Palmer explaining the situation, thanking him for his services, and stating that he would be paid for his services on the two cases under his existing contract which will be extended to the date his work has been completed.
- The Tribal Council approved the following to the list of applicants for KBOCC Board of Regents: Jill Hodges, Shirley Brozzo, Shirley McKasy, Diana Chaudier, and Loretta Hugo.
- The January 14, 2011 report from Human Resources indicates the KBIC government employs about 70% of Indians on its workforce. This concludes my report for the month of January 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President

FEBRUARY 2011 TREASURER'S REPORT

Activities reported by the Treasurer, Eddy Edwards, for the month of February 2011. The Treasurer's report was given verbally and transcribed by the newsletter editor.

Our employee benefits are our number one expense. The Council has approved interviewing two firms, Cottingham & Butler, and M3, to analyze our employee benefits to make sure we are getting the best deal and that it is the best fit for the facilities and the number of employees that we do have.

An update on the activities of our businesses, from the first quarter of the fiscal year and relative to this same period of time last year. Our Baraga Casino has seen a decrease of 9% in house profit and the Marquette Casino has seen a 3% increase in house profit. This is before a slot machine upgrade of a million dollars for both Casinos that will occur soon. Over the last several years we've seen a downward trend. We are reinvesting into both Casinos to change the trend. Eagle Radio's revenue is ahead of projection. The gross profits from cigarette sales at the Pines and at the Casino in Marquette are higher than they were at this time last year. At Tribal Construction, an inventory of all the equipment is nearly complete, and the Council will be addressing those assets and assigning some of those assets to the newly formed Public Works Department. So that is a report on some of the activity of our businesses, and I am always open to questions from the members about the funds of our Community.

Council adjourned with no further actions.

~ submitted by newsletter



To place an ad, submit an article, or relate information or ideas on possible articles contact: Lauri Denomie at (906) 201-0263, or e-mail <u>newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov</u>. pealing certain laws, resolutions and motions of the Tribal Council pertaining to titling and registration of motor vehicles.

I conducted two employee reviews during the month. A review was done on the TERO Director and the Executive Director of Gaming.

- I was informed by Jerry Santos that the CITGO Venezuela Heating Oil Program will continue again this winter. This winter marks the sixth year of the program, and the third year the Community was able to take advantage in this program. The Community's application was submitted for approval.
- I received a letter from Dennis Knapp, Tribal Liaison for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. In his letter he expresses concern regarding the methodologies used to estimate Lake Trout populations and to estimate Lake Trout TAC's in 1842 ceded territory wa-

Respectfully submitted, Eddy Edwards, Treasurer

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2011

Activities reported by the Secretary, Susan J. LaFernier, for the month of January 2011.

BOOZHOO! We honor the greatness in you. Remember: "Indian Country Counts," "Our People, Our Nations, Our Future."

We continue to recognize the richness of Native American contributions, accomplishments, and sacrifices to the political, cultural, and economic life of Michigan and the United States.

The employee W.H.I.P.P. (Wellness, Health, Intervention, Prevention Program) Task Force and volunteers continue to have monthly meetings. It is never too late to encourage positive lifestyle changes that will help us live longer, healthier, happier lives.

On January 7th, Larry Denomie, CEO, and I visited our Hancock radio station site and met with the employees there. It was a good visit. On January 12th, we also reviewed the Radio Sales Manager applications, and John Preston was hired for the position. I attended the quarterly department head meeting on January 18th and the Health Board meeting on January 19th. That same day, I presented our KBIC flag to two board members from the Keweenaw Heritage Center per their request and Tribal Council approval. I also attended a meeting regarding our annual blue cross/blue shield renewal rate reviews and recommendations. The Council will be presented this information in the near future. I also was honored to present our first woman Tribal Council President, Myrtle Tolonen, at the "Honor Our Tribal Council" presentation on Saturday, January 29th, before the Powwow began. I was also honored to present our honored elders: Lena Kuopus and Richard Edwards at the 7th Winter Traditional Powwow. Our appreciation and thanks to our KBIC Cultural Committee for all of their hard work and preparation for these events.

I had the distinct honor to bowl in the Y101 Bowling Tournament that was held on January 29-30, at the Miller's Lanes in Laurium. Our men's and women's team from the Whirl-i-gig consisted of six tribal members out of ten team members. Congratulations to these teams for winning 3rd place and bringing the tournament to the Whirl-i-gig and our area next year. Congratulations to our Pressbox Senior men for winning the Y-101 event! We have very talented bowlers in our Tribe and in our Community, and we are always looking for new teams to join.

The Drug Tip Line is 353-DRUG or 353-3784. The yellow banners are around the reservation with this drug tip line number displayed. The Drug Task Force holds monthly meetings. We will also be meeting in the near feature with other interested groups and the Baraga County Community Foundation regarding collaboration that will benefit the health and welfare of our communities. The Drug Force Mission statement is: "To promote education through public awareness with the specific objective to eliminate the use of illegal drugs for the betterment of the health, welfare, and safety of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and our neighboring communities." Remember to continue to pray for, honor, and remember all of our veterans and service men and women and their families. Also remember those who are ill, all who have lost loved ones, and our economy struggles. Let us be thankful for our beautiful area and we pray for peace in the world, good health, and happiness. During January 2011, the Tribal Council held one Regular Tribal Council Meeting on January 8, 2011. This meeting is covered in the February 2011 Newsletter. Tribal Council held five Special Council Meetings. Following are the unapproved motions from

January.

At the council meeting held January 6, 2011, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the June 10, 2010 meeting minutes;
- Approved the June 12, 2010 meeting minutes;
- Approved the June 17, 2010 meeting minutes;
- Approved Resolution KB1798-2011 Delene property acquisition on the Silver Road for \$30,000;
- Approved the bid from Hiawatha Chef Supply for \$50,782.98 for kitchen equipment for the new Early Childhood Education Center;
- Approved the agreement with KBIC and Integrated Designs, Inc. for the Transfer Station project design for \$41,700;
- Approved the Brian Haataja well pump Installation construction agreement for \$2,975.41 with Larson Pump Co., LLC;
- Approved a Bay Mills Winter Semester 2011 for the immersion students for \$14,055;
- Approved the renewal business license for Ojibwa Housing Authority/Ojibwa Plumbing & Heating;
- Approved to have the Task Force continue with the planning for the Casinos (new and renovations);
- Tabled a request for a donation for cheerleading uniforms for more information from the Booster Club;
- Approved an amendment to Personnel Policy 11.3 Incentive Policy Options to include: The sick leave incentive hours will be paid at the last permanent wage;
- Approved the reclassification request to change the Clinical Social Worker position from a grade 11 to a grade 13 (is posted);
- Approved the Employment Agreement with Heather Chapman, Assistant Tribal Attorney and Assistant Tribal Prosecutor, for three years;
- Upheld the CEO's decision on the Government employee termination case #008-10 after the President broke the tie;
- Approved the reclassification of Cheryne Clements as the Fitness & Youth Programs Director;
- Approved to omit the FAA building from the Land in Trust Application in Marquette;
- Approved to discontinue Tim Shanahan's sick leave as of January 18th;
- Approved to accept Derek Sever's resignation from the Radio Station and place Deborah Hilscher as the Interim General

- Approved erecting an 80' fiber optics tower at the KBIC Police Station and a roof system or tower at the Hatchery garage for the wireless Bridge Wave system;
- Approved Resolution KB1802-2011 MOA with KBIC, BIA, and MDOT regarding the 2011 highway routes inventory;
- Approved the purchase of 100 Tribal flags and to draw up guidelines (regarding distribution and the use of flags);
- Approved to recommend Gretchen Emery and Violet R. Friisvall to the Election Board (two vacancies posted);
- Approved Resolution KB1800-2011 NIGA (National Indian Gaming Association) membership renewal;
- Approved the changes to the General Manager—Eagle Radio job announcement and to post the position;
- Approved the pass through agent to North Star Academy for the 2% distribution for the Gwinn School Title VII funds;
- Approved to interview 15 applicants for the Community Assistance Programs (CAP) Administrator on January 27-28;
- Approved to motion to have football pools at the Lanes.

At the council meeting held January 20, 2011, the following actions were taken:

- Approved to have our Personnel Department develop a job description for a Business Manager for our prospective cigarette business with a strong background in marketing, engineering, etc. for review at the next meeting;
- Approved the Pre-Primary Education Program guidelines;
- Approved that the guidelines will become effective with the opening of the new Early Childhood Education Center;
- Approved Resolution KB1799-2011 Residential Lease to Ann M. Degenaer, Patrick A. Degenaer, and Brett A. Degenaer;
- Tabled the Tribal Weatherization Assistance Program Policy Guidelines, application, and Services Agreement until the next meeting;
- Defeated a motion to decline the President's recommendation for William Jondreau to the Appellate Justice position;
- Approved William Jondreau to the Appellate Justice position;
- Approved a \$500 donation for postage to the L'Anse 5th grade class care packages for service men and women;
- Approved a \$500 donation for supplies to the Baraga 6th grade class for care packages for service men and women;

Manager at the beginning wage rate for the General Manager.

At the council meeting held January 14, 2011, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the Senior/Disabled snow plowing requirements (guidelines);
- Approved an amendment to Personnel Policy 18.3 Appeal of Dismissal; the position will be posted after the ten day timeline for the employee to appeal and the appeal will be made in writing to the Tribal Council Secretary;
- Defeated a motion to approve the proposed updates to the KBIC Casino TICS for Promotional Activities;
- Approved to post for two (2) vacancies on the hiring/personnel committee for two weeks;
- Approved adding step-brothers/stepsisters to the Community Assistance Program (CAP) policies;

- Approved three applications for the Ojibwa Community College slate for the Board of Regents: Shirley McKasy, Shirley Brozzo, and Jill Hodges;
- Approved Ruth Lamson's request for her off-reservation snow plowing;
- Approved Dorsey & Whitney LLP Special Counsel Contract for one year;
- Approved the employment contract with Christoph J. Geiger, Deputy Tribal Attorney, for three years;
- Approved the agreement between Michigan Works! Job Force Board/ Region 1 Michigan Small Business and Technology Development Center Network and KBIC;
- Approved the Amendment to Agreement between KBIC and the Village of Baraga (relates to the improvements to the water supply system);
- Approved to reconsider the motion re-

Secretary's Report continued:

garding the football pools on January 14, 2011;

- Approved to have football promotions at the Lanes;
- Defeated a motion to pay Dale Shalifoe what he requested for a wage of \$51,126 as the Executive Director of the Gaming Commission;
- Approved the reclassification of Dale Shalifoe to a Grade 11, \$21.22;
- Approved to grant a one time limited waiver of sovereign immunity up to the limit of insurance available for the claim Beverly Lussier vs. KBIC-Tribal Court Case #10-079C.

At the council meeting held January 27, 2011, the following actions were taken:

- Approved to invite Cottingham/Butler and M3 Insurance to a meeting to discuss various options and an analysis regarding health insurance;
- Approved the amendment to James Otto Vollmar R. Ph. Services agreement (for the pharmacy);
- Approved the Tribal Weatherization Assistance Program policy guidelines;
- Approved the services agreement with Ojibwa Housing Authority to provide home weatherization audit services for the community;
- Tabled the decision regarding the Disability Determination Appeal Hearing Case #001-11 until the Disability Program guidelines can be drafted by the CEO's office by February 10th;
- Approved applicant Diana Chaudier for the Ojibwa Community College Slate of the Board of Regents;
- Approved the bid from Cybex for \$59,332.07 and the 505 budget modification for fitness center equipment;
- Approved to add Elizabeth Julio and Jeff Francois to the Community Assistance Programs (CAP) Administrator interviews;
- Approved the introduction 1st reading of the proposed ordinance 2011-01 to amend Title 3 to add two chapters: 3.19 Criminal Sexual Conduct and 3.20 Sex Offender Registration Code and waived the first reading.

At the council meeting held January 28, 2011, the following actions were taken:

- Approved a donation of \$300 to John H. Messer for travel assistance to his son's hockey tournament in Escanaba;
- Tabled the discussion regarding the draft Business Manager job description until February 3rd (for review);
- Approved to offer the Community Assistance Programs (CAP) Administrator position to Janice Halverson.

Respectfully submitted,

CEO REPORT FOR THE MONTHS OF JANUARY 2011

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The month of January 2011 included the following activities:

- Attended a Healthy Heart Fair 2011 planning meeting. This year's event will be held on February 14th at the Community Center. The WHIPP Task Force is co-sponsoring the event and will have a booth at the event as well.
- The Fitness Center located within the Community Center is undergoing a face lift and will house numerous pieces of new equipment. It is anticipated that around mid-February the newly named Free Spirit Fitness Center will be up and fully operational. Cheryne Clements, Youth and Fitness Programs Director, is developing additional programs which will be announced in the coming months as well.
- The new Early Childhood Education Center project is moving forward and is expected to be completed the end of February. In anticipation of the opening, enrollment policies were developed and approved by Council. Lisa Denomie, Pre-primary Program Director, is working on advertising for slots for children in the program.
- Tribal Council selected 17 KBIC members to interview for the Community Assistance Programs Director. Fifteen of the 17 interviews were conducted and the final selection and offer was made and accepted by Janice Halverson, the CEO's office now former Administrative Specialist. Janice began duties in the office on January 31st and is settling in nicely. The Administrative Specialist position is now posted and open to the public to apply.
- The Tribal Home Weatherization program is moving forward. Council has approved the guidelines and initial contract for home energy audits to be conducted by Ojibwa Housing. The guidelines include a point system which will be used to prioritize homes to have the audits completed and funds available through various programs will assist with the cost of updating the homes. Some of the funds have income guidelines while others do not. The weatherization office will be sending out information to every member in the approved service area to ensure everyone has the opportunity to apply. There will be deadlines to initially apply and once the deadline has passed, the prioritized list will be created, and the audits will be conducted. If anyone has questions after receiving the information they are encouraged to contact the weatherization office. The new Department of Public Works will have work crews within the department which will complete the work on the homes.

- A project to clean up and remove dead, broken and unsafe trees from the Pinery Cemetery that were a result of the major wind storm that blew through the area late last year, ran into some issues and was stopped for a short period of time. The individuals initially working on the project were relieved due to the unsafe nature of the project and inexperience of workers involved. After meeting with the necessary staff, it was decided that the Beartown Firefighters who possess the proper experience and certification would complete the project. They will resume working in early February and the project is expected to be completed by late February to early March.
- KBIC Seniors 55 years and up can have their income tax preparation completed for free. Keith Rolof will again be making appointments with interested seniors again this year. Flyers have been distributed and are also available at the Ojibwa Seniors Center.
- On January 24th I participated in a Fox UP/TV6 News interview regarding the Tribes plans to locate a new gas station and convenience store at the property they purchased which is the former Los Tres Amigos restaurant site in Marquette. The interview was requested after Fox UP/TV6 News aired an initial story the week prior where Gregg Nominelli, KBIC's Economic Developer, provided them with information regarding the project at my request. The news story garnered numerous comments on Fox UP's web site of which a majority were positive but some negative. The interview provided an opportunity to give facts and additional details related to the project. Several of the negative comments related to how the Tribe doesn't pay taxes. During the interview I relayed the fact that the Tribe has contributed nearly \$8 million dollars since 2006 to roads programs and that the Tribe also pays 2% distributions to local units of governments based on net slot machine revenue. I also had the opportunity to provide facts related to the taxes associated with gasoline and how they relate to the Tribe and their ability to sell the fuel at a discounted rate. The news story, in my opinion, did provide a positive light on the project and the additional comments on Fox UP's site following the airing of the interview were again mostly positive with a few negative.

As always, if anyone has questions, concerns, or issues that the CEO's office can assist with, please don't hesitate to stop, email, or call.

Respectfully submitted,

7th Annual Traditional Powwow continued:



Honored elders: Lena D. "E" Koupus and Richard J. Williams.

Lena D. Kuopus (nicknamed "E") was born on June 1, 1928, in Zeba, Michigan. She is the daughter of Charles and Susie (4) Niiwin Marksman and was married to Arthur Kuopus (deceased). Lena enjoys caring for all of her many nieces/nephews, great nieces/nephews, and great, great nieces/ nephews who keep her young and who all love her dearly.

She worked as a barmaid for 22 years and at Big Bucks Bingo, and she is now enjoying retirement. She is a member of the Ojibwa Senior Citizens, Baragaland Senior Citizens, and an active member and volunteer of the Zeba Indian Mission-United Methodist Church. She also enjoys quilting, picking berries, and baking delicious pasties, pies, and everything!

Richard J. Edwards was born on July 21, 1929, in Baraga, Michigan. He is the son of John and Mary Edwards and was married to Barbara Wadaga on June 27,

1953. They have been married for 57 years. They have four children: Mary, James, Pauline, and Ann. Their grandchildren are Joe and Tom LaFernier, Philip Edwards, Christopher Edwards (deceased), and Hannah and Max George. The great-grandchildren are Pamela, Philip II, and Tyler.

Dick worked at the Pettibone Corporation for 37 years and the Jacobson Funeral Home for 20 years. He enjoys hunting, wood working, and travelling. He served for four years with the 82nd Airborne Division from 1948-1952 and is a Korean Veteran. He is a member of the 82nd Airborne Association, the 325th Airborne Association, American Legion Post 144, KBIC Veterans Honor Guard, and the Ojibwa Senior Citizens.

New Employees



Erin Johnston has been hired as the Lake Superior Program Coordinator for the Natural Resources Department. Erin was born and raised in East Lansing but spent time in the U.P. as a child in Menominee where her parents grew up. Erin graduated from NMU in

2006 with a Bachelor's degree in biology and ecology. In 2008 Erin received her Master's degree in natural resources management from the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point. For the past two years Erin has been the Department Chair for the Environmental Science program at KBOCC. Erin looks forward to taking on the challenges of this new position and playing a role in the protection and enhancement of the Lake Superior basin. In her spare time Erin enjoys spending time with her husband hiking, camping, fishing, and hunting.



Hebert has been hired a s t h e Healthy Start LPN. Cathy previously was employed for 31 years in the surgery and specialty clin-

Cathy

ics at BCMH. She and her husband, Rodger, raised their family here in Baraga County—Jeremy (Ashley) Hebert, John (Hope) Herbert, and Jay Hebert. They have six grandchildren and one on the way.

Cathy states, "I enjoy all outdoor activities, especially gardening and camping. I am very excited about my new job with the Healthy Start Program and I look forward to working with all the new mothers and the co -employees at the Donald LaPointe Center."



Monica Kohn was hired as the Medical Clinic Receptionist. Monica is the daughter of the late Tippy Emery and Cora Robinson Emery. Monica, a KBIC member, was born and raised in Mil-

waukee, Wisconsin. She and her husband, Tim, just celebrated their 12th wedding anniversary. They relocated to the reservation in October 2000. She worked at the Casino from 2000 to 2003, and worked in the Donald LaPointe facility from 2003 till 2009. Monica is an active member of the KBIC Powwow Committee and the Women's Planning Group. Monica states, "I enjoy hunting, fishing, rock hunting, bingo, and slots. I am trying to teach myself to burn and carve wood. I also collect hoodies and sweatshirts, love to bake and I hate housework. Tim and I live with our dog Buster, and two cats, MO and Missie."



Jennifer Almli has been hired as an Accounts Payable Clerk in the Accounting Dept at the KBIC Tribal Center. She is the daughter of Pearl Thoresen & the late Harold Thoresen of L'Anse. She

graduated from LHS in 1972 with an emphasis on business courses. She was employed by Commercial National Bank/ Superior National Bank for over 35 years. She is married to Jerry Almli and resides in Baraga while their son Ryan resides in Florida.

Community Members Enjoy Snowshoe Event



This outing is a part of the Footsteps in the Forest Program offered by the KBIC Diabetes Programs. Footsteps is a hiking program in the summer and they've extended it to include snowshoeing in the winter months.

The picture to the left is from a recent hike held on Saturday, January 29th in the Pinery on the Indian Cemetery Road, in L'Anse, Michigan. Eleven community members attended this particular event. The events usually last about an hour. Heather Wood, KBIC/DHHS Health Promotions Educator, states, "We will be scheduling a few more snowshoeing events this winter which will be posted on flyers throughout the community. We have snowshoes to loan for those who do not have them, and we are hopeful to interest more participants for our next outing." If anyone is interested in the Footsteps in the Forest events, contact Heather Wood at 353-4546 for more information.

<u>All Tribal Veterans' Meeting</u> at the Lighthouse, Sand Point, will be held every third Wednesday of the month at 1900 hours. All Tribal Veterans Welcome!



Leander August "Lee" Madosh ~ "Muh-Koons" (Little Bear), (October 27, 1949—February 12, 2011)

Leander August "Lee" Madosh, age 61, of 611 Silver Creek Road, Harvey, walked on into eternal life Saturday morning, February 12, 2011, at home, in the comforting care of his family and the caregivers of UP Home Health and Hospice. Born October 27, 1949, in Marquette, a son of Leander Alfred and Clara (Hilliard) Madosh, Lee was raised in Marquette and was a 1967 graduate of the Marquette Senior High School. He entered the US Marine Corps in July of 1968, serving during the Vietnam Era, until October of 1969 when he was honorably discharged with the rank of Lance Corporal. Lee enrolled in the welding program offered at the Jacobetti Vocational Skill Center at Northern Michigan University and later began an eleven year stint in highway construction with the Bacco Construction Company. Another eleven year employment in highway construction followed with the Paul Smith Construction Company. Lee's last employment was with the Marquette Fence Company, as an installer for ten years, retiring in 2007 due to ill health. Playing hockey in his younger years, Lee loved the sport and was a dedicated Detroit Red Wing hockey fan and, from the beginning, a Northern Michigan University hockey fan, never missing a season. He enjoyed NAS-CAR, off road racing, and gardening. His passion was riding his Harley and helping out whenever and wherever he could. He loved to be of service to others. Lee was proud of his American Indian heritage and received the name "Muh-Koons" meaning "Little Bear", and was the last of the Madosh Family who was a chief. Lee was a member of St. Louis the King Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, the Marine Corps League, and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. A recovering alcoholic, Lee was a dedicated member of Alcoholics Anonymous for over 19 years, aiding others in their recovery. Survivors include his daughters: Bobbi (Carl) Chambers of Gwinn and Jessica Bigger of Harvey; stepdaughter, Nichole (Mike) Peterson of Harvey; sons: Anthony Madosh of Green Bay, WI, and Leander E. Madosh of Harvey; six grandchildren; his sisters: Genevieve "Jeannie" (Gerald) Terando of Morris, IL, Nora (Stephen) Logan of Orange Park, FL, Lana Rosenthal of Fond du Lac, WI, Anita Madosh of Harvey, and Sharon (Dave) Schnorr of Fond du Lac, WI; a brother: Jon Glen (Debbie) Trevillion of Negaunee; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins; and his faithful canine companions, Nicholas, Simon, and Holly. Lee was preceded in death by his parents: first wife. Lorraine Madosh; step-father, Raymond Trevillion; sister, Judy Smith; and brother, Gerald Madosh. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Louis the King Catholic Church in Harvey on Monday, February 14, 2011, with Rev. Ben Paris, pastor, as celebrant. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to UPAWS (Upper Peninsula Animal Welfare Shelter), P.O. Box 968, Marquette, MI 49855. The Fassbender Funeral Home assisted the family.

Kathy Mayo, Sndni Voakes, Vicki Emery, and Heather Wood. Photo by Robin Roe.

Ojibwa Community Library News

The library has the movie "Gasland." It's about a man who discovers his home is on a rock formation containing natural gas. He was offered \$100,000 to lease this land by Halliburton. He discovers that he is part of a 34 state drilling campaign, the largest in history. This movie documents his journey to find out if hydraulic fracturing is actually safe.

A reminder: movies can only be checked out for one week and only one movie at a time.



~ Mary Bergerson, Library Director



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Myrtle Tolonen, KBIC First Woman Tribal Council President was honored at the 7th Winter Traditional Powwow.

Myrtle Tolonen, First Woman Tribal Council President was honored on January 29, 2011, during the "Honor Our Tribal Council" presentation prior to the 7th Winter Traditional Pow-Wow. Myrtle Helen Tolonen was born on April 28, 1935, on Blaker Road in Zeba, Michigan. Her parents were George and Charlotte (Blaker) Matthews. In 1955 she married Donald E. Tolonen Sr. (deceased). They have five children: Donald Jr. (deceased), John Henry, Cheryl Denomie, Glenn and Tyler Tolonen. They also have 18 grandchildren, seven greatgrandchildren, soon to be eight.

Myrtle worked at Minnie Sands Restaurant making pasties for 50 cents an hour; she also worked at the hospital. After graduation in 1953, she went to Chicago and worked there for a few years. In 1955 she married Donald and moved to Dearborn where she worked at the Mercury Motor Inn Steak House for 13 years. In 1972 Myrtle and her family moved back home. In 1976 she was hired by the Tribe as the Tribal Enrollment Clerk. She was also the Commodity Foods Program Director. Myrtle loves to read both fiction and non-fiction books and playing bingo. She served on the Indian Child Welfare Committee for almost 20 years, the Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission, and presently serves on the Elders Advisory Board and Cultural Committee. She is also presently taking classes at our Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College winter semester, and she is loving the classes.

In 1976, Myrtle was elected to a seat on the Tribal Council, and she served until 1995. Myrtle was the first woman President elected in 1984, again in 1985, and 1989.



Fancy shawl dancers (above) Sheena Halverson and (below) Vanessa Beaver.



KBIC Holds Healthy Heart Fair



(Above) A young jingle dress dancer — Bree Jondreau. (Below) Fancy shawl dancer — Jeani Jaye Aho.







KBIC's Department of Human Services and W.H.I.P.P. Task Force teamed up to host the 2011 Healthy Heart Fair. This year's fair was held at the Niiwin Akeaa Center and as one committee member labeled it as, "truly a community event as everyone comes together to plan and attend the very organized opportunity." Registration revealed 202 people attended this year's gathering who all enjoyed the numerous health related booths.



massages as three massage therapists were ready and able to assist those wanting to be their customers. Cholesterol and blood pressure screenings were offered as well as a lot of other helpful health related topics.

Booths offered were: Aspirus Superior Home Health & Hospice; Baraga County





Participants were able to receive chair





Home Care & Hospice; Baraga County MSU Extension SNAP-ED; Bay Ambulance; BCMH Rehab & Fitness Center; Clowns (Lisa Denomie & Roxanne Carlson); Fox Den Massage; Health Mart Pharmacy; KBIC Dental; KBIC Diabetes Programs; KBIC Nutrition; Public Health Preparedness; KBIC Even Start; KBIC Healthy Start; KBIC Medical; KBIC Natural Resources; KBIC OVW; KBIC Pharmacy; KBIC VOCA; KBIC OVW; KBIC Pharmacy; KBIC VOCA; KBIC WIC; KBOCC; New Day Treatment Center; Northern Orthotics & Prosthetics; Over Eaters Anonymous; Weight Watchers; WHIPP Taskforce; the L'Anse/Baraga HOSA students; and KBIC Community Health.

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Important information about the \$3.4 billion Indian Trust Settlement

For current or former IIM account holders, Owners of land held in trust or restricted status, or their heirs

There is a proposed Settlement in Cobell v. Salazar, a class action lawsuit about individual Indian land held in trust by the federal government. This notice is just a summary. For details, call the toll-free number or visit the website listed below.

The lawsuit claims that the federal government violated its duties by (a) mismanaging trust funds/assets, (b) improperly accounting for those funds, and (c) mismanaging trust land/assets. The trust funds include money collected from farming and grazing leases, timber sales, mining, and oil and gas production from land owned by American Indians/Alaska Natives.

If you are included in the Settlement, your rights will be affected. To object to the Settlement, to comment on it, or to exclude yourself, you should get a detailed notice at www.IndianTrust.com or by calling 1-800-961-6109.

Can I get money?

There are two groups or "Classes" in the Settlement eligible for payment. Each Class includes individual IIM account holders or owners of land held in trust or restricted status who were alive on September 30, 2009. Historical Accounting Class Members

- Had an open individual Indian Money account ("IIM") anytime be-
- tween October 25, 1994 and September 30, 2009, and
- The account had at least one cash transaction.
- Includes estates of account holders who died as of September 30, 2009, if the IIM account was still open on that date.

Trust Administration Class Members

- Had an IIM account recorded in currently available data in federal government systems any time from approximately 1985 to September 30, 2009, **or**
- Owned trust land or land in restricted status as of September 30, 2009.
- Includes estates of landowners who died as of September 30, 2009 where the trust interests were in probate as of that date. This means you have asked a court to transfer ownership of the deceased landowner's property.
- An individual may be included in one or both Classes.

What does the Settlement provide?

- A \$1.5 billion fund to pay those included in the Classes.
- A \$1.9 billion fund to buy small interests in trust or restricted land owned by many people.
- Up to \$60 million to fund scholarships to improve access to higher education for Indian youth.
- A government commitment to reform the Indian trust management and accounting system.

How much can I get?

- Historical Accounting Class Members will each get \$1,000.
- Trust Administration Class Members will get at least \$500.
- If you own a small parcel of land with many other people, the federal government may ask you to sell it. You will be offered fair market value. If you sell your land it will be returned to tribal control.

If you believe your are a member of either Class and are not receiving IIM account statements, you will need to call the toll-number or visit the website to register.

What are my other rights?

- If you wish to keep your right to sue the federal government about the claims in this Settlement, you must exclude yourself by April 20, 2011.
- If you stay in the Settlement you can object to or comment on it by April 20, 2011. The detailed notice explains how to exclude yourself or object/comment.

The U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia will hold a hearing on June 20, 2011, to consider whether to approve the Settlement. It will also consider a request for attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses in the amount of \$99.9 million. However, Class Counsel has fee agreements that would pay them 14.75% of the funds created for the Classes, which could result in an award of \$223 million. The Court may award more or less than these amounts based on controlling law. If approved, these payments and related costs will come out of the Settlement funds available for payment to Class Members.

If you wish, you or your own lawyer may ask to appear and speak at the hearing at your own cost. For more information, call or go to the website shown below or write to Indian Trust Settlement, P.O. Box 9577, Dublin, OH 43017-4877.

For more information www.IndianTrust.com 1-800-961-6109



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Meet Payton Rain LeClaire, born August 28, 2010, to Fanchon Picard and James LeClaire, Jr. Payton weighed 5lbs. 9 oz. and was 17 1/4" inches at birth. Proud grandma is Rose (Picard) Everson and proud grandpa is James Cote, Jr.



Meet Daylea Skye Blue, born December 24, 2010, to Cody Blue and Nick Lokers. Daylea weighed 8lbs. 4.5 oz. and was 18" inches at birth. Proud grandparents are: Peggy Minton, Brad Blue, Brenda and Brian Lokers. Great-grandparents are: Bev and Adam Lussier.



Meet Isaac Richard Rajala, born December 31, 2010, to Candy Kemppainen and Daniel Rajala. Isaac weighed 10lbs. 3.3 oz. and was 20" inches at birth. Proud grandparents are: Wanda Seppanen, John and Shirley Kemppainen, and Marvin and Carole Rajala.



tether, he goes to jail. Defendant will be financially responsible for the costs of lodging and/or tether, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.

4. Twelve to twenty-four months alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10 monthly probation fee. Defendant will be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT tests, if any. Defendant must report daily for PBT's until the probation officer deems it to be not necessary. (Concurrent with 10-109).

Derek Gauthier, case # 10-102, controlled substance (use - morphine) – 3rd offense <u>Sentenced on 01/10/2011 to</u>:

1. \$1500 fine.

- 2. 24 36 months standard drug and alcohol restricted probation with a \$10 monthly probation fee.
- 3. 180 days jail, credit for time served, (30 days) and 150 days suspended.
- 4. The Defendant is banished from this community until he provides proof that his substance abuse treatment is completed. He is to sign a release, so information can be shared with the Probation Officer.
- 5. The Defendant is to pay at least \$50 per month towards his costs and fines. When the Defendant obtains employment, he is to sign a payroll deduction.

Corey Haataja, case # 10-203, controlled substance (use – marijuana, cocaine, and morphine) – 1^{st} offense

Sentenced on 01/24/2011 to:

1. \$500 fine.

- 90 days jail, 80 days suspended, Defendant is to serve 10 days jail. The Court will allow the Defendant to serve jail sentence on GPS tether. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging/tether and any other costs incurred while incarcerated. (To be served consecutively of 10-201). If Defendant doesn't comply with the terms of tether, he goes to jail.
- 3. Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and is to comply with the recommendations of that screening until successfully discharged. (Concurrent with 10-201).
- Nine to twelve months of alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10 monthly probation fee. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing, if any. (Concurrent with 10-201).

Joseph Francois, case # 10-221, controlled substance (use – cocaine and morphine) – 2^{nd} offense

Sentenced on 02/09/2011 to:

1. \$1000 fine.

- 2. Defendant must obtain a substance abuse screening and is to comply with that screening until successfully discharged. (Concurrent with #10-220).
- 180 days jail, 120 days suspended. Defendant is to serve 60 days. This is to be consecutive with time served from case #10-220. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
- 4. Twelve to twenty-four months of alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10 monthly probation fee. Defendant will be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT tests, if any. Defendant must report to the probation office on the first day he is re-



Tribal Health Department Beta Test Site Accreditation Coordinators and Representatives.

tions served, governance, geographic region, and degree of preparedness for accreditation from a pool of 148 applicants who wished to participate in the PHAB beta test.

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worked through the accreditation process and provided valuable feedback on the process, materials, and tools that will inform the accreditation program's national launch in 2011.

PHAB hosted an appreciation dinner on February 1, 2011, for the Beta Test sites. Dr. Bud Nicola, Chair of the Beta Test Steering Committee, represented the PHAB Board of Directors as he provided comments and presented the recognitions to each site. He stated, "Without the hard work and commitment of the beta test sites, PHAB's work on accreditation would not be where it is today."

Carole LaPointe, KBIC DHHS Health Director, attended the dinner on behalf of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and accepted a beautiful plaque which is displayed on the second floor of the Donald LaPointe Medical Facility.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT The John Hopkins University OPREVENT Project

Needed: Research Assistant/Data Collector for the John Hopkins University OPREVENT Project.

Employment Start Date: March 2011

Location: Baraga, MI

Responsibilities: The data collector will conduct interviews and administer standardized surveys with Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) members in Baraga and L'Anse, Michigan. Primary activities include: 1) the identification and recruitment of participants, 2) the administration of the surveys and interviews, 3) the transcription and entry of data, and 4) weekly staff updates. Research assistants may also assist in community presentations, intervention development, and program support (filing, scheduling, etc.).

What is the OPREVENT Project?

OPREVENT stands for **Obesity Prevention Research and Evaluation of InterVention Effectiveness in NaTive North Americans**. It is an obesity and diabetes prevention program, which is designed to: 1) improve the availability of healthy foods in stores on or near American Indian reservations, 2) increase the purchase and eating of healthier foods, and 3) increase physical activity. It combines mass media (by newspapers, radio, and possibly TV), school, food store and worksite intervention components, which will each be evaluated for effectiveness.

Job Qualifications: The applicant must 1) be a high school graduate or GED equivalent; 2) be interested in and knowledgeable about American Indian obesity/chronic disease prevention programs; 3) be comfortable working on American Indian reservations; 4) have access to reliable personal transportation; 5) be willing to travel independently between research sites (Baraga and L'Anse, Michigan); 6) have some experience conducting surveys and interviews; and 7) be available on at least a part-time status (25 hours per week). This job requires 60 -75% travel time. Pay rate per experience (\$12-15/hr.) How can I apply? 1) Apply online at: iobs.ihu.edu/. Select "Find Your New Job": 2) Enter Requisition #46486 at the bottom of the page; 3) Click on the job that appears ("Research Data Collector"), and begin the application. Contact Megan Rowan (mrowan@jhsph.edu) with questions regarding the web-based application.

REPORT

In a continuous effort to reduce the illegal use of con-

trolled substances in our community, the Drug Task Force has requested the publication of pertinent information regarding any convictions of the Controlled Substances section of the KBIC Tribal Code §3.1706. The Tribal Court has agreed to comply with the Drug Task Force's request and will publish a Drug Conviction Report on a routine basis.

Yancey DeCota, case #10-117, controlled substance (use – morphine) – 2^{nd} offense Sentenced on 11/22/2010 to:

1. \$1000 fine.

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- 2. Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and is to follow the recommendations of that screening until successfully discharged. (Concurrent with 10-109.)
- 180 days jail, 150 suspended, 30 days to be served. Defendant will be allowed to serve these 30 days on GPS tether. If the Defendant does not comply with the terms of



- Defendant may be released upon a motion, directly to an inpatient substance abuse facility, if he has obtained an admit date on his own volition, but only after he has served 90 days of his consecutive jail sentence with #10-220.
- 6. Defendant is to be referred to the KBIC Drug Court.

KBIC/DHHS PARTICIPATES IN PHAB BETA TEST

During the time period of fall 2009 until December 2010, 30 public health departments throughout the United States participated in a test of the national voluntary public health accreditation program. The goal of the public health accreditation program was to improve and protect the health of every community by advancing the quality and performance of public health departments. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community was carefully selected with considerations that varied from size, structure, popula-

Who is the local contact for this position (if I can't access the application)? Preety Gadhoke, MPH, PhD Candidate, John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, 443-458-2410, e-mail pgadhoke@jhsph.edu.



Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Officials attend President Obama's speech at NMU



President Swartz and I were fortunate and honored to be able to attend President Obama's speech at Northern Michigan University on February 10, 2011, regarding their WiMax Technology and his "National Wireless Initiative" that he also

spoke about a few weeks ago during his State of the Union address. It took one hour standing in line and getting through security at the Superior Dome to hear his speech at the Vandament Arena which lasted about one half hour. We shared the event with representatives from the Sault Tribe, Hannahville Indian Community, and Chairman Shively from LacVieux Desert. The Chairman from the Oneida Tribe was also in attendance. President Wong from NMU gave a short speech, and we also heard remarks from U.S. Senator Carl Levin who flew here with the President. He stated to the crowd that President Obama commented on how beautiful the Upper Peninsula is even in winter from the Air Force One window before landing at Sawyer International Airport. It was an exciting, historic day for us all and one that we will remember.

~ Susan J. LaFernier, Tribal Council Secretary

KBOCC President Debra J. Parrish was also honored to attend this historic event.

KBIC SENIORS—FREE TAX PREPARATION

Eligibility requirements: Enrolled KBIC member 55 years of age or older.

To schedule your appt. call 524-5757, ext. 10 between 9am-noon, Monday-Friday. Individual and personal appointments will be arranged with Keith Rolof at the Ojibwa Senior Center, during early evening hours Monday-Thursday.

PRESS RELEASE — CHRIS SWARTZ — KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY PRESIDENT

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community; 2010 Walleye, Brook Trout, and Lake Trout Stocking Milestones

2010 was another good year for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Natural Resource Department stocking program.

Walleye Rearing and Stocking: For many years our Community has wanted to develop a walleye rearing and stocking program to raise walleye for stocking into local waters. Construction of our walleye rearing facility finished in 2008, and in 2009, we started raising walleye for stocking. The first year produced 16,450 walleye, 3-6 inches in size, which we stocked into Keweenaw and Huron Bays. 2010 was a tough year for the walleye programs. Unusual spring weather seemed to affect walleye spawning success in many areas. We did, however, manage to produce 12,581 walleye, 3-7 inches in size, which were stocked into the Pike Bay area of Portage Lake and into Keweenaw and Huron Bays. Our Natural Resource Department staff thinks that many of these walleye should start reaching harvest size over the next 2-4 years. We are very proud to have this walleye stocking program operating successfully and are looking forward to continuing to build on our initial success.

Children and Violence

A recent U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)funded study concluded that a majority of children in the United States have been exposed to violence, crime, or abuse in their homes, schools, and communities. The consequences of this problem are significant and widespread. Children's exposure to violence, whether as victims or witnesses, is often associated with longterm physical, psychological, and emotional harm. Children exposed to violence are also at a higher risk of engaging in criminal behavior later in life and becoming part of a cycle of violence.

FAST FACTS

- Children exposed to violence are more likely to abuse drugs and alcohol; suffer from depression, anxiety, and post-traumatic disorders; fail or have difficulty in school; and become delinquent and engage in criminal behavior.
- Sixty percent of American children were exposed to violence, crime, or abuse in their homes, schools, and communities.
- Almost 40 percent of American children were direct victims of 2 or more violent acts, and 1 in 10 were victims of violence 5 or more times.
- Children are more likely to be exposed to violence and crime than adults
- Almost 1 in 10 American children saw one family member assault another family member, and more than 25 percent had been exposed to family violence during their life
- A child's exposure to one type of violence increases the likelihood that the child will be exposed to other types of violence and exposed multiple times.

Finkelhor, D., Turner, H., Ormrod, R., Hamby, S., and Kracke, K. 2009. *Children's Exposure to Violence: A Comprehensive National Survey*. Bulletin. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. More information is available at <u>www.ncjrs.gov/</u> pdffiles1/ojjdp/227744.pdf_or <u>www.unh.edu/ccrc/</u> projects/natscev.html.

For more information or request a presentation, call KBIC-Dept. of Health and Human Services, Behavioral Health at 906.353.4532

wit Bay strain coaster trout into local waters. Coaster brook trout were once common along the south shore of Lake Superior but are now fairly rare since overfishing, habitat degradation, and non-native species introductions severely reduced their numbers to a few remnant populations. In 2010 we stocked a total of 37,481 coaster brook trout into Keweenaw Bay area waters. Since we began our brook trout rearing program in 1997, our Natural Resource Department has stocked a total of 983,787 brook trout into Western Upper Peninsula streams and rivers to help restore populations of this native trout to the area.

Lake Trout: Since 1993 our Community has raised and stocked lean lake trout into Lake Superior to help restore populations to self sustaining levels. In December of 2010 our Lake Trout stocking program passed the 1.5 million mark for Lake Trout stocked into Lake Superior since 1993. Since the founding of our Natural Resource Department our Lake Trout rearing and stocking program and our hatchery facility have been active participants in the Fishery Restoration Plan for Lake Superior developed by the Great Lakes Fishery Commission, and we're

FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS

NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS* FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS UNITED STATES AND ALASKA

(Effective October 1, 2010)

	<u>48</u> <u>Contiguous</u> <u>United States</u>	<u>Alaska</u>
<u>Household</u> <u>Size</u>	Income Limits	<u>Income</u> <u>Limits</u>
1	\$1,044	\$1,369
2	\$1,356	\$1,759
3	\$1,667	\$2,149
4	\$1,991	\$2,539
5	\$2,329	\$2,929
6	\$2,666	\$3,334
7	\$2,978	\$3,724
8	\$3,290	\$4,114
Each addi- ional member	+ \$312	+ \$390

*The net monthly income standard for each household size is the sum of the applicable Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) net monthly income eligibility standard and the applicable SNAP standard deduction.

Income Deductions—see 7 CFR 253.6(f)

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Dependant Care Deduction — Households that qualify for the dependent care deduction are allowed a deduction of actual dependent care costs paid monthly to a non-household member.

Earned Income Deduction — Households with earned income are allowed a deduction of 20 percent of their earned income.

Medicare Part B Medical Insurance and Part D Prescription Drug Coverage Premiums — Households that incur the cost of Medicare Part B medical insurance and/or Part D prescription drug coverage premiums are allowed a deduction for the monthly cost of the premiums.

Child Support Deduction — Households that incur the cost of legally required child support to or for a non-household member are allowed a deduction for the amount of monthly child support paid.

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very proud of our participation. According to our Natural Resource Department staff the Lake Trout that we stock make up about 50% of the lean Lake Trout present in lower Keweenaw Bay, helping to make Keweenaw Bay one of the best lake trout fisheries in Lake Superior. For further information please contact our Natural Resource Department at (906) 524-5757.



Brook Trout: Since 1997 our Community has been stocking brook trout to restore depleted populations in the western Upper Peninsula of Michigan. The brook trout we raise for stocking is a Lake Superior basin strain we developed from the Jumbo River in the Ottawa National Forest. In 2010 we stocked 72,809 Jumbo River brook trout into selected streams in the western Upper Peninsula. Brook trout stocked varied from fry size to 6 inches in length. In addition to our Jumbo River brook trout we also stock Siski-

Local Top Bowlers Compete

Eight Baraga County teams competed January 29-31, 2011, at the Miller's Recreational Center, Laurium, in the Old Milwaukee's Y101 All-Star Bowling Tournament.

Both the Ojibwa Pressbox/Lanes and the Whirl-i-gig sponsored their top five bowlers in each of the following categories: Major Women's division, Major Men's division, Senior Women, and Senior Men.

Major Men's division winners were "Miller's Recreation" defeating the Torch in the finals. Major Women's division winners were "Miller's Recreation" defeating the "Mine Shaft" in the finals. Senior women division winners were the "Mine Shaft" defeating Millers Recreation in the

Photo credit: Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Natural Resources Department.



Ojibwa Pressbox/Lanes, Senior Men's

Left to right: Jack Robeson, Floyd Crawford, Tom Maki, Tom Racette, and Wayne Neimi. Photo by: Whirl-i-gig.



Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing Authority

Mission: To provide affordable and attractive housing opportunities in a safe and healthy environment to qualifying tribal members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, encourage self-improvement of the community's low income families, and provide employment opportunities.

Programs and Services provided by the KBOHA:

- Low income rental homes and apartments
- 1. 158 Homes/apartments in Baraga
- 2. 50 Homes in Zeba
- 3. 40 Homes in Marquette/Harvey;
- Supportive housing/transitional housing to help address family issues;
- New, custom built, super-insulated homes for homeownership on Bear Town Road;
- Home buyer training to prepare members for home ownership;
- Financial literacy training to improve members' financial skills;
- Home maintenance training to improve members' ability to maintain homes;
- Home rehabilitation program to improve the condition of member
 -owned homes;
- · Home emergency assistance program to remedy negative con-

ditions in the home;

• Individual development account program – a 4:1 matched savings program for member goals that include:

website: www.kboha.com

- 1. Down payment assistance for home purchase;
- 2. Business expansion/start-up expenses.
- Low cost home improvement loan program for qualifying Tribal members;
- Low cost tax preparation program for residents and Tribal members;
- Affordable curbside trash service for residents and members;
- Ojibwa Building Supply Do It Best—providing Tribal employment, quality affordable building supplies and profits for housing programs;
- Ojibwa Builders Construction Company—providing Tribal employment, quality affordable construction, and profits for housing programs;
- Market rate rentals—five rental properties in Baraga and one in Negaunee- providing profits for housing programs;
- Ojibwa BP, Car Wash and Laundry- providing Tribal employment, superior products and service, and profits for housing programs.

Y101 Bowling Continued:

finals. Senior men division winners were the "Ojibwa Pressbox/Lanes" defeating Millers Recreation in the finals. Congratulations to the "Ojibwa Pressbox/Lanes" Senior Men's Team for their first place win! The Whirl-i-gig brings the tournament to Baraga County for 2012!



Ojibwa Pressbox/Lanes, Senior Women's Left to right: Gloria Leppanen, Nancy Kauppila, Doris Sawicky, Nancy Shannon, and Marge Wagner. Photo by: Whirl-i-gig

Ojibwa Pressbox/Lanes, Major Women's Left to right: Henny Vanderzanden, Nancy Shannon, Doris Sawicky (alternative), Olivia Loonsfoot, and Amy Mattson, missing from photo is Dawn Maki. Photo by Betsey Rexford.



Ojibwa Pressbox/Lanes, Major Men's

Left to right: Kerry Picciano (alternative), Steven Denomie, Charlie Parrish, and Robin Chosa, missing from photo Jim Plutchak and Don Shalifoe, Sr. Photo by: Betsey Rexford.



Whirl-i-gig Major Women

(Photo unavailable): Susan J. LaFernier, Jennifer St. George, Pearl Thoresen, Tara Rebholz, and Kim Parrish.

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March 2011 Calendars Events

Mar. 3 —	New Year, New You Challenge weigh
ı Mar. 4 — I	Constitutional Committee Meeting, 1 pm, Council Chambers;
Mar. 5 — 	Reg. Sat. Council Meeting, 9 am, Ojibwa Casino Resort Conf. Room;
Mar. 9 —	Ash Wednesday;
Mar. 12 —	NMU Powwow;
Mar. 16 —	Daylight savings time begins; I Veteran's meeting 7 pm;
	St. Patrick's Day; Spring begins.

~ submitted by newsletter editor

Events occurring throughout KBIC are welcome to be listed on the Calendar of Events. Contact newsletter@kbic.nsn.gov to list your events. Some events are more detailed FYI within the newsletter. For up-to-date event listings, visit www.ojibwa.com and click on calendar. <u>For Youth events</u>, see @ www.ojibwa.com, click onl youth club, or contact 353-4643/Main Office at Youth Club, or 353-4644 for the facility attendants or the Kitchen/craft rooms.



ATTENTION KBIC MEMBERS:

The following Committees/Boards have vacant seats: Hiring Committee – 1 seat Natural Resource Committee – 2 seats Parks/Recreation Committee – 3 seats Pow-Wow Committee – 8 seats Youth Committee – 4 seats



Above: Head Dancers - Bunny and Rod Frye Sr. Photo courtesy - Noc Bay Trading Company, Escanaba, MI.

Need more information? Call: 906-227-1397 www.nmu.edu/nativeamericans SATURDAY, MARCH 12

VANDAMENT ARENA & NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN

You are invited to the 19th annual "Learning to Walk Together" traditional powwow. Admission is \$5. Free to NMU students with I.D.

Grand Entry Times: 12 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Head Veteran Dancer - Bnaaswi Bilaaswah Honor Quard - KBC Veterans Head Dancers - Bunny and Rod Frye Sr. Host Drum - Ditabasin Co-host Drum - Elk Spirit Invited drums Bahweting Singers Four Thunders Little Thunder Stone Boy Arena Director - Stanley Spruce Fire Keeper - Sam Doyle

This year's event is presented by the NMU. Native American Student Association and is made possible by the support from the Kewsenaw Bay Indian Community.



Please submit an application (located at the Tribal Center's front reception desk or in Peggy Minton's office) by 4:00 p.m. on March 24, 2011, to: Warren C. Swartz, Jr. – President,

16429 Beartown Rd., Baraga, MI 49908.



ATTENTION KBIC MEMBERS

The 2nd Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2011-01 Sexual Offender Registration will be held on Thursday, March 3, 2011, at 1:00 p.m. during the Special Tribal Council Meeting in the Tribal Center Conference Room.

The Tribal council will receive verbal and written comments from Tribal members at the public hearing in accordance with the Legislative Process public hearing procedure adopted by the Tribal Council.

Copies of the proposed Ordinances are available at the Tribal Center, KBIC Donald LaPointe Medical Center, Pines Convenience Center, Ojibwa Senior Citizens Center, Tribal Court, Commodity Foods Center, Ojibwa Housing Office and Ojibwa Community College. Copies are also distributed to all Departments within the Tribe.

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AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO MEMBERS OF THE KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY

Over the past few weeks many of you have received information either by mail, posting, radio and/or television regarding the proposed Indian Trust Settlement (Settlement) in *Cobell v. Salazar*, a class action lawsuit regarding individual Indian land and assets held in trust by the federal government.

The Cobell v. Salazar case began in June of 1996 when Elouise Cobell, an enrolled member of the Blackfeet Tribe, filed a lawsuit against the United States Department of Interior (DOI) and the United States Treasury Department (Treasury) for the mismanagement of Individual Indian Money (IIM) Accounts. The lawsuit claims that the federal government violated its duties by mismanaging trust fund assets, improperly accounting for those funds, and mismanaging trust land assets. The trust funds which are the subject of the lawsuit include money collected from farming and grazing leases, timber sales, oil and gas production, and mining on land owned by American Indians/Alaska Natives (i.e. Allotted Lands). The settlement in *Cobell v.* Salazar comes after 15 years of fighting with the DOI and Treasury in the federal courts.

The \$3.4 billion negotiated Settlement is broken down into three parts. According to the Settlement 1) \$1.5 billion will be used to pay the estimated 500,000 plus Class members for the mismanagement of trust funds and assets; 2) \$1.9 billion will be used to purchase fractional interests in trust lands for the tribe having jurisdiction; and 3) \$60 million will be used to fund scholarships to improve access to higher education for Indian youth.

There has been speculation by some that agreeing to this Settlement means losing your land. That is not true. It is extremely important to understand that the sale of any lands will be strictly *voluntary*. No one will be forced into selling their land by accepting this Settlement.

Individual Indian Money or IIM accounts, according to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, are "automatically created when a person inherits any kind of trust assets, including land". This means that any Indian who owns or has owned trust lands or assets – currently have or did have an IIM account. The criteria as to whether or not you are considered a Class member is listed in the paid add on Page seven of this edition of the WIIKWEDONG DAZHI-OJIBWE.

Class members are divided into two groups - (1) Historical Accounting and (2) Trust Administration. The Historical Accounting part of the settlement pays you for the federal government's inability to provide an accurate accounting or statement of your IIM account as required by the Trust Reform Act of 1994. You are not able to exclude yourself from this Class. The Trust Administration part of the Settlement pays you for the federal government's mismanagement of your trust funds and assets. You are able to exclude yourself from this Class if you wish in order to retain your right to sue the federal government for the claims made in the Settlement. Instructions for excluding yourself can be found by contacting any of the numbers listed at the end of this article.

If you have received information by mail regarding the Settlement – you have been identified as a Class member. If you have been identified as a Class member you do not need to do anything further to remain in the Settlement UNLESS one of the criteria listed on the Claim Form fits your situation, for instance, if you do not have a current IIM account, but believe you owned an interest in trust or restricted land on September 30, 2009; or if you do not have a current IIM account, but believe you had an IIM account open sometime between 1985 and September 30, 2009; or if you want to establish your status as an heir to a deceased IIM account holder or individual landowner.

If you did not receive notice by mail of the Settlement and believe you should have, we recommend contacting – first, the Trust Beneficiary Call Center at 1-800-961-8609 to receive personal information regarding your account; and then secondly, the Garden City Group Call Center (Indian Trust Settlement) at 1-800-961-6109.

Keep in mind that if you are included in the Settlement, your right to file later suits may be affected.

The Indian Trust Settlement is a complex issue and we will strive to relay important and correct information to our Tribal members. We have contacted the legal team representing the Class and an informational meeting will be held the week of March 28. The exact date and time will be announced on the Tribe's website and in local newspapers, as soon as all arrangements are made. We encourage you to attend if you have any questions and we will be there to assist you.

For more information, call any of the numbers listed below:

Trust Beneficiary Call Center at 1-800-961-6109 for information regarding your Individual Indian Money (IIM) Accounts

Garden City Group Call Center (Indian Trust Settlement) at 1-800-961-6109 for information regarding the Cobell Settlement or visit their website at www.indiantrust.com.

Jennifer Misegan, Enrollment Director at 906-353-6623, Ext. 4111 for information regarding enrollment and the Cobell Settlement.

Jason Ayres, Real Estate Officer at 906-353-4132 for information regarding individual ownership of fractional interests and the Cobell Settlement.

BIA Scholarship Deadline

The deadline to apply for a BIA Scholarship for the 2011-12 academic year is May 1, 2011.

Applicants must be enrolled KBIC members, residents of Michigan attending a 2 or 4 yr. accredited Michigan college in pursuit of a 2 or 4 yr. degree and must complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

Applications are available from the Education Office, Keweenaw Bay Tribal Center, 16429 Beartown Rd. Baraga MI 49908.

For more information, please contact Amy St. Arnold, Education Director at 906-353-4117 or amy@KBIC-nsn.gov.

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Left to right: (back) Dan Whitman, Bill Swartz, Greg Sides, (front) Robert Pascoe, and Tim McIntrye. Photo by Whirl-i-gig.



<u>Whirl-i-gig Major Men's</u> Left to right: Todd Chosa, Chris Loonsfoot, Paul Maki, Jr., Craig McKinnen, Brad Dakota. Photo by Olivia Loonsfoot.