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The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwe

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KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY PARTICIPATES IN NMU'S "LEARNING TO WALK TOGETHER" TRADITIONAL POWWOW

Northern Michigan University's Native American Student Association (NASA) hosted their annual traditional powwow on Saturday, March 12, 2011. The 19th Annual "Learning to Walk Together" powwow was held at the Vandament Arena at NMU. Grand entries were held at noon and 6:00 p.m., with a traditional feast and hand drum competition held at 4:00 p.m. in the D.J. Jacobetti Center. The annual powwow provides our community a time to visit, feast, sing, and dance together and with other nearby Tribal communities and relatives. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community is a proud sponsor of this annual event. It was an honor to have KBIC member, Stanley Spruce, as Master of Ceremonies and our KBIC Veterans as Honor Guard led by Head Veteran Dancer, Bnaaswi Biaaswah. Diabasin, Host Drum, and Elk Spirit Singers, Co-host Drum, along with a number of invited drum groups, provided great songs for more than 100 registered dancers. Bunny and Rod Frye, Sr., served as Head Male and Female Dancers. Robert Blackdeer, Arena Director, kept the arena in order and assisted with the dancer's needs. Sam Doyle of Clio, Michigan, served as Firekeeper.

Betsy Trudeau, NASA President said, "NASA has worked very hard this semester, and could not have done it without the help of many different people. Miigwech to all the NMU students and community volunteers for help with the planning preparation for this annual event. Also none of this would have been possible without the excellent help and guidance of NASA adviser, April Lindala, along with the 'Center for Native American Studies' principal secretary, Tina Moses. Chi miigwech."

~ submitted by newsletter editor.



Picture by newsletter editor.

12:00 noon grand entry "Learning To Walk Together" Traditional Powwow, Saturday, March 12, 2011, Vandament Arena, NMU.



Picture by newsletter editor.

Bunny and Rod Frye Sr., Head Female/Male Dancers.



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Women's Traditional Dancers.



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Miss Keweenaw Bay, Gabrielle Picciano.



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Men's Traditional.

Tribal Council Members:

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



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- March 5, 2011 Tribal Council Meeting
- 19th Annual "Learning To Walk Together: Traditional Powwow
- Superior Spirit Award Winner
- Sexual Assault Awareness Month
- Celebrate Childhood! Month of the Young Child
- New Employees
- Deepest Sympathy

MARCH 5, 2011, TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on March 5, 2011, at the Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room in Baraga, Michigan. President Warren C. Swartz, Jr. presided over the meeting with Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Eddy Edwards, Fred Dakota, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, and Isabelle Helene Welsh present. William G. Emery, Jerry Lee Curtis, and Michael F. LaFernier, Sr. were absent. President Warren C. Swartz, Jr., shared numerous *Thank You* and *For Your Information* items addressed to Council.

President Warren C. Swartz, Jr., gave the President's Report (page four); Secretary Susan J. LaFernier gave the Secretary's Report (page three); Treasurer Eddy Edwards gave the Treasurer's Report (page nine); and CEO Larry Denomie III gave the CEO Report (page five). Council passed the Department Head Reports for January 2011.

Greg Nominelli, Economic Developer presented a recommendation from the Economic Development Committee — Corporation Implementation Plan. Jennifer Misegan had met with the Economic Development Committee in spring of 2009, regarding the implementation of the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Development Corporation Ordinance of 1985. The Code had been approved by Council, although it was believed a board had never been appointed. As this corporation ordinance was 24-years-old, the Committee sought guidance in updating the Code using a "best practices" analysis from other Tribes. The Committee identified the Nebraska Winnebago as the most successful Tribe to enact and implement a Corporate Code, who incorporated Ho-Chunk, Inc. in 1994, with one employee and being funded with 20% of the casino's earnings. Presently, Ho-Chunk, Inc. has over 1,100 employees. The Economic Development Committee met by conference call with Lance Morgan and also with John Baker. Although Mr. Morgan presented the Committee with a proposal to develop the Corporate and Limited Liability Codes for KBIC for just over \$16,000, the Committee continued to pursue development of the Code with little or no cost to the Community. In January 2010, Committee Chairman Paul DesRocher, Jr., Weed & Seed Coordinator Chris Gerard, OHA Employee/Baraga County EDC member Kevin Perrault, and Economic Developer Gregg Nominelli attended a Tribal Development Corporation Summit at the Northern Lights Casino in Walker, MN. Lance Morgan was the keynote speaker at this event. It was determined it would be most beneficial for Lance Morgan to make a similar presentation in Keweenaw Bay. Through Weed & Seed grant funds, Lance Morgan prepared all documents for the introduction and enactment of Corporate and Limited Liability Codes for Keweenaw Bay. Mr. Morgan met with the KBIC Council on June 24, 2010, and the Corporate Code was approved at the 3rd Reading by Council on December 11, 2010. Council member Eddy Edwards introduced the Articles of Incorporation to create KBIC, Inc.

on January 8, 2011. These articles were referred to Tribal Attorney, John Baker for review. The Committee convened another meeting on January 26, 2011, inviting Grant Writer, Jean Jokinen, Attorney John Baker, and Council member, Eddy Edwards to attend. The Committee did discuss the name of the Corporation and preferred to use Aanikoosing, Inc. instead of KBIC, Inc. to ensure it is understood this Company is separate from the Community and government. Dale Shalifoe informed the Committee that Aanikoosing means "to be joined/connected/intertwined." Also discussed was the issue: stock versus a charter corporation (presently KBOCC and Tribal Construction Company). The Committee requested comments and guidance from Lance Morgan, who provided the Committee with an implementation plan he had prepared for a different tribe. The Economic Development Committee reviewed this plan and modified it for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community at their February 23 and March 1, 2011 meetings. This document, presented today to Council, is the Committee's recommendation on how to proceed in creating a corporation, and the duties and the responsibilities of the corporate board, corporate CEO, and the Tribal Council. Aanikoosing, Inc. will be a corporation wholly owned by the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and incorporated under Tribal law. It will have all of the privileges and immunities of the Tribe and will be operated by a Board of Directors, which will be appointed by the Tribal Council. The Board shall have five members, two of whom are Tribal Council members, and three Tribal members not serving on the Council. Of the three not serving on council, one may be selected from the Economic Development Committee and two shall have prior business qualifications. The Tribal Council must approve the implementation plan for the Company, all annual operating plans, and allocate funding as investment capital to the Company. The Board is responsible for operating the Company and all periodic reporting back to the Tribal Council. The Board appointed CEO runs the day-to-day operations of the Company and is responsible for implementing the Company's strategy. The Company's primary financial strategy will focus on finding and maximizing profit opportunities. Community development and job creation will be an integral part of that strategy. In order to maximize the chances of initial success, the Company's strategy will be implemented in phases as internal capabilities evolve. As the Company's sophistication grows, it will begin focusing on utilizing tribal economic advantages to acquire an interest in a company, acquire entire companies, or create new companies. The Company's set of principals governing its financial interactions with the Tribal Council are:

- allocation of a yearly amount of investment capital by the Council;
- Reinvestment of its profits for five years;
- after five years of operation, allocation of its dividends back to the Council based upon a mutually

agreed upon dividend plan;

- its own accounting and personnel systems separate and distinct from the Tribe.

Initial investments to be evaluated include the following businesses: Marquette Gas/Convenience, Manufacturing, Millionaire Greetings, Bulk Fuel Distribution, Correctional Facility; and Wind Power. The Economic Development Committee recommended funding the Company with \$3,000,000 in FY2011 to allow the Company to evaluate and participate in financing the listed projects and others to be presented to the Economic Development Committee or the Company in the future. This amount is above and beyond grants presently secured or applied for. Although Council wants to move forward with the Corporation, they want to ensure that the risks involved are managed. Council is cautious with waiving limited sovereign immunity and needs to look at the bankruptcy potential and the liabilities for the Tribe. Consensus of the Council was to take no action at this time, so they can look into these matters to make an informed decision.

Fred Dakota spoke of a Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC) letter which Council members received with the 2011 GLIFWC calendar and material on GLIFWC issues and programs. GLIFWC stated they appreciate our support and seeks to serve the needs of Keweenaw Bay's members in regard to their Off-Reservation Treaty Rights. GLIFWC does not have a treaty with the U.S. government but this Tribe does. He strongly suggested that we not delegate GLIFWC to make any deals on the behalf of Keweenaw Bay. **Motion by Fred Dakota that if there is any business done by the Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission that would affect the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, whether it be a meeting or written report, that our Tribal Chairman or his delegate be present at that meeting, and for him to get us a copy of it and distribute it to the Council, supported by Elizabeth D. Mayo, eight supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, three absent (Emery, Curtis, M. LaFernier), motion carried.**

Eddy Edwards, Treasurer, presented eight donation requests for February 2011 to the Council for their consideration. No donations were approved. A motion was made from this discussion. **Motion by Susan J. LaFernier to amend the Community Needs Assistance Program Medical Travel policy to allow the CAP Director to authorize on a case-by-case basis, up to an additional \$600 above the \$1200 ceiling, supported by Isabelle Welsh, seven supported (S. LaFernier, Minton, Edwards, Loonsfoot, Matthews, Mayo, Welsh), one opposed (Dakota), 0 abstained, three absent (Emery, Curtis, M. LaFernier), motion carried.**

Council adjourned with no further actions.

~ submitted by newsletter editor



SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2011

Activities reported by the Secretary, Susan J. LaFerner, for the month of February 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. March is "National Women's History Month."

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.

The Healthy Heart Fair was held on Valentine's Day, February 14th at our community gym. The Task force had a booth with information regarding the sugar content in our food and info regarding the things we drink and should be drinking. The health fair was a great success and thanks to our KBIC Health Clinic and everyone who made the fair a great event for our entire Community. Be watching for special events/healthful information every month from the WHIPP Task Force. March is "Nutrition Month."

On February 1st, Chris, Gene, and I met with Todd Warner for an update and discussion regarding the Natural Resource Department's Work Plan for 2011. It was very informative, and Council will be receiving an update as well. I was also very honored to attend President Obama's speech that was held at Northern Michigan University on February 10th with Chris Swartz. His speech was on broadband access and his national wireless initiative goal. He was given a demonstration on Northern's advanced broadband network called WiMax (see related article in the March newsletter).

On February 18th, Jennifer Misegan, Jason Ayres, John Baker, Heather Chapman, and I were on a listening conference call with Deputy Secretary David Hayes and Solicitor Hilary Tompkins regarding the Cobell settlement to help clarify what they were able to communicate as ordered by the Court until the hearing is held in the U.S. District of Columbia on June 20, 2011, to consider whether to approve the final settlement. On December 21, 2010, U.S. Senior District Judge Thomas F. Hogan granted preliminary approval of the settlement for thousands of individual Indians who have or had government-managed IIM accounts. For more information, call 1-800-961-6109 or go to the website: www.IndianTrust.com or write to Indian Trust Settlement, P.O. Box 9577, Dublin, Ohio 43017-4877. Also be watching for a community meeting here to explain this \$3.4 billion Indian Trust Settlement.

The Drug Tip Line number 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 future 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 economic struggles. Let us be thankful for our beautiful area, and we pray for peace in the world, good health, and happiness.

During February 2011, the Tribal Council held one Regular Tribal Council Meeting on February 5, 2011. This meeting is covered in the March 2011 Newsletter. Tribal Council held four Special Council Meetings. Following are the unapproved motions from February.

At the council meeting held February 3, 2011, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the Cooperative Agreement modification #3 with the Baraga County Road Commission—Baraga County Bridge Designs completion date for work performed from December 31, 2010, to December 31, 2011;
- Approved an additional \$4,055 for the purchase of a 2011 F-250 Truck from Copper Country Ford for \$28,055 for the Hatchery Department;
- Approved the purchase from Johnson & Berry Manufacturing for two stainless steel head tanks and two carbon steel tank stands for \$11,990 and \$16,800 each for the Hatchery;
- Approved the tow-barge fish shocking unit from Smith-Root, Inc. for \$18,015 for the Hatchery stream assessments;
- Approved the backpack shocking unit from Smith-Root, Inc. for \$7,527 for the Hatchery stream assessments;
- Approved to rescind the motion made on September 23, 2010, to approve AECOM for the Geo probe services (Consultant contract for ground water sampling) at the former Drake Property;
- Approved the services agreement with Coleman Engineering for the Geo probe services and amendment to reflect the cost of \$5,400;
- Approved \$4,595 for the MARCO Proposal for a technical site assessment to do a network review on both casinos;
- Approved an additional \$5,000 to the Baraga Casino GM budget for the Employee Recognition Program;
- Approved to have the CEO oversee the distribution of the kitchen equipment from the Los Amigos (property/building purchased in Marquette);
- Approved to recommend Jacqueline

Swartz and Janice Halverson to the Personnel/Hiring Committee;

- Approved Loretta Hugo to the slate for the Ojibwa Community College Board of Regents;
- Approved the renewal business license for Jeff Lamson/Cue Master at 307 South Superior Avenue;
- Approved the renewal liquor license for Jeff Lamson/Cue Master at 307 South Superior Avenue (on premises consumption only) contingent on satisfactory liability insurance coverage;
- Approved Tim Jaska's Service Agreement to broadcast hockey games;
- Approved the Appellate Justice's Contract with William Jondreau effective January 21, 2011.

At the council meeting held February 10, 2011, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the June 24, 2010 meeting minutes;
- Approved the July 1, 2010 meeting minutes;
- Approved the July 3, 2010 meeting minutes;
- Tabled the Commodities Foods request to approve a bid for a generator and an alarm system until the next meeting;
- Approved to remove the job posting for the Business Manager (for the Tobacco Manufacturing & Distributing) until the job description has been approved by Council and in all future managerial postings;
- Tabled the Business Manager job description approval until we are further along in the process of obtaining machines and obtaining our license;
- Approved to move the Even Start program to the new Early Childhood Development Center and to use the Even Start house for the OVV (Office of Violence against Women) home;
- Approved the amendment to the 15.0 Career Development 15.1 Policy: Employees may not accumulate overtime or compensatory time when combining Career Development leave with hours worked. Career Development leave will be reduced up to the amount approved when the employees hours worked exceed 40 hours in a given week;
- Approved the Construction Contract and Indefeasible Right to Use Agreement with the Baraga Telephone Company and the Confidentiality Agreement (for fiber optic lines/system);
- Approved the amendments to the Community Needs Assistance Program: change "Head of Household/Applicant" to "The Homeowner or Lessee" and add to Section 2: "including an immediate family member participating in a substance abuse treatment program."

At the council meeting held February 17, 2011, the following actions were taken:

- Approved to apply for the Rural Innovation Program Fund Grant for \$800,000 to partner with the Marquette Gas Station Project;

Secretary's Report continued:

- Approved Greg Nominelli, Fred Dakota, and Chris Swartz to visit Romulus on February 24th;
- Approved Resolution KB1805-2011 Edward C. Larson Allotment Sale and Purchase Agreement for \$295.23;
- Approved the bid from Copper Country Ford for a 2011 Ford 4X4 F-150 Pickup Truck for \$26,700 for the Conservation Department;
- Approved to apply for the (High School) language grant and move forward with the program in the schools;
- Approved to direct the Natural Re-

sources Committee to come up with a plan for the 2011 Walleye Harvest at Portage Lake;

- Approved to look at a potential walleye harvest at Michigamme Lake also.

At the council meeting held February 24 2011, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the July 8, 2010 meeting minutes;
- Approved a \$1,150 donation to the Baraga Cheerleading uniforms payable to GTM Sportswear;
- Approved the renewal rates with Blue Cross & Blue Shield for the Government at \$2,757,476 and the Enterprises for \$2,323,529;

- Tabled the discussion regarding a new broker for the health insurance until next Thursday's meeting for more information;
- Approved two tower chassis computer servers from DELL for \$12,944.60 for the ANA/GIS Department;
- Tabled the Gaming Commission's request for the organizational chart amendment for the casino surveillance department until March 17th for more information;
- Approved to promote Ken Marshall as the GIS Project Manager at Grade 10.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan J. LaFerner, Secretary

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2011

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

- I attended a number of committee meetings this month including: hiring, gaming, retirement, and others. In regards to the retirement committee, the changes to the 401K should be coming soon. These changes will allow participants to participate in the loan program. They will be allowed to take up to 50% of their 401K savings with no increases to the rate and no limit on loans they take out as long as they remain within their 50% limit. The final details will be coming soon
- Arranged for a meeting to be held with Anne Corgan, Director of the Secretary of the State; Mark Wartella, Director of Customer Service Administration; Louis Reinwasser, Attorney General; Walter Fratzke, Department of Treasury; and KBIC representatives: John Baker, Tribal Attorney; Jennifer Misegan, Enrollment Director; and myself, which will take place next week. KBIC requested this meeting since we have amended our vehicle code to provide for the issuance, by the Community, certificates of title of motor vehicles to our members. We've requested consultation sought from the Secretary of State regarding several issues:
 - The State of Michigan's recognition of our titles for motor vehicles issued by the Community to its members;
 - Access to records for the purposes of establishing the history and the current status of the ownership for motor vehicles for which certificate of titles are requested for by the Community;
 - Establishment of our own procedure that would permit licensed motor vehicle dealers to sell motor vehicles to Community members with certificate of title issued by the Community.
- The Council approved Loretta Hugo for the open seat on the Board of Regents for KBOCC.
- The Community met with the Army Corp. of Engineers to discuss their concerns regarding the submerged logs in Keweenaw Bay. They are going to address their concerns with

the applicant and get back with us regarding their mitigation plans.

- Susan LaFerner and I attended President Obama's speech held at NMU regarding wireless networking. Susan will have more on this in her report.
- I issued a press release regarding the Community's 2010 Walleye, Brook Trout, and Lake Trout stocking program. 2010 was a good year for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Natural Resource Departments stocking program. (See press released on page nine of March's issue of the Wiikwedong Dazhi-Ojibwe.)
- Last month I received a letter from Dennis Knapp of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment regarding moose consultation. He indicates in his letter the fact that Governor Granholm signed into effect Senate Bill 10-13, authorizing the Department Natural Resource Commission to issue an order to create an open season to hunt moose in Michigan. The Natural Resources Commission is likely to take some time to fully explore this proposition and pursuant to the law, the Department will soon be convening an advisory council to assist with the evaluation of any moose hunting. They recognize that consultation with the tribes is a crucial step, and that the State would appreciate the opportunity to meet with the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. They indicated they would discuss moose with the other 1842 treaty tribes and to propose coordinating the efforts of our respected biologists to help with a more thorough biological assessment of moose. This would be beneficial for all parties to be able to consider the best available information during the decision making process. I did talk with Dennis Knapp on the telephone the other day and instructed him to call our Natural Resources Department, do the biological research, and then if they have anything in regards with government to government consultation, he could come and meet with the Tribal Council.
- I received a letter, regarding moose consultation, from the VOIGT Tribal Task Force indicating that they would like us to review the letter they

are sending to the Department of Natural Resource Committee and make any additional changes. They have denied any meetings with them until the Task Force committee consults with KBIC.

- In regards to the IIM monies, or the Cobell Settlement, the Attorneys who are representing our members are working out the details to come here and have an informational meeting, addressing Tribal members' concerns regarding the Cobell Settlement. Jennifer Misegan contacted the office of special trustee to see how many IIM accounts our tribe currently has. She was told the number today is 894 with another 82 estate accounts. These numbers are our actual enrolled member's accounts. They could not tell her how many KBIC has had, although she speculates it was quite a bit more. Our Tribe received a judgment award in 1990, and the minors who were enrolled did have IIM accounts set up for their shares. Jennifer Misegan told me that the meeting will occur, but they are still working out the details for it. As soon as we know the date, the Community will be notified.
- Fred Dakota and I attended the United Tribes of Michigan meeting held in Lansing, Michigan, which was hosted by Clark Construction. A number of items were on the agenda, including the Michigan Tuition Waiver, Class II Gaming, an NCAI update regarding law enforcement, and a legal update from Brian Pierson of Godfrey & Kahn. Attorney Pierson also spoke to me about class one water status and about getting designated for treatment as a State. John Petoskey presented with an Inter-tribal Prosecutor proposal, which is about tribes getting together to share the costs of an Inter-Tribal Prosecutor in relating to the SORNA requirements. In regards to the Michigan Tuition Waiver, we received an update from Melissa Claramont. She indicated that she had worked on 1,495 applications in which 1,283 of them were approved. 211 were denied for the following reasons: their application was not complete, their membership not certified, their blood quantum was not certified, the institution the individual was attending was not cer-

tified, or they weren't from a federally recognized tribe. KBIC had 60 applicants and all 60 were awarded. Regarding the Class II power point presentation, Jerry Danforth from Rocket Gaming made an overview of the Indian gaming regulatory act, what Class II gaming was, and an update of what Class II bingo is. These Class II games look like slot machines now, and if you do Class II gaming, you do not have to share the revenues with the State. Those 8% and 2% distributions would stay with KBIC. We currently do not have any Class II gaming, but it is certainly something that we may want to look at. There was a presentation by Casey Ruinmen, who was initiating a connect nation broad band initiative. What they are trying to do is to be able to offer wireless technology in rural communities such as we have in the Upper Peninsula, especially in regards to colleges. I will give the pamphlet to Debra Parrish, President of KBOCC.

- The Natural Resources Committee met last week and looked at Portage Lake numbers and recommended to the Council to open up Portage Lake this year for spring spearing. There are 2000 fish available there without damaging the resource. The Committee recommended harvesting 1500 of those fish so our people exercise their treaty right. We reserved 500 fish for members who may not want to participate during that spe-

cial spring spearing. The special spring spearing is when the Walleye come to shore to spawn and Indians are very efficient at collecting those fish when they are in shallow waters. It is our Treaty right to go out there and do it, so we are going to exercise it. It is efficient to do but we've got to be cognizance of the resource too and not over fish the fishery. Tribal members will be allowed to sign up and receive a permit allowing them to harvest 20 fish. If they go out and fill their permit, they can come back in and sign up again, and if there is still fish available to be taken, they'll get another permit. We are going to allow Tribal members to fish until we tack out the lake, the total allowable catch set by the Council is 1500. There are still some who like to catch fish with a hook and line, so that is why we are reserving the 500. They can exercise their Tribal right under Title Ten and throughout the year they can go out and fish those Walleyes. We will be doing some PR work and be proactive in this approach instead of reactive and explain all the good things we do with the fisheries here. It is important that we do the press release informing the public on how many Lake Trout we've put in since we initiated our Lake Trout program, and Walleye, etc... Information is power, and the more information we can get out there the better it is for the Community.

- I did attend an information meeting on the recent changes of new requirements issued by the Department of Interior's Office of Environment Policy and Compliance regarding environmental review for all fee trust acquisitions. During that meeting, the need to address non-scope items that were previously not identified and recognized as environmental conditions was discussed. The non-scope items include materials containing asbestos, radon, lead-based paint, non-hazardous solid waste, waste water disposal systems, drinking water systems, drinking water and/or other wells, and evasive species. Also at this meeting, I had an opportunity to ask Kalya Danks, Realtor Officer BIA, if the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's application could be moved to the top of the pile, as we have been working for a number of years to have our Marquette property land trust approved. She indicated to me that the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's application is second at the top of the pile. Recently we have been told that it has been approved at the regional level, and it is now in Washington D.C. waiting for approval. We are very excited that our application is up there and is going to be considered to be moved from fee to trust.

Respectfully submitted,
Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President

CEO REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2011

The month of February 2011 included the following activities and reportable items:

- The Retirement Committee met to review and provide necessary updates to amend the Tribe's 401(k) plan to allow participants to take out loans. Mass Mutual is finalizing the necessary documents to be presented to Council for their final approval which is expected to take place at their March 10th meeting. Once approved, participants will be notified and provided information relating to the change and process for obtaining a loan through the program.
- On February 10th, Council approved moving forward with working on plans to relocate the KBIC Even Start program in to the new Early Childhood Education Center. The new facility is slated to officially open the beginning of April. Lisa Denomie, Pre-primary Program Director, visited the BHK program in L'Anse which operates in a similar nature. She indicated that the concerns with adults interacting with the children isn't a concern and that some policies will be developed to aid in a smooth transition and streamlined operations.
- On February 11th, I attended an ANA Grant opportunity community meeting. The meeting was conducted by Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., Language Program Coordinator, and Jean Jokinen, Grant Specialist. A survey was conducted to gain input

from those in attendance. The survey results were tabulated and presented to Council. The grant through ANA will be applied for in early March.

- The annual Healthy Heart Fair took place on February 14th, Valentine's Day, at the KBIC Community Center. The WHIPP Task Force co-sponsored the event with the Tribes Health Dept. More than 200 people took part in the event which is up from the previous year. A huge thank you to all who took part in planning the event which was led in part by Heather Wood Paquette. A smaller but similar event took place March 4th at the Ojibwa Housing Authority Community Center located behind the Ojibwa Casino in Harvey. A huge thank you to all who took part in planning and organizing the events.
- The Tribe is currently reviewing its options related to employee health care coverage. Several entities have met with Council to offer options. Initial renewal numbers for the Tribe's current Blue Cross Blue Shield coverage were quite substantial. Employees will not see any major changes to their coverage at this time due to options approved by Council which will reduce the initial cost increases while maintaining coverage levels. Council will continue to review alternatives from the other entities that have presented.
- The Casino Projects Task Force continues to move forward working

on the development of the Negaunee casino project. Staff met to review options regarding waste water treatment for the site. At this point several options are available and the task force will continue to analyze and prepare a report for Council to consider in the near future.

- I traveled to Prior Lake, MN, to attend a Bureau of Indian Affairs Regional Budget Planning meeting held on February 17th. The meeting focused largely in part in not trying to obtain additional funds but to rather secure current levels of funding. I am preparing a formal written report regarding the meeting and will provide it to Council at their March 10th meeting.
- The work group formed to work on the development of the new gas station in Marquette continues to meet. Options relating to branding or not are being looked into and will be presented to Council for consideration in the coming months once the analysis is complete.
- On February 27th, myself and Robert Mudd, Ojibwa Casino Resort General Manager, traveled to New Orleans to attend a Native Nations Event Conference titled Tribal Casino Hotel Development & Infrastructure. The conference provided valuable information in relation to KBIC plan for its new casino in Negaunee. Our formal reports were provided to Council at their March 3rd meeting.
- In a final note, Sarah Smith now Sarah Maki, Assistant CEO, married

19th Annual "Learning To Walk Together" Traditional Powwow continues:



Picture by newsletter editor.

Lori Sherman and Raymond Gauthier Tolonen.



Picture by newsletter editor.

Fancy shawl dancer, Samantha Tolonen.



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Jingle dress dancers from Lac Vieux Desert.



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Young shawl dancers, Sierra and Savannah Verbocki.



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Inter-Tribal.



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KBIC Color Guard.



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(906) 524-5757

Bernie the Burn Barrel and this ad developed by the Western Lake Superior Sanitary District with support from the EPA's Great Lakes National Program Office.



Picture by newsletter editor.

NMU posted their Dean's List for Fall 2010.

The following KBIC members were named: Jennifer Westman, Francis LaPointe, Jessica Bianco, Danika Strong, Alexander Tilson, and Paul Smith. Congratulations!

New Employee



Picture by newsletter editor.

Sue Ellen Carlson has been hired as the Community Assistance Programs Office Clerk. Sue Ellen is a member of the KBIC and was born and raised on the reservation. Sue Ellen states, "I enjoy working with people, and I am excited and grateful to have the opportunity to work in the CAP office. I am a proud mother of my three-year-old daughter, Shayla Elmsblad. I have a wide variety of interests and hobbies, and I would like to express that family values are most important to me. I enjoy spending time with family accompanied by great food, music, movies, art, photography, and outdoor activities."



Please Join Us to Celebrate Earth Day!!

**KBIC Natural Resources Department
3rd Annual Environmental Fair**

What: To provide environmental educational material and hands on learning for Community members to celebrate Earth Day!

When: Wednesday, April 20, 2011, 3:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Where: Ojibwa Community College gym, located on Beartown Road, Baraga

The event is free of charge and door prizes will be given throughout the evening!!

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 between 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 you are a member of either Class and are not receiving IIM account statements, you will need to call the toll-free 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:

1-800-961-6109

www.IndianTrust.com

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Free \$5 car wash with 10 gallons fuel.
THINK SPRING!
Coming soon: Ojibwa Marina,
Jet Skis, Pontoon, Kayak Rentals.



Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing Authority

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All proceeds go to affordable housing activities in our community."

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Your car will sparkle and shine like NEW!

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US 41, Baraga

Owned & Operated by Ojibwa Housing Authority; all proceeds go to Affordable Housing Activities.

CEO Report continued:

on February 26th and will be enjoying her honeymoon in Hawaii through March 11th. If there is anything needed of her during her absence, I will assist in any way I can.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Larry J. Denomie, III, CEO

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.

All Tribal Veterans' Meeting at the Light-house, Sand Point, will be held every third Wednesday of the month at 1900 hours. All Tribal Veterans Welcome!



**APRIL 2011
SEXUAL ASSAULT
AWARENESS
MONTH**

- Sexual violence is a crime that comes in many forms, including forced intercourse, sexual contact or touching, sexual harassment, sexual exploitation, and exposure or voyeurism.
- Sexual violence is never the victim's fault, regardless of what she or he is wearing or doing, including if the victim has been drinking or is in a relationship with the perpetrator.
- Rape, childhood sexual abuse, and domestic abuse are among the most common causes of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) in women. The chances that a woman will develop PTSD after being raped are between 50% and 95% (Johns Hopkins University, 1999).

IT'S TIME...TO GET INVOLVED

Engaging Bystanders in Sexual Violence Prevention

**TEAL RIBBONS TO SHOW
YOUR SUPPORT!**

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Are you being abused?

Keweenaw Bay Indian
Community
Dept. of Health and
Human Services —
Youth and Family
Services Programs



Donald A LaPointe
Health and Education
Center, Dept of Health
and Human Services
Youth and Family
Services
Baraga, MI 49908

906.353.4532

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Look at your current relationship and honestly answer these questions.

- | | | |
|-----|----|--|
| Yes | No | Are you or your children afraid of your partner? |
| Yes | No | Do you sometimes lie to family and friends to cover up your partner's abusiveness? |
| Yes | No | Do you have to be careful of what you say and do when you are with your partner so he/she doesn't get angry? |
| Yes | No | Does your partner constantly criticize you despite your efforts to please him/her? |
| Yes | No | Does your partner embarrass you in front of family and friends? |
| Yes | No | Does your partner put down your accomplishments or goals? |
| Yes | No | Does your partner threaten you, grab you, shove you or hit you? |
| Yes | No | Does your partner check up on you, such as setting time limits on your trips to and from the store and other places you visit? |
| Yes | No | Does your partner prevent you from spending time with your family or friends? |
| Yes | No | Do you stay with your partner because you are afraid of what your partner would do if you broke up? |
| Yes | No | Does your partner unjustly and repeatedly accuse you of having affairs or flirting? |
| Yes | No | Does your partner not allow you to earn or keep your own money? |
| Yes | No | Has your partner ever left or abandoned you in a dangerous place? |
| Yes | No | Has your partner ever destroyed your personal property or other sentimental items? |
| Yes | No | Does your partner manipulate you with lies and threats? |
| Yes | No | Are you beginning to believe all the terrible things your partner accuses you of or says about you? |

If you answer "yes" to just one of these questions, you may be a victim of domestic violence. **YOU ARE NOT ALONE.** Resources and services are available to help stop the cycle of violence! Call 906.353.4532 if someone is hurting you!

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 long-term 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 two or more violent acts, and one in ten were victims of violence five or more times.
- Children are more likely to be exposed to violence and crime than adults.
- Almost one in ten American children saw one family member assault another family member, and more than 25 percent have 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 www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojdp/227744.pdf or www.unh.edu/ccrc/projects/natscev.html.

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

Ojibwa Community Library News

- The library has many books for sale, most are fiction.
- Not a new book, but informative for many is *THE WEIGHT-LOSS SURGERY CONNECTION* by Melissa Debin-Parish.



I wanted to remind you that you can get books, movies, and audio books of your specific interest by going on-line to ibistro.uproc.lib.mi.us. This is a free service of the library. You must get a library card before you can place a hold. The items will be shipped here via courier.

~ Mary Bergerson, Library Director

FEBRUARY 2011 TREASURER'S REPORT

Activities reported by the Treasurer, Eddy Edwards, for the month of February 2011.

Just a few items to update you on. With congressional budget cuts being heavily debated in Washington DC, I am getting the feeling that some of the grants we have received could be in jeopardy. Congress just voted to extend the continuing resolution of the federal budget for two more weeks, averting a government shutdown. At this time they are debating about \$4 billion dollars in cuts to this year's federal budget. They haven't even got to next year's federal budget starting October 1, 2011. The point is that discussions in Washington have said discretionary funding will be hit hardest and many if not all federal Indian programs are considered under discretionary funding. We will be watching this issue closely.

Very soon, we will have some major investments to consider with the Negaunee land into trust application very close to approval by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. A new casino there will require a large amount of our cash and a sizable loan. In addition, we have the Marquette land into trust application for the gas station project next to Gander Mountain. We have a \$600,000 grant to help fund that project, as long as congress does not take it back. We have not spent any of those grant funds yet, that gas station project was approved about eight months ago and is moving very slowly.

I will give updates on casino and other financial trends quarterly. The end of March will mark the end of the second quarter of our operations. Financials come out about three weeks after the period. It also brings bi-annual 2% distributions to local units of governments. I expect we will start to review those requests in April.

We have not received the completed audits of our operations from the last fiscal year that ended September 2010. I expect we will see those soon.

Council approved moving the Even Start Program into the Early Childhood Education Center based on a supposed lack of funding. We have to combine the programs because we can't afford to operate these programs independently. We have a \$14 million budget, and our kids are not and should not be the last to be funded. We should reconsider this move.

Respectfully submitted,
Eddy Edwards, Treasurer

SUPERIOR SPIRIT AWARD



This month's DHHS Superior Spirit Service Award Winner is Mary Dee Shanahan, LPN/CHR. Mary Dee was nominated by a customer and co-worker. Mary Dee received a beaded lanyard and has access to the specially designated Employee Parking Spot.

Nominations can be placed in Customer Concern/Compliment Box, on the second floor or Customer Survey Box on the first floor.

Michigan Tech Students attend National AISES Leadership Conference



Lori Sherman, Jacob Swaney, and Jerry Jondreau (shown in back row) attended the 2011 AISES Leadership Conference held February 17-19, 2011, in Albuquerque, NM.

During the three-day annual event AISES interns, scholars, college chapter members and officers, and nationally elected student representatives participate in professional and personal development meetings with AISES mentors and professionals. The conference is a great opportunity for AISES young leaders to come together and network through traditional and cultural activities and take part in discussions regarding STEM initiatives.

A competition was held during the conference between all the regions. Our region is Region V. The competition consisted of writing a proposal and whoever wrote the best proposal would win cash money to help support the upcoming Regional conference. Our region won. It was very much a combined effort, and everyone helped out.

~ article submitted Lori A. Sherman, Assistant Director, Center for Diversity and Inclusion, Native American & Women's Outreach Coordinator, Michigan Technological University.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS* FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS UNITED STATES AND ALASKA (Effective October 1, 2010)

Household Size	48 Contiguous United States	Alaska
	Income Limits	Income Limits
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- tional 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)

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.

* **Cannot be on food stamps.**

**PLEASE BRING BOXES, CRATES,
BASKETS, ETC...**

Deepest Sympathy

Dale J. "D.J." Dakota

(June 20, 1979—February 25, 2011)

DALE J. "D.J." DAKOTA, age 31, of Baraga, MI., passed away Friday, February, 25, 2011, at Marquette General Hospital, Marquette, where he had been a patient for four days. He was born in L'Anse on June 20, 1979, the son of Dale S. Dakota and Connie R. Rios. D.J. was a high school graduate. He worked as a carpenter in various construction projects. D.J. was a member of Holy Name of Jesus Church, Assinins, and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. He enjoyed listening to rock music, drawing, and dearly loved his daughters.

Mr. Dakota is survived by his three daughters: Kayla, Deija, and Keira Dakota all from Zeba, his father and step mother, Dale and Hope Dakota of Baraga, mother and step father Connie and Scott Vandemark of Sault Saint Marie, brothers: Brandon and Mike Dakota of Baraga, Zachary Dakota of Sault Saint Marie, Adam Dakota, Justin Dunleavy, Bryan VanDyke all of Baraga, and sisters, Jessica (John) Chandler of Kansas and Felicia VanDyke of Baraga, grandparents Amelia Sapcut, Fred (Doris) Dakota of Baraga, Agatha (Mike) Cardinal of Baraga, Joe Rios of Washington, and Jean and Ross Weirenga of Allendale. Numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins also survive. He was preceded in death by his uncle Mickey Dakota.

On Tuesday evening, March 1, 2011, a parish prayer service was held by Fr. John Longbucco at the funeral chapel. Funeral services for D.J. were held on Wednesday, March 2, 2011, from the Reid Funeral Service and Chapel, L'Anse, with Pastor David Snyder officiating. Following the services on Wednesday, the family invited friends to join them for fellowship and a luncheon at the Ojibwa Senior Center, Baraga.

Amos Whetung

(January 2, 1918—March 9, 2011)

Amos M. Whetung, age 93, passed away March 9, 2011. He was a proud Native American and was born January 21, 1918, on the Chippewa Reservation in Zeba, Michigan. Amos served in the US Army during WWII. He worked in Seattle as a longshoreman for 30 years until retirement. Amos was preceded in death by his wife Georgianna Cross of 38 years. He is survived by his five children: Joseph, John and Marilyn of Washington, Elizabeth of South Dakota, and Carol Anne of England; four grandchildren and many great-grandchildren; brother, Albert; and sisters: Myrtle Tolonen and Elizabeth "Chiz" Mathews.

Amos was a good Christian man. His smile, warmth and gracious humble approach to life will always be remembered by those who were blessed to know him. He will be forever missed. There was a family celebration of his life. Urn committal service with military honors were held on Thursday, March 3, 2011, at Tahoma National Cemetery.

To be added to the mailing list or to correct your mailing address, contact the enrollment office at (906) 353-6623 ext. 4113.



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 newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov.



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:
 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.




KBIC PRE-PRIMARY EDUCATION PROGRAM

Is accepting new applications for childcare services for children aged 0-5!

**Contact us at:
(906) 353-KIDS (5437) or at the
Early Childhood Education Center
across the parking lot of
Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community
College, Baraga, MI 49908**



KBIC Pre-Primary Education Program Guidelines

Purpose: The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community recognizes the need for wrap-around day care services to be integrated with early childhood education for working parents and parents who are attending school. Currently, the Head Start and Early Head Start program offer a free service that is located in Zeba, MI. This program has 40 Head Start slots and 36 Early Head Start slots that are geared towards low-income Native American families. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community understands that all KBIC members and descendents cannot participate in these free high quality programs and also recognizes the need to have wrap-around daycare services. Therefore, the KBIC has developed the following guidelines for families to enroll in the Pre-Primary Education Program so parents may be provided with the same free high-quality education provided at the Zeba location.

All of the following will be taken into consideration for priority for enrollment in the program:

1. Child is an enrolled member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community or child is the dependent of an enrolled member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. First priority will be given to the child who is the enrolled member.
2. Family lives in Baraga.
3. Family works in Baraga.
4. There is a need for wrap-around day care services.
5. Capacity of the Pre-Primary Education Center.

Requirement for free high quality education:

1. Child is an enrolled member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community or is the dependent of an enrolled member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community;
2. Parent(s)/guardian(s) are working and/or are enrolled in school and/or program attempting to obtain their High School diploma, GED, or higher education degree. Proof must be provided of work/education status.

Payment terms:

1. All hours of education normally provided by the KBIC Head Start and Early Head Start will not be charged to the family that qualifies under the above requirement, unless the family qualifies for the Child Care and Development fund. All families must apply and provide income information for the Child Care and Development fund prior to receiving free tuition. Tuition payments are outlined in the Pre-Primary Education Program Parent Handbook and apply to all other hours needed for the child's care and education.

April 2011 Calendars Events

- **Apr. 1** — Constitutional Committee Meeting, 1 pm, Council Chambers;
- **Apr. 2** — Reg. Sat. Council Meeting, 9 am, Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room;
- **Apr. 7** — New Year, New You Challenge weigh in;
- **Apr. 20** — Veteran's meeting 7 pm;
- **Apr. 22** — Good Friday, Gov't Offices closed, Earth Day;
- **Apr. 24** — Happy Easter.

~ 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. For Youth events, see @ www.ojibwa.com, click on youth club, or contact 353-4643/Main Office at Youth Club, or 353-4644 for the facility attendants or the Kitchen/craft rooms.

GASTRIC BYPASS SUPPORT —

There will be a support group meeting for those who have had or are considering having gastric bypass surgery at the Keweenaw Bay Fire Hall on the second Monday of every month at 6 p.m. April 11th is the next date. For more information call Diane at 201-2174.




The KBIC Head Start and Early Head Start will begin accepting applications for the 2011-2012 school year beginning March 1, 2011, thru June 24, 2011. Applications are available at the KBIC Tribal Center, KBIC Health Clinic and the KBIC Head Start and Early Head Start Center, Skanee Rd. L'Anse, or by calling 524-6626 and ask for Barb.

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KBIC Even Start Family Learning Center
www.ojibwa.com/EvenStart

755 Michigan Avenue
Baraga, MI 49908
(906) 353-8161

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Spring Break Begins	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Spring Break No Classes						
10	11 Classes Resume Adult Ed/ECE 9:00am-4:00pm Home Visits 1:00pm-4:00pm	12 Adult Ed/ECE 9:00am-4:00pm Tobacco 101 12:30pm	13 Adult Ed/ECE 9:00am-4:00pm Home Visits 1:00pm-4:00pm	14 Adult Ed/ECE 9:00am-4:00pm Home Visits 1:00pm-4:00pm	15 Available by Appointment 8:00am-12:00pm Independent Study	16
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24 Happy Easter!	25 Adult Ed/ECE 9:00am-4:00pm Home Visits 1:00pm-4:00pm	26 Adult Ed/ECE 9:00am-4:00pm Home Visits 1:00pm-4:00pm	27 Adult Ed/ECE 9:00am-4:00pm Home Visits 1:00pm-4:00pm	28 Adult Ed/ECE 9:00am-4:00pm Home Visits 1:00pm-4:00pm	29 Available by Appointment 8:00am-12:00pm Independent Study	30

Week of the Young Child

April 10 -16, 2011



The 2011 Week of the Young Child will be held April 10-16, and the theme for 2011 is **Early Years Are Learning Years.**

Parents and caregivers love their children. But love alone does not always enable young children to become successful adults. Families need a supportive and thriving community in order to help raise children.

Working families need child care and supportive employer policies to be able to meet the needs of their young children throughout the day.

In the United States the majority of mothers with children under age 18 work, including 59% of those with infants and 74% of those with school-aged children. Approximately 13 million infants, toddlers, and preschool children are regularly in non-parental care in the United States, including 45% of children younger than one year.

The Census Bureau reports that approximately 50% of working families rely on child care providers to help them care for their children while they work; 25% rely on relatives for child care; and nearly 25% arrange work schedules so that no child care is needed (e.g. parents work different hours or days; one parent works during school hours and is home after school).

Children, especially those from low-income families, need better access to high-quality early childhood programs.

Research shows that high-quality early childhood programs help children--especially those from families with low-incomes--develop the skills they need to succeed in school. However, most programs in the United States are rated mediocre, and fewer than 10% meet national accreditation standards. Across the nation child

care fees average \$4,000 to \$10,000 per year, exceeding the cost of public universities in most states. Yet, nationally only one in seven children who are financially eligible for child care subsidies is being served, and only 41% of three and four year old children living in poverty are enrolled in preschool, compared to 58% of those whose families have higher incomes.

Communities are becoming increasingly diverse and in order for early childhood educators to be effective they must be sensitive and responsive to children's cultural and linguistic backgrounds. If current population trends continue, by the year 2010, 55% of America's children will be white, 22% will be Hispanic, 16% will be black, and 6% will be Asian or Pacific Islander.

Too many children in the United States live in poverty without good nutrition and health care.

In the United States 18% of children under age 18 and 24% of children under age six live in poverty. It is estimated that 12 million children do not have enough food to meet their basic needs and approximately 3.2 million are suffering from hunger.

In the United States 15% of children under age 18--and 24% of those living in poverty--are not covered by health insurance. Approximately one-third of children and nearly one-half of black children born in the United States have at least one health risk at birth. More than 20% of two-year-olds in the United States are not fully immunized.

What can be done?

Federal, state and local governments, communities, parents, and the private sector must share in the responsibility of ensuring the well-being of children and families. We can and must do more to create opportunities that help all children and families succeed. We can invest now in our children and families and enjoy long-term savings, with a more vibrant nation of healthy, achieving children and more stable families. Or we can fail to make the investment and pay the price: increased delinquency, greater educational failures, lowered productivity, less economic competitiveness, and fewer adults prepared to be effective, loving parents to the next generation of children. The Week of the Young Child is an opportunity for programs, NAEYC Affiliates, related organizations, communities, and states to focus on the needs of young children and their families.

Locally, Tribal Even Start wants to invite

young parents and their children ages 0-7, who are interested in learning about Even Start's GED program and adult education opportunities to come to an Easter Egg Hunt and Open House on Wednesday, April 20th from 4:00-6:00 p.m at the KBIC Even Start House at 755 Michigan Avenue in Baraga. Families can come, participate in family activities and learn about the Even Start program. Refreshments will be provided. To be eligible for KBIC Even Start, a parent should live in Baraga County, be expecting or have a child age 0-7 years old, and a desire to complete their GED or need supplemental adult education services to graduate. For more information, please call KBIC Even Start at 906-353-8161.

Celebrate Childhood! April is Month of the Young Child

KBIC Even Start invites the community to celebrate the "Month of the Young Child" by participating in the "Dream Catcher Chronicles" project. "Dream Catcher Chronicles" is an oral history preservation project, which is funded by a grant through the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy. Sharing stories of your family and the days gone by is a great way to pass down legacies to younger generations, and to help connect our community through learning about each other. Families and community members are invited to interview and record their memories of childhood. Even Start staff will preserve the stories digitally, so that future generations have access to the legacies of our past and present.

It's easy to participate in this great project. All you need is two people from two different generations, including family, extended family or friends, who are interested in asking each other questions about childhood memories. Even Start will provide a quiet setting for the interview, along with the recording equipment. Recordings begin on April 18th, and will continue through the month of May. Other opportunities for intergenerational sharing include an upcoming "Grandparents Teach Too" project on May 4th, and a grandparent lunch and learn. Families who participate may also be eligible for a high-quality professional family photo opportunity in May! Celebrate childhood because children are our greatest gift! If you're interested in this opportunity, please call Jody Maloney, Even Start Coordinator at 906-353-8161 or email jmaloney@kbic-nsn.gov for more information.

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KBIC Promotes Eagle Books

Keweenaw Bay's Community Health promoted the *Eagle Books* throughout January, February, and March. Community Health staff went to the L'Anse and Baraga Schools, grades K-2, Arvon School, Pre-primary Program, KBIC Headstart, and BHK L'Anse, Baraga, and Aura Headstarts. Every student got a set of four books from the *Eagle Books* collection, and each grade level in each school got a set of big *Eagle Books*. The *Eagle Books* are part of a national program that promotes diabetes awareness and prevention in a culturally appropriate way. When KBIC's efforts are complete, 475 sets (four per set) of *Eagle Books* will have been distributed to children and families in our area. There were also sets of books given to youth living in housing in the Marquette area.

~ Article and pictures submitted by Heather Wood-Paquet, Health Promotions Educator.

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Employment Opportunities

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- * Clinical Social Worker — open until filled
- * Family Aide (on-call) — open continuously

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- * LPN
- * RN
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For current job listings, complete job announcements, applications and closing dates contact: KBIC Personnel Department, 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49908-9210 or 906-353-6623, ext 4176 or 4140 or visit: www.ojibwa.com.

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