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KBIC MOURNS THEIR FALLEN SOLDIER — SPECIALIST ROBERT LEE VOAKES, JR.

SPC. ROBERT L. VOAKES, JR., age 21, died while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. He was serving with the 164th Military Police company, 793rd Military Police Battalion, 3rd Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, Alingar District, Lagham Province, Afghanistan.

Voakes' company, nicknamed "the Arctic Enforcers," had deployed to Afghanistan in late March for a one-year tour from Ft. Richardson, Alaska.

Robert's flight arrived at the Houghton County Memorial Airport at 9 a.m., Saturday, June 11, 2011, where the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community awaited to bring him home.

Robert Lee, Nigig-enz (Little Otter), Voakes, Jr. was born February 26, 1990, at Portage Hospital, Hancock, MI. He was a member of Holy Name of Jesus Church, Assinins, MI, and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

An active member of the Community, Robert was involved in Boy Scouts, basketball, football, KBIC Rez Runners, youth hockey, KBIC youth programs, a KBIC Tribal Police Cadet, and he was President of the KBIC Youth Club.

Robert was very active with cultural activities. He was honored to be chosen as Head Youth Dancer. He valued his Native American heritage and enjoyed attending Powwows and dancing.

Robert attended the local schools. He graduated from Baraga High School in 2009. At BHS Robert was active in the drama club, basketball, football, high five mentoring, and the International Club which enabled him to tour Italy. Robert enjoyed school and had great respect for his teachers and support personnel.

Robert had many interests and enjoyed life. He had his own unique style of dress and his friends were drawn to him by his friendly disposition and sense of humor. He was a blood donor and he also donated his hair to Locks of Love. His "baby" was a 1976 black Coupe DeVille Cadillac, the other family members were a Mercedes Benz S 500 and Mr. Biggles Worth, his pet fish. He loved music which included songs by a fellow soldier, Danny Ricco. Those who knew Robert knew him as a role model and as an inspiration. Robert had achieved many of his goals and had many aspirations for his future.

Robert is survived by his parents, Robert "Beaver" and Valerie (Boyette) Voakes; brothers: Jeremy Voakes and Christopher Voakes; sisters: Nancy Voakes and Miranda (Jeremy) Forcia, all of L'Anse; grandmothers: Fanchon (Picard) Boyette of Milw, WI., and Annabelle DeCota of Baraga; nieces: Sydni

Voakes and Josilyn Voakes; and nephew Brendon Friisvall. Numerous aunts, uncles, many cousins, and close friends also survive. He was preceded in death by his grandfathers and an uncle.

"Our baby, Robert, is profoundly missed. We love you. Forever our warrior."

Military funeral services for SPC. Voakes were held at 11a.m, Monday, June 13, 2011, at the Baraga High School Gymnasium, Baraga, MI. Visitation was held on Sunday, June 12, 2011, from 10 am until 8 p.m. at the Reid Funeral Service and Chapel, L'Anse, and again at the high school gymnasium on Monday from 10 a.m. until the time of the service. Internment took place in the Pinery Cemetery. Following the services, the family visited with friends at a fellowship luncheon at the Baraga Armory.



Photo by Tracy Emery.

The plane transporting the body of Specialist Robert Lee Voakes, Jr. to his family and community landed Saturday, June 11, 2011, 9 a.m., at the Houghton Co. Airport.



Photo by Lauri Denomie.



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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, Sr.
Jerry Lee Curtis
Frederick Dakota
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.
Isabelle H. Welsh



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- June 4, 2011 Tribal Council Meeting
- KBIC Mourns Fallen Soldier
- KBIC Tribal Police Captain Receives F.B.I.'s Recognition
- KBIC Honors Graduates
- What's Happening At Sand Point
- Hazardous Waste Collection Huge Success
- New Employees
- Deepest Sympathy

The procession began Saturday, June 11, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. when the plane carrying the body of Specialist Robert Lee Voakes, Jr. landed. Sgt. Duane Misegan of the KBIC Tribal Police Department led the procession which delivered Voakes to his home, the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. The procession consisted of approximately 40 fire departments, over a dozen law enforcement groups, a large group of Patroit Guard Riders mo-

JUNE 4, 2011, TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on June 4, 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, Toni J. Minton, 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. 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 five); Secretary Susan J. LaFernier gave the Secretary's Report (page two); Treasurer Eddy Edwards gave the Treasurer's Report (page two); and CEO Larry Denomie III gave the CEO Report (page four). Council passed the Department Head Reports for April 2011.

Cory Fontaine and Terri Denomie addressed the Council regarding the Eastern Direction Water Walkers. Josephine Mandamin, a 69-year-old grandmother does not want her grandchildren to look out and see a parched Earth. Since May 7th, she and companions have carried a copper bucket of water drawn from the Machais Bay on the Gulf of Maine. Mandamin and other water walkers from the east are meeting water walkers from the north (Churchill, Manitoba), south (Gulfport, Mississippi) and west (Olympia, Washington), on June 12th in Bad River, Wisconsin, where they will unite the waters from the Pacific Ocean, the Atlantic Ocean, the Gulf of Mexico and Hudson Bay, which will have been all carried by hand to the largest freshwater lake system in the world. The Eastern walkers will be in our territory on June 8th. Fontaine and Denomie would like KBIC to provide them with three rooms, dinner from

Irene's pizza, and use of the KBOCC gym for the meal. **Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to provide three rooms, a meal, and use of the KBOCC gym if available (they were directed to contact Cheryene LaPointe regarding the availability of the gym), supported by Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**

Paul DesRochers, Jr., and Gregg Nominelli addressed Council with a request to adopt a Tribal Limited Liability Company Code. Council directed them to work with a Council member to introduce a proposed ordinance at a first reading. Eddy Edwards requested it be added to the following Thursday's agenda.

Eddy Edwards, Treasurer, presented donation requests for May 2011 to the Council for their consideration. **Motion by Fred Dakota to approve \$1,000 for the L'Anse Softball Association; \$1,000 for the Baraga Softball Association; \$2,500 for the Native American Rights Fund; \$500 for the Baraga Girls Basketball Summer Team Camp; \$2,500 for Kildee for Congress campaign; \$1,000 for the 5th Annual National Native Language Revitalization Summit; and \$500 for the Houghton-Keweenaw Relay for Life Cancer Society; for a total of \$9,000, supported by Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**

Michael LaFernier, Sr., brought forth the 3rd Reading to amend Title Ten of the Tribal Code Proposed Annex to Home Territory to clarify the definition of the Home Territory Ordinance 2011-02. **Motion by Michael LaFernier, Sr., to approve Ordinance 2011-02, supported by Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**

Council adjourned with no further actions.

~ submitted by newsletter editor

MAY 2011 TREASURER'S REPORT

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

I am working with the licensing department and the U.P. Children's Museum to distribute annual memberships to tribal families with kids who are interested. Those interested KBIC families can call the Tribal Center and ask for licensing to have their name added to the list. A form will be mailed to them. Then they will take the form to the U.P. Children's museum, and the museum will issue the family an annual membership. A total of 160 memberships are available for KBIC families with children.

A little more detail on our total cash and investment balances. They are spread among the Tribal Court, Tribal Administration, Pines Convenience Center, our trust accounts at Superior National Bank and Wells Fargo, our elder's trust, the Baraga and Marquette casinos. The KBIC total cash and investment balance as of May 11, 2011, has decreased 4.12% to \$45,723,000. We had major expenses this year including the health clinic expansion and the construction of the early childhood education center. In addition, just two days ago, Council approved a purchase agreement for over 22 acres of Huron Bay land with over 700' of lake frontage. The purchase price is \$525,000. A great investment for the future. Comparatively, our cash and investment balances have increased over 62% in the last ten years from \$28 million to over \$45 million today. Later on the agenda will be addressing donation requests submitted to Tribal Council.

Respectfully submitted,
Eddy Edwards, Treasurer

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2011

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

ANIN! 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.

On May 13th, Mike, Jerry Lee, and I toured (Fred and Gary had toured previously) the Three Amigo's building that we purchased in Marquette. At the May 19th Council meeting a motion was made to demolish the building and build new.

I attended the May 17th Department Head meeting along with President Swartz and Elizabeth Mayo. Updates to the Personnel Policies were discussed. The Hiring Process and the KBIC Comprehensive Plan were reviewed. The new format will be sent to each department for their input and will again be discussed at the July Department Head

meeting. I have been assisting with the change from the old format to the new and listing the accomplishments. In the near future, I will also be requesting and will help with a plan for the Tribe's records retention.

The employee WH.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 2nd Annual WHIPP Task Force Employee "Walk your Way to Wellness" Challenge will begin on May 16-August 7th. Once again, there will be many great prizes, and what better way is there for us to become healthy.

The Drug Tip Line number is 353-DRUG or 353-3784. The yellow banners are around the reservation with this tip line number displayed. The Drug Task Force holds monthly meetings. The second annual National Drug Enforcement Prescription Drug Take-Back Day was held on April 30th to help get rid of expired, unused prescription drugs

for safe disposal. There were approximately five pounds gathered at the Ojibwa Community College and at the State Police Post in L'Anse.

The Drug Task Force Mission Statement: "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."

Thank you to everyone who helped clean for the annual road side cleanups in May, and also thanks to the THPO Department, the Bear Town Firefighters, and all of the individuals who helped with the Pinery Cemetery cleanup and of all the cemeteries in preparation of Memorial Day on May 30th. Also thanks to Rev. John Henry and the American Legion Post 444 for their annual Memorial Day Service at the Pinery, to everyone who attended, and to the Cultural Committee for the feast (even though the feast had to be moved to the Cultural Center because of the storm that touched down just as the service was ending).

I attended the public tour/open house at the new Baraga County Memorial Hospital after work on May 24th. If you have not visited the new hospital, please do so, it is beautiful with state of the art equipment and many new additions to improve our health care.

Happy Father's Day to all of our special men on June 19th and Happy Summer to everyone! Remember to continue to pray for each other and to honor and remember all of our veterans, 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 May 2011, the Tribal Council held one Regular Tribal Council Meeting on May 14, 2011. This meeting is covered in the June 2011 Newsletter. Tribal Council held five Special Council Meetings. Following are the unapproved motions from May.

At the council meeting held May 5, 2011, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the September 23, 23, 27, 30, 2010 meeting minutes;
- Approved a donation of \$1,600 to benefit the YMCA of Delta County for the 2011 Island Resort Championship (Pro-Am) Golf Tournament at Sweetgrass June 22, 2011;
- Tabled proposed amendments to the Government and Enterprises Personnel Policies (regarding rehire) until our CEO can attend the meeting;
- Approved the 2011 Spring Cleanup for June 6-10th and to include off-reservation for drop off only on June 13-14th;
- Approved to name the 2011 Kid's Fishing Derby-June 25th in honor of Sam and Charlotte (Mongoose) Durant who fished in the 1890's;
- Approved Modification #5 Silver Road Bridge Cooperative Agreement with the Baraga County Road Commission (to use the remaining balance for the Skanee Road Bridge over the Ravine River);
- Approved to direct Jason Ayres to negotiate the Fred and Ila Rollins property on Huron Bay and to determine the value of the timber on the property;
- Approved Resolution KB1823-2011 14.6 acre purchase from Jeff Sirard on Pequaming Road for \$31,000;
- Approved Resolution KB1824-2011 transfer Michael P. Dowd Residential Lease to Lance J. Forcia who purchased Mr. Dowd's leasehold interest;
- Tabled a request to pay invoices regarding the airport property from William Carlson, Negaunee Township Supervisor, until our CEO can attend the meeting;
- Approved to direct staff to look at a (Community) facility for low income Indians (per application) in the Zeba area for a HUD ICDBG Project 2011;
- Approved the purchases of two 2011 Chevrolet Caprice vehicles for \$26,944 each and a 4X4 Tahoe for \$30,348 from Frei Chevrolet for the Tribal Police Department;
- Approved to amend the CNAP Policy to include the immediate family as

defined in 19.3 funeral leave of the personal policies in addition to what is in the CNAP Policy;

- Approved to change the May 7th Regular meeting to May 14th;
- Approved to direct Carole LaPointe to prepare an employee agreement for Marcella Fundum for the part-time pharmacist for the Health Services.

At the council meeting held May 12, 2011, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the October 2, and 7, 2010 meeting minutes;
- Approved to table the proposed amendment to the Government and Enterprises Personnel Policies and have the Hiring Committee give a recommendation (regarding rehire);
- Approved the request from William Carlson, Negaunee Township Supervisor, to pay the invoices regarding the airport property from the 2% funds in escrow;
- Approved the Baraga Ojibwa Casino's request for the Kellie Pickler Concert for August for \$77,838.53;
- Approved the Baraga Ojibwa Casino's request for the Cage Fight for September for \$70,624.37;
- Approved the Pressbox/Baraga Ojibwa Casino's request for the comedian contract with Jim Ruel/Funny Business and KBIC for New Year's Eve for \$4,100 plus two rooms;
- Approved an engagement letter with Troutman/Sanders and KBIC and to have Greg Nominelli as the contact person for the cigarette tobacco permit;
- Approved to authorize the Bureau of Indian Affairs to file a suit under the National Indian Forest Resources Management Act for the Pinery Cemetery fire damages;
- Denied a request from Melvin Durant for fees for Truck Driving School;
- Approved adding "Traditional Healer" in section B. Utilizing Sick Leave Policy #2. a statement from a Physician or Traditional Healer;
- Approved adding "Traditional Healer" in Section B. Utilizing Sick Leave.

At the council meeting held May 19, 2011, the following actions were taken:

- Approved Resolution KB1829-2011 Marquette 2% Distribution;
- Approved Resolution KB1828-2011 Baraga 2% Distribution;
- Approved the 2011 KBIC Tribal Flag Guidelines with the addition at the last paragraph (to be flown at equal height);
- Approved the Cell Phone policy changes to the Enterprise Personnel Policies;
- Approved to direct staff to demolish the Three Amigo's building and salvage everything in the building;
- Approved the Joseph Brazeau Services Agreement (Building Inspector);
- Approved two full time positions for Tribal Court: Deputy Clerk and Probation Officer;
- Approved Resolution KB1826-2011 Transfer Gavin C. Loonsfoot residential lease to Charles W. Gauthier;
- Approved Resolution KB1827-2011 Michael Baxter Undivided Fractional Interest Sale-Purchase Agreement

for \$401;

- Approved to charge \$10 for a decorative Veteran's license plate;
- Denied Resolution KB1825-2011 Request for a Secretarial Election for an amendment to the Constitution (until the Constitutional Convention convenes);
- Approved to obtain the treatment as a State for Water Quality Enforcement and to have Todd Warner bring a list of tasks that need to be completed and completion dates by the next meeting;
- Approved the increases for the summer youth employees and a 3% raise for the Summer Youth Program Coordinator and Supervisors;
- Approved six applicants for the Cultural Committee;
- Tabled the I.H.S. MOA Amendment #1 Improvements to Village of Baraga water intake project until the next meeting;
- Approved the request to bid on the State plow truck not to exceed \$25,000 (for the Public Works Department);
- Approved the Office Coordinator position restructuring, a lateral move for Clayton Ekdahl (Warehouse Coordinator), and a promotion for Jody Pittsley to Fleet Mechanic for the Public Works Department;
- Motion to have the Dorsey law firm file a motion to dismiss the Byykkonen appeal because he was late in filing resulted in a tie after the President voted;
- Approved the agreement between KBIC and (Don) Burnstick Promotions for the workshops and comedy shows in July with NewDay for \$12,400.

At the council meeting held May 23, 2011, the following actions were taken:

- Approved to have the President issue two verbal reprimands regarding Grievance #002-2011;
- Approved to uphold the decision of the Assistant CEO regarding Grievance #003-2011.

At the council meeting held May 26, 2011, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the October 18, 2010 meeting minutes;
- Approved the I.H.S. MOA Amendment #1 authorization with the Village of Baraga for the improvements to the water intake project;
- Approved Resolution BK1830-2011 Daniel L. Koski/Cherie Koski, and Rhea L. Koski residential leases (prior-one lease);
- Approved Resolution KB1831-2011 to cancel Patricia L. Maki's residential lease and issue to Heather L. Maki;
- Approved the bid from MGD Custom Builders, LLC in Marquette for \$14,450 for an addition to the Marquette Ojibwa Casino;
- Approved the request for the three year CARF accreditation certification/re-survey fee for \$5,800 for NewDay;
- Approved Chubby Loonsfoot's medical travel request for up to \$2,400 to Minneapolis;
- Approved the business license renewal for John E. Varline, Jr. for the

Secretary Report continues:

JJ's Pawn Shop and the firework's permit renewal for James Welsh for three months;

- Denied a donation request from Matt Wesaw, Pokagon Band Chairman for \$2,000-\$2,500 for the NCAI Mid-Year Conference in Milwaukee, June 13-16;
- Approved a request to purchase two tents for Community use up to \$2,000;
- Approved the JK Rentals, Inc. Tent Rental Contracts (for the Kelli Pickler concert and the Cage Fight—Baraga Ojibwa Casino);
- Approved the MOA with the Northwest Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission for the collection of household hazardous waste and used electronics on June 4th at the Baraga Ojibwa Casino parking lot for the County;
- Approved the Tribal Attorney's Employment Contract as presented.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan J. LaFerner, Secretary

CEO REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2011

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

- On May 10th, all governmental offices were closed due to the widespread power outage. The Casinos and Pines Convenience Center were able to remain operational due to backup generators. During the outage the only on air media sources available to the area were 97.7, and I believe 93.5 due to the fact they have back up generators. Our radio stations do not have backup generators but we are acquiring costs to have back up power as well as sources of funding to aid in covering the costs.
- The CEO's office conducted a youth prevention collaboration meeting. Sarah Maki, Asst. CEO, identified nearly a dozen programs within the Tribe which all deal with the topic. Departments overseeing the programs attended and shared what they offer. The meeting provided staff ways to access the youth, and plans are underway to move the programs and services they offer forward in a collaborative manner. The group will continue to meet and plan activities to accomplish their program goals.
- Source Code Co. provided staff a presentation on document retention on May 24th. The records of the Tribe are bursting at their seams and this is a step in moving forward with managing those records. A presentation to Council will be coming in the near future with a proposal for a pilot project.
- The Summer Youth Work Program is well underway. Jodene Rasanen was rehired to oversee the Program. Supervisors for the program will begin working early June with youth workers starting mid-June.
- The bi-monthly department head meeting was conducted on the 17th.

The Tribe's Comprehensive Strategic Plan was reviewed and departments were assigned goals. Once the plan is updated by the Economic Development Office, it will be presented to Council for review and then to the Community for input. Final approval will be sought from Council. The Tribe's hiring policy and related process was also discussed and comments from departments are being submitted. The policy and comments will be provided to Council for review and consideration.

- Council approval has been given to move forward with the demolition of the Los 3 Amigos building in Marquette. The workgroup will be working on an RFP to accomplish the task. Items of value within the building will be removed and either re-used or sold prior to demolition.
- Council also approved a decorative Veterans License plate which will be available through the licensing department and can be purchased for \$10. They are for placement on the front of the vehicle. The plates are being ordered and will be available soon.
- The Pines Convenience Center will soon have the long awaited marketing feature at the pumps up and running. The new pumps which were installed last spring were to have the feature available upon installation but the manufacturer did not have clearance to do so. It is expected the marketing tool will be up and running within the next couple of weeks.
- The Tribal Council has authorized the application for grant funding through HUD's ICDBG program to construct a Community Center in Zeba. If funding is secured, the facilities tentative location has been selected to be on the Tribe's Trust property just south of Chiz Matthews' home overlooking Keweenaw Bay.
- The Tribal Council has also approved special events being organized by the Ojibwa Casino Resort. During the month of August this year, a major Country Western star will perform under a tent with seating capacity of 1500. The tent will be located in the parking lot near the Big Bucks Bingo Hall and will remain there for about a month where many activities will take place. Another act already approved and being organized is Cage Fighting. The Battle of Bands will also take place under the tent, and the winner of that event is slated to open for the major country act.
- The Tribe recently donated 2% funds to a local unit of government in Marquette which will be passed along to the Children's Museum there. The museum has donated back to the Tribe, 160 Annual Family Memberships which will be available to Tribal Families. Interested families are to contact the Enrollment Office for more information and availability which will be handled on a first-come-first-served basis.
- The Education Department and Committee held the Annual Graduating Senior Banquet, June 3rd. Twenty-one students were recognized during the event where a meal

was provided; a speech was delivered by Susan J. LaFerner; gifts given by the Council, Cultural Committee, and the Ojibwa Senior Board; and scholarships awarded. The Education Committee did a fine job again this year, planning, organizing, and putting on the event.

- The Tribe's Spring Cleanup will take place on June 6-10 for curbside pickup. Individuals will have to call in to ensure they are on the list. Drop off dates are June 13th and 14th at the former Tribal Construction site. Flyers have been distributed as well as ads in the local papers.
- A final reminder—the Annual Kids' Fishing Derby at Sand Point will take place June 25th.
- In a final note, I would like to thank you for allowing me the opportunity to take the last week of May off to plan for my son's graduation. Time sure does fly; it's important we all take the time to enjoy your kids and family while we 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



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Contact **ASHTIN** in the *Motor Vehicle Division* **ASAP** to get your **FREE** membership!
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353-6623, ext. 4114
or
353-4114

A special thanks to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community for helping to make this exciting offer possible!!!

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KBIC Drug Education For Youth 2011 DEFY Summer Camp

The 4th annual KBIC Drug Education For Youth (DEFY) Summer Camp will be held at the Ojibwa Community College from August 15-18. Applications and invites will be mailed to 2010 participants that are eligible to attend this year's camp. Invite letters will also be placed in all departmental mailboxes. If you know of any youth interested in attending the 2011 DEFY summer camp, please contact Tyler Larson at 353-4646 or e-mail tlarson@kbic-nsn.gov. Participants must be between the ages of nine-twelve. The application deadline is July 27th, in order to leave enough time to order T-shirts. Late applicants cannot be guaranteed a spot, however, if there is space available you may not receive the right sized T-shirt.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2011

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

- I attended a VOIGT Task Force meeting in Danbury, WI.
- Last year we sent a check in the amount of \$15,221.60 to the Marquette County Board of Commissioners. The payment was made as part of the 2% distribution of the net win of the Community's Ojibwa II Casino in Marquette, and the Community requested, among other, that \$5,000 of the amount of \$15,221.60 be allocated to the "YMCA Mats for KBIC Kid's Gym" ("YMCA"). The Community's intention was to send the \$5,000 for the YMCA to the City of Marquette. For the reasons stated, the Community requested their office return the \$5,000.
- Millionaire Greetings failed to provide us information in a timely manner as we requested, making it hard for us to do background checks on board members. After performing our due diligence, doing the background checks, and looking at the financial statements, the Council determined not to pursue the proposal made by Millionaire Greetings.
- We were informed by Ann McCammon Soltis, Director, Division of Intergovernmental Affairs, GLIFWC that a mining bill is likely to be introduced in the Wisconsin legislature soon. It appears to separate ferrous (iron) mining from nonferrous mining under the statutory scheme, and make major changes in the way ferrous mineral exploration, prospecting, and mining would be regulated. These changes appear to decrease the level of environmental scrutiny required, decrease the amount of time allowed to process permit applications, and in general relax environmental protection standards.
- I attended an Honor's Banquet at the conference room in the Ojibwa Casino Resort to honor the achievements of students at the community's college. The event was well attended and a delicious meal was served. A number of the students were honored and received certificates.
- I signed the MOU with state police and Tribe and Territory Sex Offender Registry System agreements.
- On May 16th I attended a natural resources/forestry committee meeting. A number of items were on the agenda including the Kid's Fishing Derby. This will be held on June 25th at the Ojibwa Recreation area near the lighthouse. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration begins at 9 am.
- KBIC spring clean up is scheduled for June 6th – 10th. We will be doing curbside pickup again this year from June 6th – 10th. This is for KBIC Tribal members households residing within the L'Anse Reservation. No businesses or non-Tribal households will be included. **Non-OHA (Ojibwa Housing Authority) curbside customers MUST call 353-7117 by June 3rd with name and address to be placed on the collection list.** KBIC Tribal Members can also drop off garbage on June 13th and 14th from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm at the former Tribal Construction building. Spring cleanup is for bulky waste and household trash only. Loose trash must be bagged. White goods (refrigerators and freezers) must have doors removed.
- I signed a lease for Tom Denomie, Sr. located at the Ojibwa Village on the L'Anse Indian Reservation (Zeba Trailer Park).
- I signed an addendum to an existing loan at Superior National Bank for a tribal member receiving assistance from the small business guaranteed loan program administered by SNB.
- The Tribal Council decided by motion to authorize the Bureau of Indian Affairs to file suit, under the National Indian Forest Resources Management Act or any other applicable law, against any individuals who may have caused the Pinery Cemetery fire for damages, including but not limited to actual damages, costs, expenses, rehabilitation, reforestation, lost past and future revenue and profits, arising out of the acts or omissions of such individuals and

FURTHER that reconsideration of this motion is hereby waived.

- I received a letter from the Superintendent of the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Michigan Agency approving Tribal Ordinance 2011-11 regarding Criminal Sexual Conduct offenses and Sex Offender Registration laws to be included in the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Tribal Code. A copy has been forwarded to the Midwest Regional Director, who has further review authority.
- I attended a pipe ceremony in Red Cliff relating to the returning of a sacred ceremonial pipe. In 1852, a delegation of the Lake Superior Chippewa travelled to Washington D.C. to meet with the President, and seek his reconsideration of the order to remove the Lake Superior Chippewa from western Michigan, Wisconsin, and northeastern Minnesota. The delegation was led by Chief Bizhikiisiban. The delegation also included a non-Indian interpreter by the name of Benjamin Armstrong. This journey, sanctioned by all the chiefs, resulted in the decision to revoke the order to remove. In recognition of his invaluable service Chief Bishiikiisiban passed on the pipe that was used in these meetings to Mr. Armstrong. The Armstrong family, (now Brown), have kept the pipe in their possession this entire time. In January, 2010, the Brown family approached the Red Cliff Band and proposed to return the sacred pipe to the Band. On March 25, 2011, the pipe was delivered to the Band and the Buffalo family.
- At the last VOIGT Task Force meeting, there was discussion on the proposal to delist the Ma'ingan (Wolf) for the western Great Lakes. I made a motion to oppose the delisting of the Wolf by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and that motion was supported unanimously.

This concludes my report.

Respectfully submitted,

Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING WEIGHT LOSS CHALLENGE WINNERS:

\$1,000 Winners:

Mark Ward-Ojibwa Casino II
Brenda Aldrich-Ojibwa Casino II

\$500 Winners:

Donna Carriere-Ojibwa Casino
Ruth Keller-KBIC Health Dept.
Dianne Brady-Ojibwa Casino II
Gina LaBeau-Big Bucks Bingo
Shawnee Stein-KBIC Pre-Primary Early Ed Dept.
Randall Masker-Ojibwa Casino II

Overall Weight Loss of Employees throughout challenge (at final weigh-in) = 563.8 pounds!! Great Job!

A big thanks to all the participants who were apart of this WHIPP Taskforce Employee Wellness event! The objective of this campaign was to promote healthier eating, encourage physical activity, and create a supportive work environment. If you have any suggestions to make this event better or comments about the challenge, please feel to email cheryne@kbic-nsn.gov or call Cheryne at 353-4643. All suggestions/comments are appreciated!

Remember *it's never too late to start living a healthy, active lifestyle!*



Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College is partnering with the National Defense Education Program to provide a Summer Science Camp In Forensic Science & Robotics

Who: 6th – 8th Grade Youth

When: July 25th – 28th, 9 am – 4 pm, and July 29th, 9 am – Noon

Where: Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College/Main Campus

Cost: Free ~ Lunch will be provided on July 25th – 28th

Contact: Cherie Dakota @ 353-4628

Space is limited to 20 students.



Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Department of Health & Human Services

cordially invites you to attend the
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

for the pharmacy and newly completed expansion of the
Donald A. LaPointe Health & Education Center
on Friday, August 12, 2011, at 1:00 p.m.



102 Superior Avenue
Baraga

Open House & Tours of building or follow from 2-6 p.m.

New Employees

The KBIC Summer Youth Program employs Native youth and descendants for the purpose of implementing job skills/training, work value, work ethics, career awareness, as well as provide job experience in a structured work environment where they will learn responsibility and accountability for their time and themselves. All applicants are required to submit a completed application, including all required documents and signatures each year, as this also is a major part of their responsibility in obtaining present and future work.

In accordance to the Tribal Employment Rights Opportunity (TERO) Policy: All employers operating within the jurisdiction of the KBIC are required to give preference to Indians in hiring, promotion, training and all other aspects employment. Preference requirements in projects funded by the community, such as the KBIC Summer Youth Program, the following preference applies: a) KBIC Member; b) KBIC descendants; c) Indians Enrolled in Other Federally Recognized Tribes; d) Spouses of Community Members; and e) All Indians. Furthermore, employment is based on job site availability and youth workers meeting criteria to perform job duties.

Unfortunately, with the overwhelming amount of applicants for the 2011 Summer Youth Program, we were unable to employ all applicants as in years past. However, the above guidelines were followed including the procedures for late applicants and/or incomplete applicants. If you have further concerns or questions, please feel free to contact Summer Youth Coordinator at (906)353-6623, ext: 4290 or the KBIC CEO at (906) 353-6623, ext: 4104.



Under the direction of Jodene Rasanen, Summer Youth Coordinator, three Youth Supervisors, Michelle Maki, Wesley Curtis, and Fran LaPointe have been hired to help oversee the program and are pictured above with their work crew.

(left to right) (front) Diana Veker, Sheena Halverson, Desiree Jermac, Davin Chosa, Sam Heath, Freddy Dakota, Cody Clement, Jorey Cribbs, and Michelle Maki, (middle) Wesley Curtis, Tori Rasanen, Isaac Ekdahl, Kayla Messer, Jay Gauthier, Kyle Gauthier, Taylor Mayo, Jacob Picard, (back) Todd Teikari, Gaven Picciano, James Veker, Keith Denomie, Sean Spruce, Kevin Denomie, Brad Berry, and Fran LaPointe.

New employees continues on page nine.

CANCER AWARENESS CARNIVAL

Friday, July 22nd
at the Ojibwa Community College
from 12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m.
(call 353-4546 to schedule class groups)

Walk through the Super Colon Exhibit!

Kids Activities Snacks Hand-outs Games Information

This event is sponsored by ITC-MI, KBIC WIC, Healthy Start & Diabetes Programs, KBIC Youth Club, MSU Extension

Celebrating 75 Years of Recognition

33rd Annual
Keweenaw Bay Maawanji'iding
Ojibwa Campground
Baraga, Michigan
July 22-24, 2011

Master Of Ceremonies
Larry Smallwood
Eric Awonohopy

Drums
Host: Elk Spirit
Co-Host: Badgers
Home Drums: Four Thunders
Woodland Singers

Dancers
Miss KBIC 2010: Gabrielle Picciano
Veteran Dancer: Donald Chosa
Head Male Dancer: Rodney Loonfoot
Head Female Dancer: Veronica Adams
Head Youth Male Dancer: Ethan Lee
Head Youth Female Dancer: Sheena Halverson

Arena
Head Director: Brian Moore
Asst Director: Robert Rajacic

Traditional Story Telling
Teachings: Karen Drift

Program Events

Thursday
Lighting of the Sacred Fire
Grounds Blessing & Feast
Traditional Teachings

Friday
Princess Crowning
Honor Elders Special

Saturday
Fry Bread Contest
Youth 2-step Championship
Midnight 2-step Championship
Hand Drum Contest
Drum Challenge
Veterans Special
Feast

Sunday
Recognition & Give Away

Notice:
All registered dancers MUST show proof of admission and be in full regalia!

Grand Entries: Friday - 7 pm Saturday - Noon & 7 pm Sunday - Noon

Free camping at the Ojibwa Campground with purchase of admission. (Over Night include Marina or Boat Point)

Illegal Drugs, Alcohol & Weapons are Prohibited

All animals must be on a leash at all times.

General Inquiries Contact: Tracy Eddy, 906-353-7157
Tribal Info, Training: Michelle Kibbe, 906-353-4114
Event Tickets: 906-353-4107

Special Events
Featuring Don Burnstick
"Laughing is part of culture"
Admission Price: TRA
Family Night 7 pm
Wednesday, July 20, 2011
Adult Night 7 pm
Thursday, July 21, 2011

"Home of the Original Midnight Two Step Championship of the World"

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Comedy Shows

July 20th & 21st

Ojibwa Community College "OCC" Gym
Baraga, Michigan

FAMILY SHOW
Wednesday, July 20th
7-8 pm

ADULT SHOW
Thursday, July 21st
7-8 pm
Under 18 must be with Parent, Adult or Guardian

Don Burnstick

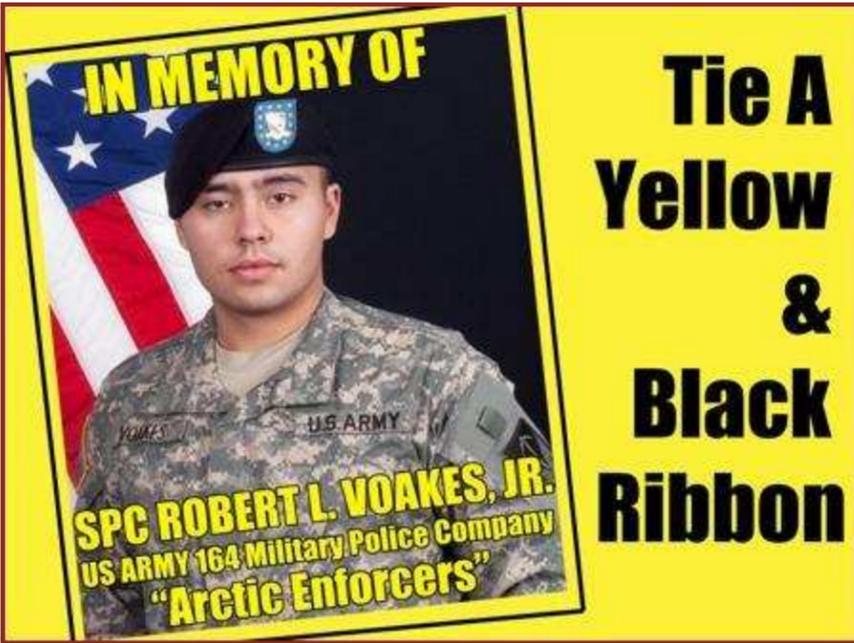
Native Comedian

General Admission \$5.00

Seniors 55 and older FREE • Children 10 and under FREE

Sponsored by: KBICSAP-Outpatient Dept. • KBIC Youth Club
KBIC Pow-Wow Committee • KBIC Tribal Court • Ojibwa Housing

KBIC Mourns Fallen Soldier continues:



The above poster was displayed on US41 across from the Ojibwa BP. The poster was designed and produced by Ashtin Koski, who was a member of the same graduating class as Voakes (Baraga High School 2009).



Robert Lee Voakes, Jr. held a strong desire concerning his Ojibwe culture. He was often seen in the arena at numerous powwows across the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Above he is shown as the Male Youth Dancer at the 2005 Keweenaw Bay Maawanji'ding. Photo by the L'Anse Sentinel.

torcycle club, and approximately 30 cars belong to family and friends. As the procession drove down Quincy Hill in Hancock, through parts of Houghton, in front of the Chassel VFW, and at the County line, where people gathered filling the roadsides holding United States flags and saluting.

A group of community members, organized by the KBIC Tribal Court staff, made and hung yellow and black ribbons from Jurmu Road to Tony's Steak House near the Reid Funeral Home. "Our goal was to line US41 from one side of the reservation to other in an effort to show our support and respect to this brave young man who was one of our own, our Anishinaabe Ogichidaa," said Lauri Denomie who helped organize the group. "We were assisted by another group organized by Ashtin Koski of the Tribal Center, and I saw another group from OHA out hanging them on the roadsides, too. I'm sure many other community members assisted in this effort as well."

Baraga County community members lined the streets from

the Pines Convenience Center right up to the Reid Funeral Home. It was awesome to see this many people turn out to honor Spc. Robert. L. Voakes, Jr. He was a respected young man and will be truly missed by his family and by his community.

Voakes and three comrades, Sgt. Christopher Bell of Golden, MS, Sgt. Joshua Powel of Quitman, TX, and Spc. Devin Snyder of Cohocton, NY, were killed in Laghman Province (Afghanistan) when insurgents attacked their unit with an improvised explosive device (IED).

~ submitted by newsletter editor.

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Lotto & Lottery Tickets Now Available.
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Daily Lunch Specials
Whole Pizzas Made To Order

Business Delivers Available (call for details).

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

Pontoon & Kayak Rentals SOON!
New for 2011, Jet Ski Rentals!

Receive an additional 10¢ off per gallon of gasoline with purchase of an ultimate car wash. *See Cashier for details!



Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa
Housing Authority

"Owned and operated by the Ojibwa Housing Authority.

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

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US 41, Baraga

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



COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION

Registration of Convicted Sex Offenders

TO: ANY AND ALL CONVICTED SEX OFFENDERS WHO LIVE, WORK OR GO TO SCHOOL ON THE L'ANSE RESERVATION AND MARQUETTE TRUST LANDS; OR WHO ARE EMPLOYED BY THE KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY OR ANY OF ITS ENTITIES; OR WHO VISIT WITHIN THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES OF THE L'ANSE RESERVATION OR MARQUETTE TRUST LANDS FOR SEVEN (7) DAYS OR MORE; OR OTHER PERSONS SUBJECT TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY; AND/OR COMMUNITY MEMBERS:

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Police Department is dedicated to registering convicted sex offenders and providing community notification to protect the public. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Public Sex Offender Registry is located at the Tribal Police Department and may be accessed by the public on the internet at: <http://kbic.nsopw.gov/>. From this public registry, community members are able to obtain information regarding convicted sex offenders within their community. Additionally, this public registry allows any person to request e-mail notification of the relocation of any sex offender back to the person's community.

If you are a convicted sex offender (Indian or Non-Indian, convicted of a sex offense in any Tribal Court, Michigan Court, other state court, Federal Court, military court, or any other court) **YOU MUST REGISTER** with the KBIC Tribal Police. Your failure to register is an offense under Tribal, State, and Federal law. Each violation by a sex offender who is an Indian shall be considered a crime and subject to punishment under Tribal law. Each violation by a sex offender who is not an Indian shall be subject to civil penalties under Tribal law and be referred for criminal prosecution to state and federal authorities.

An offender who fails to register, provides false or misleading registration information, fails to update their registration information, fails to appear for periodic verification/registration, or violates the residency restrictions or any laws contained within the Tribal Code may be guilty of an offense and sentenced to serve up to one (1) year in jail and/or a fine of up to \$5,000.

To register as a Sex Offender or to report a Sex Offender for failing to register contact the:

Registration Officer
Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Police
15817 US Hwy 41 (next to the Pines)
Baraga, MI 49908
Tel: (906) 353-6626
Fax: (906) 353-7797

Pursuant to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Sex Offender Registration Chapter of the Tribal Code (adopted April 27, 2011, by Tribal Council Resolution KB-1556-2007 and Public Law 109-248 Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act).

KBIC TRIBAL POLICE CAPTAIN RECEIVES F.B.I. AWARD



KBIC Tribal Police Captain William K. Seppanen, Sr., received recognition at the Annual U.S. Attorney Consultation meeting held June 15, 2011, at the Chippewa Room. Captain Seppanen received the award of "Indian Country Domestic Violence Initiative," for his outstanding assistance to the F.B.I. in connection with its investigations efforts. Agencies in attendance at this meeting were: Drug Enforcement Agency; Federal Bureau of Investigation; Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives Agency; U.S. Secret Service; and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. KBIC representatives present were: Tribal President; Tribal Council members; Tribal Attorneys; Tribal CEO office staff; KBIC's Victims of Crime Advocacy and Office of Victims' Witness Programs; Youth, Family, and Elderly Services; Weed & Seed Coordinator; Tribal Police; and Tribal Social Services. Pictured above are: (left to right) Donald A. Davis, U.S. Attorney's Office, Captain William K. Seppanen, Sr., and Clinton Morris, FBI Agent.

KBIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE HONORS L'ANSE, BARAGA, AND COMMUNITY SCHOOLS GRADUATES



(Front row/left to right) Shanna DeCota, Jade Chaudier, Deanna Varline, Tashina Emery-Kaupilla, Breanne Fish, Aleah Kissel, Samantha Bach, Jennifer DeCota, Cindy Niemi, (back row/left to right) Dylan Friisvall, Adam Dakota, Dylan DeCota, Joseph Paquin, Tyler Denomie, Stuart Swartz, Guy C. Leinonen, Veronica Jossens, and Caroline Picard.



(Top left) — Robin Roe, KBIC Education Committee member awards Breanne Fish with the L'Anse \$1000 KBIC Education Committee's Scholarship. (Above) — Tashina Emery-Kaupilla is awarded the Baraga \$1000 KBIC Education Committee's Scholarship. (Bottom left) — Tyler Denomie is awarded the Dawn Louise Denomie Scholarship, shown with Terri Denomie, Chairman of the KBIC Education Committee.



The KBIC Education Committee held its Annual Senior Banquet on Friday, June 3, 2011, at the Big Bucks Bingo Hall in honor of twenty-one L'Anse, Baraga, and Community Schools graduates. Susan LaFernier, Comptroller for KBIC Accounting Department, and Secretary of the KBIC Tribal Council, was chosen as this year's guest speaker. LaFernier strongly encouraged the graduates to "Open your mind for an open future. A closed mind is like a closed door. Without an open mind you have a closed future. Also remember to follow the seven

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.

Deepest Sympathy

Becky Ann Kalisch

(April 16, 1963—May 18, 2011)

BECKY ANN KALISCH, age 48, of Marquette, entered eternal life on Wednesday, May 18, 2011, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, with family by her side. Becky was recently diagnosed with a lung disease and was awaiting a transplant. Becky was born April 16, 1963, in Marquette, and was a lifelong Marquette resident.

Becky is survived by her lifelong companion, Bob Hudson of Marquette; her children: Jennifer (Aaron Campbell) Kalisch of Texas, and Cassandra Kalisch of Marquette; a soon-to-be-expected granddaughter; her mother and step-father, Bonnie and Thomas O'Neill of Marquette; sisters: Brenda Gutzman (James) Humphreys of Gwinn, Debbie Gutzman (Scott) Vanlerberghe of Marquette, and Tammy Gutzman (Liam) O'Day of Ishpeming; brothers: Darrel Gutzman of Marquette and Dennis Gutzman Jr. of Wisconsin; five nieces and eight nephews; and her four legged furry canine girlfriend, April.

Becky was preceded in death by her grandparents, Harpo and Honey Carlstrom;

uncle, Edwin Carlstrom; and lifelong friend, Karen (Lady) MacDonald. A memorial visitation and a Service of Remembrance for Becky was held Thursday, May 26, 2011, at the Swanson-Lundquist Funeral Home with Rev. Leon Jarvis, Marquette General Hospital Chaplain, presiding. Family and friends gathered in a celebration of Becky's life on Saturday, May 28, 2011, at her sister's residence, 300 Ford Road, Harvey, from 3-7 pm. The Swanson-Lundquist Funeral Home assisted the family.

Allen Francis "Fireball" Bressette

(January 14, 1945—May 26, 2011)

ALLEN FRANCIS "FIREBALL" BRESSETTE, age 66, of Marquette, entered eternal life Thursday, May 26, 2011, at Marquette General Hospital with his loving family by his side. Allen was born January 14, 1945, a son of Clifford and Saraphine Bressette. A lifelong Marquette resident, Allen was employed with the Marquette County Transit Authority as a driver until retirement with over 20 years of service. He was active in and proud of his Native American heritage. He enjoyed the outdoors, especially fishing, and was an avid Green Bay

Packer fan. Allen loved spending time at the casino; his favorite game was "Twin Win". Some of the other joys in Allen's life were black coffee, doughnuts, Kentucky Fried Chicken, and Indian fry bread. Allen was a devoted father and grandfather; his grandchildren were the light of his life.

Allen is survived by his three children: Renee, Michael, and LeRoy (Anita) Bressette; his grandchildren: Leanne Loos, Hunter Loos, Jenna Loos, and John Bressette; his seven sisters: Carol (Ken) Peterson, Cheryl Bressette, Paulette Beauchamp, Sandra Carlson, Geraldine Bess, Kathy Peterson, and Linda Bressette; his three brothers: Keith Bressette, Glenn (Joann) Bressette, and Michael Bressette; numerous nephews, nieces, and cousins; and special friend, Judy Campbell.

Allen was preceded in death by his parents, Clifford and Saraphine; sister, Gloria Finnerty; and brothers: Donald and Sam Bressette. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on June 3, 2011, at St. Christopher Catholic Church, Marquette, with Rev. Jeff Johnson as celebrant. The Fassbender Funeral Home assisted the family.

New Employees



Laura Mayo is the newest member of the Community Health Staff. She has been hired as the PHN Secretary. Laura has worked for the tribe at the Ojibwa Casino for the last 12 years. Laura is currently attending Gogebic Community College, pursuing a career in the medical field with graduation scheduled for May 2012.

Laura states, "I enjoy spending time with my husband, Joel, and our three children. My hobbies including camping and just spending time outdoors."



Photo by Lauri Denomie.

Glenn Tolonen, Sr., has been hired as the Natural Resources Technician. Glenn is a KBIC member, the son of Myrtle Tolonen and the (late) Donald Tolonen, Sr. He has resided on the reservation for 37 years, is currently living in Baraga, and has four children. Glenn has a commercial fishing background. Glenn states, "I enjoy fishing, hunting, camping, and the great outdoors. I am very proud to be working for my people, and I am learning a lot on the job. I clean fish tanks, tie nets, and we are now remodeling the hatchery."



Photo by Lauri Denomie.

tribal leadership, health services, schools, food stores, worksites, and local Extension programs. 2) Assess in a community-based randomized controlled trial the impact of the program on obesity risk behaviors, including dietary quality (e.g., fruit and vegetable servings), nutrient intake (e.g., total energy, fat intake) and physical activity (e.g., total PA, percent sedentary behavior. 3) Conduct a detailed cost-inventory and a preliminary cost-effectiveness analysis using change in dietary patterns and PA as outcomes. 4) Assess impact on body mass index, waist circumference and percent body fat. 5) Conduct mediator and moderator analyses of psychosocial variables in order to understand the mechanisms through which OPREVENT affects behavioral outcomes. The multi-institutional OPREVENT program will be implemented in six AI communities, located in New Mexico and Michigan.



Photo by Lauri Denomie.

Pictured are two of the three OPREVENT Interview Workers, (left) Jacqueline Swartz and (right) Karina Christiansen. Amber Franti missing from photo.

OPREVENT Interview Workers in Our Community July 1 through August 31, 2011

John Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Health is conducting a study on Native American nutritional habits. Beginning July 1st, members of our community will be randomly picked to participate in interviews to review their food intake. Interviewers from the community have been chosen to conduct the interviews. They are Jacqueline Swartz and Amber Franti. They will be assisted by Karina Christiansen, of John Hopkins. The grant providing this study is through USDA.

The goal of this study is to improve our understanding of behavioral and environmental factors that influence obesity in high-risk Native American communities and to use this information to develop an effective obesity prevention program.

"We will develop, implement, and evaluate a randomized controlled community-based program to improve diet and physical activity obesity risk behaviors among adult Natives," stated Jacqueline Swartz, one of the interviewers. "The program has been developed with significant input and collaboration with community members and other local stakeholders," said Karina.

OBJECTIVES: The overarching goal of this project is to reduce obesity in American Indian (AI) communities, and to improve our understanding of the behavioral and environmental factors that influence obesity in these settings. Specifically, the OPREVENT study aims to: 1) Develop a sustainable community-based and theoretically-informed obesity prevention program for AI communities through formative research and a collaborative partnership with

Tribal members chosen for a random interview will receive a Wal-Mart card worth \$20 for the first interview to collect baseline data. Then community-based programming to decrease obesity will be implemented in the Community. A second interview will look at what works and what doesn't. The person interviewed will receive another \$20 Wal-Mart gift card. The results can be used by the community for informational purposes and statistics for grant applications in the future.

KBIC Education Committee Honors Graduates continues:

grandfather teachings: wisdom, love, respect, bravery, honesty, humility, and truth."

Each of the graduates received gifts from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Council, the KBIC Education Committee, the Ojibwa Senior Citizens, and the KBIC Cultural Committee. Baraga Graduates honored were: Jade Chaudier, Lindsey Cote, Adam Dakota, Dylan DeCota, Tyler Denomie, Tashina Emery-Kaupilla, Deanna Varline, and Stuart Swartz. L'Anse Graduates honored were: Breanne Fish, Dylan Friisvall, Joslyn Haataja, Aleah Kissel, Guy C. Leinonen, and Nicholas Mayo. L'Anse/Baraga Community Schools Graduates honored were: Samatha Bach, Jennifer DeCota, Shanna DeCota, Veronica Jossens, Cindy Niemi, Joseph Paquin, and Caroline Picard.

Erick Kenew-sa Awonohopay & sons provided the honor song, and Molly Loonsfoot presented the opening prayer. The Graduates, family, and friends enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by the Red Apple Restaurant.



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 conditions 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 Even Start Family Learning Center

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JULY 2011

July 2011 Calendars Events

- July 1:** Constitutional Committee Meeting, 1 pm, Council Chambers;
- July 9:** Reg. Sat. Council Meeting, 9 am, Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room;
- July 13:** Reg. Sr. Meeting, noon; Margaret Ross Early Childhood and Family Center Open House;
- July 18:** Elder's MIEA Summer Conference, Seniors sign up;
- July 20:** Veteran's meeting 7 pm; Don Burnstick Family Show;
- July 21:** Don Burnstick Adult Show;
- July 22:** Cancer Awareness Carnival, noon—6 pm at KBOCC; Keweenaw Bay Maawanji'iding Grand Entry—7 pm;
- July 23:** Keweenaw Bay Maawanji'iding Grand Entry—noon and 7 pm;
- July 24:** Keweenaw Bay Maawanji'iding Grand Entry—noon;
- July 25:** Summer Science Camp/Forensic Science & Robotics;
- July 26:** Summer Science Camp/Forensic Science & Robotics;
- July 27:** Ojibwa Senior's Pasty Prep Day, Volunteers needed, please sign up; DEFY Summer Camp deadline; Summer Science Camp/Forensic Science & Robotics;
- July 28:** Ojibwa Senior's Pasty Sale, Volunteers needed, please sign up; Summer Science Camp/Forensic Science & Robotics;
- July 29:** Summer Science Camp/Forensic Science & Robotics.

~ 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.

Happy 4th of July

**Household Hazardous & Electronic Waste
Collection Event HUGE Success!!!**

KBIC held a household hazardous waste and electronics collection event June 4th at the Ojibwe Casino parking lot. Over 160 vehicles participated in the event. More than 350 electronic devices such as: TVs, computers, monitors, and microwaves, and over 5,000 pounds of household hazardous waste including: oil, gas, pesticides, mercury, oil filters, and car batteries were collected during the four hour event.

What are Household Hazardous Wastes?

Many products found in your home are potentially hazardous substances because of their chemical nature; they can poison, corrode, explode, or ignite easily when handled or stored improperly. Household hazardous waste is the term for common household chemicals and substances for which the owner no longer has a use. Examples of household hazardous waste include:

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| * drain cleaners | * herbicides |
| * pesticides | * fluorescent lamps |
| * oil paint | * lamp ballasts |
| * motor oil | * smoke detectors |
| * antifreeze | * medical waste |
| * fuel | * cleaning chemicals |
| * poisons | * lead-acid batteries |

Managing Household Hazardous Wastes

Ultimately the removal of hazardous products from the home is the ideal situation, which can be done by choosing non-toxic products. Before buying a product, read the label. Signal words can help you decide which purchases you make. With pesticides, DANGER means highly toxic, WARNING means moderately toxic, and CAUTION means slightly toxic. With household products, POISON means highly toxic, DANGER means extremely flammable or corrosive or highly toxic, WARNING or CAUTION means less toxic.

Never leave household hazardous products or wastes within reach of children or pets. When possible, buy products with less harmful ingredients (read the labels). When using a product, read and follow the label directions, never mix it with other products, and use it up entirely. Do not dispose of household hazardous wastes in the trash, on the ground, or in storm or sewer drains. Do not remove product labels, and do not remove products from their original containers.

Better yet make your own non-toxic household cleaners and safe money too! The internet is a great resource to find recipes.

What are Electronic Wastes?

Electronic waste or E-waste is electronic products that have become obsolete or are no longer functional. Examples include computers, cell phones, televisions, DVD players, and video games.

Why is E-waste a Problem?

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, people in the U.S. generated 3.16 million tons of e-waste in 2008, of which only 13.6% was recycled. The rest went to landfills or incinerators. Hazardous materials used to make electronics include lead, cadmium, mercury, hexavalent chromium, PVC plastic, and brominated flame retardant. Why should you recycle electronic devices instead of just throwing these away? It helps to preserve our natural resources and keeps toxins out of the environment. E-Waste also contains valuable materials such as gold, silver, copper, steel, and plastic which can be recovered instead of thrown away.



How do I Get Rid of Household Hazardous and Electronic Waste?

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community is hosting household hazardous and electronic waste collection events for all Baraga County residents free of charge. The dates for this year's fall event **October 1st** from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm.

For more information contact the Natural Resources Department at 524-5757 extensions 14 or 20.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SAND POINT?

KBIC Natural Resource Department acquired funds from the U.S. EPA Great Lakes Restoration Initiative grant program for 35 acres of habitat restoration at the Sand Point stamp sand brownfield site.



Work will be completed during the next two years and has already started this summer. Improvements will be made by installing earthen mounds and boulders which will help break the wind, stabilize the soil cap, and create some topographical variation, creating microclimates and improving aesthetics. Native plantings will be completed at locations across the entire site using native grasses, shrubs, trees, and flowering plants. Species planted will benefit a variety of wildlife including songbirds, bees, butterflies, waterfowl, and small mammals. A number of garden plots will be installed near the southern portion of the site. These garden plots will be planted with a variety of native plant species by the KBIC Natural Resource Department using a combination of plants from our greenhouse and purchased native seeds. In addition to the plantings we are hoping to include interpretive signage and park benches as part of the project. Additional capping of stamp sands is also planned for this summer, in the area north of the lighthouse. This work should start in July. We appreciate your patience while work is being done; your patience will be rewarded by an even more beautiful area to enjoy the wonders of the Lake Superior shoreline. If you have any questions about the project, please contact the Natural Resource Department at (906) 524-5757.

**2011 KBIC FORESTRY
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE**

The KBIC Education Department announces the availability of the 2011 KBIC Forestry Scholarship applications. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community has a vital interest in the preservation of the land and forests on and near the reservation. The Tribal Council has approved two scholarships for college students pursuing Forestry degrees. The scholarship amount is \$2,500 twice a year for up to four years. Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- * Enrolled Tribal member;
- * Resident of Michigan, Wisconsin or Minnesota;
- * Attending an accredited college/university in Michigan, Wisconsin, or Minnesota;
- * Enrolled as a full-time student;
- * Pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Forestry documented by their college.

Eligible students must complete an application, submit an essay detailing their interest in their chosen field, and submit a copy of their official transcripts (high school or college).

For more information and to request an application, contact Amy St. Arnold, Education Director at 906-353-6623, ext. 4117, or at amy@KBIC-nsn.gov. The application deadline is August 1, 2011, at 4 p.m.

**2011 ANN MISEGAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE**

The KBIC Education Department announces the availability of the 2011 Ann Misenan Memorial Scholarship applications. The scholarship amount is \$1,000, twice a year for up to six years, and will be awarded to a new student each fall. Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- * Enrolled Tribal member;
- * Attending an accredited college/university;
- * Enrolled as a full-time student;
- * Pursuing a degree in a Health Care field;
- * Resident of Baraga or Marquette County.

Eligible students must complete an application, submit an essay detailing their interest in their chosen health field, and submit a copy of their official transcripts (high school or college).

For more information and to request an application, contact Amy St. Arnold, Education Director at 906-353-6623, ext. 4117, or at amy@KBIC-nsn.gov. The application deadline is August 1, 2011, at 4 p.m.

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



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 "We welcome each of you to our worship services, at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday."
 Pastor: Rev. John Henry
 Church office 524-7939
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 353-6565 saintann@up.net

OPEN HOUSE SLATED FOR AUGUST

Tribal member, Marilyn Abbott, does finishing touches on floral arrangements she designed and made for the new waiting area of the Donald A. LaPointe Health & Education Center. An Open House of the recently expanded facility is being scheduled for early August.

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Employment Opportunities
<http://www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/personnel.htm>

- * Secretary/Dispatcher — July 1, 2011
- * Pow Wow Jobs (Temporary) — July 8, 2011
- * Clinical Social Worker — open until filled
- * Family Aide (on-call) — open continuously

On Call positions:

- * Community Service Supervisor
- * Unit Manager
- * LPN
- * RN
- * Account Executive/Sales
- * Cashier
- * Receptionist/Clerical Worker
- * Pre-Primary Teaching Assistant
- * Youth Program & Facility Attendant

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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ATTENTION KBIC MEMBERS

The 2nd Reading of Proposed Limited Liability Code 2011-03 will be held on Saturday, July 9, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. during the Regular Tribal Council Meeting in the Ojibwa Casino Resort 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 Ordinance 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.

You're invited to the:

Margaret Ross Early Childhood and Family Education Center
 Open House & Dedication Ceremony

THE NEW LOCATION FOR KBIC PRE-PRIMARY PROGRAMS AND KBIC EVEN START

Wednesday, July 13th
 10:00 a.m. until Noon
 Across from KBOCC

Schedule of Events

- 10:00 a.m. Summercloud Drums
- 10:15 a.m. Building Dedication to Margaret Ross
- 10:30 a.m. Building Tour and Refreshments
- 11:00 a.m. Tribal Elders Panel Historical Discussion

Hot dogs and refreshments until noon

KBIC Even Start
 Is a Free program for Teen and Adult Parents, who need to complete their GED or diploma. Families send their children to an early childhood education program, while they study. Families also benefit from parenting education, and interactive learning with their children.

KBIC Pre-Primary Program
 Pre-primary program serves families with children who are between the ages of birth and five. Children who come to KBIC Pre-Primary benefit from developmental and literacy learning experiences, positive social and emotional interaction with other children and caring staff, and lots of opportunity to play!

Contact: Jody Maloney, Coordinator, 353-8161
 Contact: Lisa Denomie, Director, 353-KIDS

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