

# WIKWEDONG DAZHI-OJIBWE

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## FREDERICK DAKOTA PROCLAIMED "FATHER OF INDIAN CASINO GAMING"



Photo by Lauri Denomie.

Fred Dakota, Keweenaw Bay Tribal member and current Tribal Councilman, has been declared the "Father of Indian Casino Gaming." The United Tribes of Michigan, through Resolution #014 07-27-2011, honored Frederick Dakota for his contributions to the protections of tribal sovereignty and for his far sightedness in his pioneering work on establishing Indian Casino Gaming. The resolution proclaimed Frederick Dakota the "Father of Indian Casino Gaming" and was passed by The United Tribes of Michigan on July 27, 2011, unanimously. At its Saturday meeting, August 6, 2011, the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Council passed Resolution KB-1849-2011 where it also resolved that: The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community hereby proclaims Fred Dakota the "Father of

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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



## KBIC HOLDS 33RD ANNUAL KEWEENAW BAY MAAWANJI'DING

The KBIC 33rd Annual Maawaji'ding was held the weekend of July 22-24, 2011, at the Ojibwa Powwow Campgrounds in Baraga, Michigan. "Celebrating 75 Years of Recognition" was chosen for this year's theme. Records indicate 545 dancers registered and 20 drums, with admission sales totaling over 4500 for participants and spectators who enjoyed a beautiful weekend of song and dance at Keweenaw Bay. KBIC Tribal President Warren *Chris* Swartz, Jr., gave the welcome following Friday evening's grand entry. The Powwow Committee honored four of their elders this year: Albert W. Matthews, Elsie Marie Loonsfoot Matthews, Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, and Earl Otchingwanigan. Fifteen-year-old Savannah Seymour was crowned as Keweenaw Bay's Royalty for the 2011 term. Savannah is the daughter of Tammy and Michael Seymour of Marquette County.

LCO Badgers honored the Community as host drum, along with Young Kingbirds as co-host drum and two home drums – Four Thunders and Woodland Singers. KBIC member Donald Chosa, Sr. served as Head Veteran Dancer, Rodney Loonsfoot (KBIC) as Head Male Dancer, Veronica Adams (KBIC) as Head Female Dancer, Ethan Lee (KBIC) as Head Youth Male Dancer, and Sheila Halverson (KBIC) as Head Youth Female Dancer. Larry Smallwood and Eric Awonohopay served as emcees. Brian Moore served as Arena Director and was assisted by the Assistant Arena Director, Robert Rajacic (KBIC). Donald Stolp (KBIC) served as Head Firekeeper. Cultural teachings were delivered by Karen Drift. Summer Rosebear (age 13) of Circle Pines, MN, won the junior fry bread championship, and Levi Rosebear, Circle Pines, MN, won the adult division fry bread championship.

On Saturday, the "Kingbird Kid's," Cherish (age 7) and Mark (age 10) Kingbird of Red Lake, MN, a brother/sister team took first place in the youth two-step competition. First place for the adult two-step competition went to team "Hot Sauce," consisting of dancers Paul Smith



Photo by Lauri Denomie.

Newly crowned Miss Keweenaw Bay 2011, Savannah Seymour, with her mother, Tammy Seymour.



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Head Veteran, Donald Chosa, Sr., leads the KBIC Honor Guard in Friday evening's Grand Entry.



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Vice-Chairman of the Powwow Committee, Elvera Lantz, presents Fry Bread Awards to (left) youth winner, Summer Rosebear and (right) adult winner, Levi Rosebear.

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- August 6, 2011 Tribal Council Meeting
- Frederick Dakota named Father of Indian Casino Gaming
- 33rd Maawaji'ding
- Heritage Celebration held
- KBIC hosts Don Burnstick
- Kellie Pickler visits KBIC
- Update—Mining Activities on Reservation and the U.P.
- Deepest Sympathy



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Head Dancers, (l to r) Veronica Adams, Shelia Halverson, Rodney Loonsfoot, and Ethan Lee.



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Community shows their support for the family of KBIC's Fallen Soldier, Robert L. Voakes, Jr. during an honor song.

## AUGUST 6, 2011 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on August 6, 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 three); Secretary Susan J. LaFernier gave the Secretary's Report (page four); Treasurer Eddy Edwards gave the Treasurer's Report (page two), and President Warren C. Swartz, Jr. read the CEO's report on behalf of Larry Denomie, III, CEO (page five). Council passed the Department Head Reports for June 2011.

**Motion by William E. Emery to approve Resolution KB-1849-2011 to honor Fred Dakota as the "Father of Indian Casino Gaming," supported by Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., nine supported (Emery, S. LaFernier, Minton, Edwards, Curtis, M. LaFernier, Matthews, Mayo, Welsh), 0 opposed, one abstained (Dakota), one absent (Loonsfoot), motion carried.** (See related article on page one.)

President Warren C. Swartz, Jr. presented the United Tribes of Michigan's Resolution #014 07-27-2011 as an item of information. (See related article on page one.)

Eddy Edwards, Treasurer, presented donation requests for August 2011 to the Council for their consideration. **Motion by Eddy Edwards to approve \$1,000 for the Bay Cliff Health Camp; \$1,000 for the Michigan House Democratic Fund; \$500 for Madeline Island Anishinaabeg Gathering (food donation); \$1,000 for Gwinn Lions to help purchase digital cameras for sight screening across the U.P.; and \$1,000 for the MTU Parade of Nations; for a total of \$4,500, supported by Susan J. LaFernier, ten in favor (Emery, S. LaFernier, Minton, Edwards, Curtis, Dakota, M. LaFernier, Matthews, Mayo, Welsh) 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Loonsfoot), motion carried.**

Eddy Edwards brought forward a discussion on the Transfer Station bids. Consensus of the Council was to not post the job for bids and to conduct the construction as an in-house project.

Council adjourned with no further actions.

~ submitted by Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor

### **Father of Indian Casino Gaming continues:**

Indian Casino Gaming."

The United Tribes of Michigan's resolution indicates that in 1974 the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) adopted its first federally approved Tribal Code. KBIC was an impoverished Indian Tribe located on the shores of Lake Superior in Baraga County, Michigan. Helene Welsh, a forward thinking Council woman, insisted that this new Tribal Code included broad language authorizing the Tribal Council to license casino style gaming establishments. In 1983, Fred Dakota secured a casino license from the KBIC Tribal Council authorizing him to open the first full-scale casino in Indian Country; a casino that offered blackjack, poker, pull-tabs, and eventually video gaming. Subsequently, the Bay Mills Indian (2) Niizh

Community opened the first tribally owned casino in the entire country; a move that was followed by the opening of over 440 Indian gaming operations by 237 tribes across Indian County. In 2008, Indian gaming generated revenues in excess of \$26.8 billion. These gaming facilities are operated pursuant to minimum internal control standards and are protected by the most sophisticated high-tech security systems. Indian casino gaming has come a long way since it began in Fred Dakota's garage in the community known as Zeba, near L'Anse, Michigan, located on the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community reservation 28 years ago.

The KBIC resolution further stated, the success of Indian gaming has raised the standard of living for tribal members and non-Indian residents of Baraga and Marquette Counties bringing millions of dollars in revenue to stimulate the local economy; maintain and expand governmental programs; repurchase lands within the reservation boundaries; and develop the infrastructure of the reservation which includes roads, bridges, and natural gas lines. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community is a vital, integrated part of the economic, social, and political communities in and surrounding Baraga and Marquette Counties of Michigan and is one of the largest employers in the Western Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

"I'm really honored," Fred Dakota said. "As you know it's gone from Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's little Village of Zeba throughout the United States and not only for Indian tribes, but also for other government agencies, the states are now getting into it.

It all dates back to this little community here that had the guts to go ahead with it, and it all goes back to a lady by the name of Helene Welsh," Dakota continued. "When we were doing our Bingo Code which we had to have in order to start Bingo on this reservation, she had the foresight to say, 'Mr. Chairman...Fred, why don't we do a casino gaming code also while we are doing this? Shouldn't we spend some time doing that?' I didn't have the foresight at that time, but I was going to appease her anyway because she was my elder, and I had a lot of respect for her. Really that is how it started. We passed that and sent it to the Bureau. Then there came a time when I had five children to feed, and no way of feeding them, unemployment had run out. I went back and asked the council, 'Do you suppose I could get one of those gaming casino licenses?' They granted me that license, and little did I know how far it would go, but I'll tell you it was one scary hell of a trip.

This says a lot for our community," Dakota went on, "not just me; I just had to feed my family. I also had the help of a local banker. I went to see if I could borrow some money as we had run out of money to finish building. I was able to get \$10,000 from the Superior National Bank, from a banker named Dan Lazzari. I took him for a ride out to Zeba, to the garage, and showed him what we were trying to do. He didn't give me an answer and said he'd see what he could do. A few days later he gave me a personal loan for \$10,000 to finish this and get started. So there are a lot of people who can take credit for what this tribe did. Who else would do that?" Dakota questioned. "Mr. Lazzari did that for me and the tribe. I am really happy it has done so well for all the Indians in this country. It just goes to show you what it is to recognize that you have treaties with this United States government, and they do mean something. Just recently the UN has convinced the United States of America to honor the treaties; I would say that is what they are going to do or what they're supposed to do for indigenous people. They change with every administration, and every administration

makes changes, and we always lose something, and that is not right," Dakota paused.

"We have to bring ourselves up to a level that says who we are, and you must honor your agreements. You can't say it too many times, but you also have to bring it to the rest of the Indian people in this country. Keep your chin up, keep fighting, don't let them do this to you because you will be nothing more than a minority in this country, and we are much more than a minority; we are the original inhabitants, the indigenous people."

~ submitted by Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor

### **JULY 2011 TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

Today, I will give an update on the performance of our casinos as compared to last year and as compared with this year's budgeted goals.

As of the end of the third quarter, ending June 30, 2011, our casinos have performed as follows: Baraga casino's house profit was down \$236k. Our Marquette casino's house profit was up \$486k compared to last year.

Compared to the budgeted goals for the year, the Baraga casino's house profit is down only \$50K. The Marquette casino's house profit is ahead of budget by \$600k. Some of Marquette's additional profit is coming from increased cigarette sales.

Speaking of cigarette sales, both the Pines and our casinos showed increased sales compared to last year. We have August and September sales to tally before coming up with final figures on our gross profit on cigarettes. The gross profit goes toward Christmas checks for members residing in Baraga and Marquette County as of the end of the fiscal year. In addition, I found out that the new roll your own cigarette machines we bought are under a Court Injunction where new owners are required to put \$20 in an escrow account for every 200 cigarettes rolled until the case is resolved in Court this winter.

In regards to our balances for our cash and investments, I was unable to obtain the latest schedule in time for this meeting. I hope to report on the state of our cash and investments at next month's meeting.

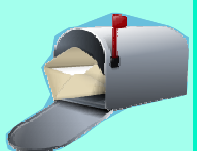
In regards to our weatherization program, our grant revenue from the Department of Health and Human Services for our low income heating energy assistance program (also known as 'LIHEAP') took a major hit in that a quarter million dollars in predicted grant revenue that was budgeted for the weatherization program did not materialize. Instead of performing weatherization on up to 45 tribal member owned homes, we might be able to weatherize up to 18 homes. We also only have until the end of the fiscal year to spend that grant. Our staff is working to complete the task.

Later on in the agenda, we will be addressing donation requests submitted to Tribal Council.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eddy Edwards, Treasurer

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2011

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

- I called the Indian Gaming office and spoke to Paula Hart regarding the community's 2-part application for the casino in Negaunee, specifically addressing the 10-25 mile radius requiring consultation. I informed her about our 2-part application that was filed in 2006, and the Midwest region sent out consultation letters to all municipalities within a 10 mile radius. I told her we shouldn't be required to comply with the 25 mile requirement because we've already complied with the ten mile requirement. Additionally, we had consultation in Minnesota, and we and the Midwest region recalled that we wouldn't have to comply with the 25 mile radius. Paula Hart from the gaming office told us that we should comply with the 25 mile directive because it could be difficult to give the community an exception to the radius requirement. She also stated we only had to get consultation from the local units of government between the 10-25 mile radiuses and wouldn't have to get new ones. We asked her to define the "within" 25 mile radius as there are municipalities not wholly within the 25 mile radius. She deferred us to the regional office for clarification. We are in the process of conducting consultation with the municipalities within the 25 mile radius.
- I attended a meeting of the OHA Board of Directors. At the meeting, I asked to be placed on the agenda to request monthly financial statements. After discussion, a motion was made to disperse monthly financial statements to the KBIC council chairman, relating to the businesses of the Ojibwa Housing Authority. I also asked for approved minutes of the Board and a packet of information for each OHA Board of Directors meetings. A number of other items were on the agenda including quotes for an addition to the plumbing shop and a few market rate opportunities. Apparently, they had four different people ask if OHA would be interested in purchasing their homes through their market rate program. The Executive Director reported that they had \$529,184.65 left in competitive stimulus grant funds to use in the Beartown Development for new home construction. They are using those funds for a new house on lot #41 for Diane Charron, lot #28 for Dan and Beth Connor, and a house on an unnamed site for Donald Stolp. The Ojibwa BP has been busy renting boats and jet skis this summer. Unfortunately, it was reported that a renter caused damage to one of the jet skis. It was reported that Tyler Tolonen, supposedly
- drove it directly into someone's pontoon boat on purpose and caused a physical injury to a person on the boat.
- OHA requested to release their performance bond, in the form of a letter of credit that used two CDs in the amount of \$312,000 on the health center job. All work has been completed and the performance bond was released.
- On January 8, 2011, Treasurer Edwards wanted the CEO's office reviewed and made a motion to have the Tribal President oversee the review. The Tribal President conducted the review for the period starting January 2011, and ending on July 2011. I concluded the review and stated: The CEO *accomplishes considerably more than required or expected*. He frequently demonstrates the ability to integrate a variety of skills to effectively solve problems and carry out duties, responsibilities and objectives beyond the expectations of the position. His performance is consistent with the behavior associated with the selected critical performance factors. He adds value to the organization beyond what is expected and is one of the key contributors within the organization.
- I attended the 33<sup>rd</sup> annual Powwow. We recognized Spc. Robert L. Voakes, Jr. The Tribal Council donated 250 pins and 250 Pine's gas cards. The powwow was a huge success again this year, and Chi Miigwech to all those who contributed their time and effort.
- I was interviewed by WCUP where I spoke of the status of the Casino, gas station, Zeba Hall, sex offender laws on the reservation, mining, economic development, and the 33<sup>rd</sup> annual Maawanjiding.
- I attended a Tribal/State Summit and met with Governor Snyder. I had an opportunity to discuss with the governor the impacts of Indian gaming on the L'Anse Indian Reservation. I informed him of the positive impacts gaming has on our local economy; not only does it provide jobs for the tribal members but also jobs for the non-Indian as well. I asked the governor to send up personnel from his office to help provide some economic stimuli for Baraga County. After all, Baraga County consistently has the highest unemployment rate in the State of Michigan.
- I accepted a letter of resignation from the Executive Director of the Gaming Commission, Dale Shalfoe. He accepted the offer to serve as the Assistant General Manager of the Ojibwa Resort and Casino. The President took over the duties as interim-Executive Director of the Gaming Commission.
- I attended a bi-monthly department head staff meeting.
- Sierra Ayres and Savannah Dakota from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community attended a week-long leadership conference in Santa Fe, N.M. The National Intertribal Youth Summit gave the students the opportunity to engage with other American Indian and Alaska Native youth targeting leadership development and critical youth issues such as health relationships and lifestyles, education, substance and alcohol abuse, cultural preservation, community development, and protecting the environment. The summit also provided an opportunity for the Obama administration officials to hear directly from youth in Indian Country.
- On July 19, 2011, Wells Fargo along with Mass Mutual met with the KBIC Retirement Plan Committee for their bi-annual review of the Pension Plan and 401K. Updates were given on the Economy; Investment Management; Education; and risk/return and benefits of a fully diversified portfolio; administrative updates; and on-going due diligence for the Plans. Both Groups were happy to report a reduction in their fees starting in 2011. Mass Mutual reported that the Guarantee Fund within the 401K is at 3% for money market rate, which is very appealing to the participants. New changes to the Plans were discussed along with the added loan feature in the 401K, which is also being utilized.
- I attended a United Tribes of Michigan meeting. On the agenda was a Legal Update on Mining from Godfrey & Kahn, Cyber Security from the Homeland Security Administration, Tribal Health Issues from Cathy Abramson, and a discussion regarding the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver.
- A resolution was passed relating to contributions Fred Dakota made to Indian Gaming in Indian Country. He was named the "Father of Indian Casino Gaming."
- The Community received an apology from Mary-Anne Tribble, Senior Policy Analyst from the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) for an oversight on the part of the MDCH. Apparently there was a "Kickoff" of the Michigan Health Insurance Exchange associated with President Obama's Health Care Reform. The persons responsible for planning and developing a work group for the Health Insurance Exchange neglected to inform or invite the leaders of the Native American Tribes of Michigan to participate in the meeting.

This concludes my report.

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

### Decorative License Plate available for our Tribal Member Veterans

Veterans who don't live on the Reservation have been looking for a License Plate since the first Veteran plate was issued. The Motor Vehicle Department listened to their request and worked with the KBIC Veterans group to design a plate. That design was brought to the Tribal Council, and they approved it on May 19, 2011. The new plate is a Decorative License Plate and is to be displayed on the front of the vehicle.

To get a decorative plate, our Tribal Member Veterans must complete an application, submit a copy of their DD214 or their discharge papers, and pay \$10.00 to cover the cost of the plate. The application is available from the Motor Vehicle Department and will soon be available on the Tribe's

website. If Veterans have any questions, they may contact the Motor Vehicle office at (906) 353-4114.



**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!**

The Porcupine Mt. Folk School is presenting Copper Bowl Making With Ed Gray. American Indians living in the U.P. discovered outcroppings of a very pure form of copper; the most pure in the world. They forged tools from the copper to fit their life needs. This Ed Gray workshop will follow the same ancient methods. Workshop participants will form a copper bowl by using primitive tools. The copper bowl will be annealed by fire until the forming process is completed. The bowl can then be embellished with beads, and/or found objects. The copper bowl will be about 6 inches in diameter. Cost of class is \$65 plus \$30 for materials. The Class will take place Saturday, September 17th at 9 AM – 3 PM at the Porcupine Mt Folk School. Bring a bag lunch for the ½ hour break. In case of rain, bring rain gear. PRE- REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED: Call Beth at 884-4188.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2011

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

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

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

The annual Heritage Celebration 2011 will be held in Calumet on August 15-20, 2011, which celebrates the history of the people of the Keweenaw. This year the Ojibwa people will be celebrated and honored. During the celebration week there will be a presentation on Tribal History (our Constitution's 75th Anniversary, our 40th Anniversary of the Tribal Center, and our Radio Station's 10th anniversary), storytelling, Ojibwa music, KBIC Dance Troupe, drumming, fry bread workshop, and a Nishnaabemwin language immersion presentation. We hope that our entire Council will be able to be together for the Heritage parade on Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. and then be able to visit at Agassiz Park for an afternoon of fun, food, music, vendors, games, and horse drawn guided tours. Come to the events all week, come to the parade, or come all day on Saturday. See the schedule and posters.

On July 13th, I attended the "Margaret Ross Early Childhood and Family Education Center" Open House and Dedication Ceremony where the KBIC Pre-Primary and Even Start programs are housed. Many attended and toured the beautiful new building.

On July 15th, there were many volunteers (summer youth program included) that helped clean our shorelines and beaches. I cleaned from the marina campground to the Pines Convenience Store and was amazed that the shoreline was pretty clean. Much litter was picked up by everyone around the bay. Thanks to everyone (our Natural Resource Department coordinated the event) who participated for recognition of Lake Superior Day—July 17th. Also the Council passed Resolution KB 1846-2011 presented by the Natural Resources Department to commit to purchasing policies and procedures that consider the environmental effect and impact of purchases that can protect the environment and promote the long-term health and welfare of the Tribe and Tribal employees. This information was also presented at the Department Head meeting held on July 12th. I also attended the annual Ceridian EAP (Employee Assistance Program) participation report review conference call, the Health Board meeting on July 13th, and the Weed & Seed meeting on July 20th. The Comprehensive Plan document will soon be ready for review and updates by the department heads and then the Community as we are planning to have draft copies available at the two Constitutional Convention meetings on August 17th and 31st for comments.

Our KBIC Beartown Firefighters have finished clearing, cutting, and burning the dead trees at the Pinery Cemetery. Thank you to all for the hard work. Also thank you to our Natural Resources Department summer youth workers for stacking the wood on the side of the road at the Pinery for the Powwow, and they also did more leaf raking/cleaning.

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 and begin positive lifestyle changes that will help us live longer, healthier, happier lives. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual WHIPP Task Force Employee "Walk your Way to Wellness" Challenge be-

gan on May 16<sup>th</sup>, and will continue until August 7<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to all who completed the "Tribe to Tribe Walking Challenge." Keweenaw Bay took 2nd place and walked over 30,122 miles and averaged 11,000 steps per person per day! Keep up the good work and stay active. The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe took 1st place, Huron Potawatomi 3rd, Bay Mills 4th, and Grand Traverse 5th.

Once again the Annual KBIC Powwow was a great success and many thanks to all who made this weekend wonderful. There is much hard work involved, and our Community appreciates and looks forward to this event every year.

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 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."

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, our economic struggles, and all who have lost loved ones. Let us continue to be thankful for our beautiful area, and we pray for peace in the world, good health, and happiness.

During July 2011, the Tribal Council held one Regular Tribal Council Meeting on July 9, 2011. This meeting is covered in the August 2011 Newsletter. Tribal Council held four Special Council Meetings. Following are the unapproved motions from July.

At a council meeting held July 7, 2011, the following actions were taken:

- Approved to cancel the youth Milwaukee trip until the youth policies and procedures are updated for travel;
- Motion to approve the Four Thunders Drum services agreement to provide educational services regarding drum construction, handling, and care for four sessions by July 19th;
- Approved to not proceed on litigating the Pinery Fire.

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

- Approved the December 9, and 11, 2010 meeting minutes;
- Motion to offer the Baraga Casino Assistant General Manager position to Dale Shalfoe at \$65,000 - no support;
- Approved to offer the Baraga Casino Assistant General Manager position to Dale Shalfoe at \$57,500;
- Approved the Kellie Pickler concert agreement with Creative Artists Agency;
- Approved the Horizon Environmental Corporation services agreement for data validation and assessment services for \$4,800 (Natural Resources Department);
- Approved the professional services agreement with Ronald Demaray/Dorsey & Whitney, LLP, or the Community's contract support costs funding research, analysis, and expert testimony if needed;
- Approved the purchase of (2) two RYO (Roll Your Own) cigarette machines at \$32,500 each;
- Approved a donation request from the Baraga County Community Foundation for two teams at \$180 and a one-hole sponsor at \$200 for the Tony Selkey Memorial three-man golf scramble on

August 12th;

- Approved Resolution KB1846-2011 Environmentally (Respectful) Preferable Purchasing Policies Program;
- Approved the renewal business license for Stacey Koski as "Koski's World of Wheels."

At a council meeting held July 21, 2011, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the December 16, 2010, and January 6, and 8, 2011 meeting minutes;
- Approved the KBIC Youth Program Chaperone Policy with the changes;
- Approved Aecom Technical Services of MI, Inc. to do an asbestos and lead based paint survey for \$3,000 on the former Los Tres Amigos Restaurant property in Marquette;
- Approved to move forward in conducting a community survey for a charter school;
- Approved Resolution KB1848-2011 Shirley A. Zasadnyj residential lease hold interest sale to David B. and Lisa A. Zasadnyj;
- Approved Resolution KB1844-2011 Department of Interior Road Maintenance Contract for \$15,000 for three years 2011-2014;
- Approved the M.O.A. BE-11-G35 with the Indian Health Service for on-site wastewater management for homes;
- Approved to table the Pressbox ceiling tile replacement bids for two weeks;
- Approved to table the OVW (Office of Violence against Women) organizational structure topic until Council receives the information;
- Motion was defeated to overturn the CEO's decision regarding Case #004-11 (Government appeal of dismissal).

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

- Approved the January 14, and 20, 2011 meeting minutes;
- Approved the Sand Point layout as presented;
- Approved the caterpillar excavator (repair) parts from Fabco for \$11,267.09 and the labor costs from J & H Welding for \$750 for a total of \$12,017.09 (for the Public Works Department);
- Approved our 50 acres of wetlands at the end of Usimaki Road for non-development and to use the grant dollars (from the Fish & Wildlife Service grant);
- Approved the Personnel Policy 3.6 amendment regarding KBIC Background Investigations Policy for employees, volunteers, and others subject to the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act;
- Approved to transfer the OVW (Office of Violence against Women) Program from D.H.H.S. and make it a department (OVW Programs and Services Department) and approve the organizational structure; promote Sylvia Murray as the Programs and Services Team Lead, change her to a Grade 13 at \$27.00 and adjust the job description;
- Approved the proposal by Aecom to complete an asbestos and lead based paint survey on the former Los Tres Amigos Restaurant (property in Marquette).

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan J. LaFernier, Secretary



## CEO REPORT FOR THE MONTHS OF JUNE/JULY 2011

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

- On June 6<sup>th</sup> through the 9<sup>th</sup>, I attended the USDA Commodity Food Program Annual Conference in Tulsa, OK. The conference provided good information for ways to improve our program. We will be seeking grant funds to improve the structures as well as inventory control features. During tours of facilities of the Cherokee Nation, we were able to see automated systems in action and how they could improve our distribution setup.
- Staff continues to meet and work on moving the new gas station in Marquette forward. The environmental assessment portion of the application for Land to Trust is the next step in the process. Once complete, an RFP (request for proposals) for demolition of the former Los 3 Amigos building will take place. We also continue to work on design elements and site layout.
- The Rite Track program which will be a Tribal wide system is encountering some issues. The enrollment department has features which exist in their current system they use but are not working in the new one. IT is working with the programmers to facilitate the development of the program. It was hoped that the new system would be operational at this time, but the problems are causing delays. Our office is aiding in moving the issues forward.
- The Department of Public Works has located their offices at the Tribes Industrial Park. The economic development offices have moved to the Planning and Development offices located on U.S. 41.
- On the 20<sup>th</sup>, Amy St. Arnold, Education Director, Susan LaFernier, and President Swartz met with Tom Miller, Superintendent of the Hannahville School. The meeting was in regard to our intent to conduct a survey of the community regarding a Tribal school. The information will be shared with Council to see what direction they would like to take.
- Employees will soon be receiving a notice in their paychecks regarding SORNA (Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act). With the Tribe taking over the registration of sex offenders within the reservation, notices regarding compliance with our law need to be issued. Public notices will also be put out in the coming weeks.
- Dave Firestone has been hired as the Elderly Nutrition Director. He is taking the position which was held by Philly Ekdahl who has retired. Dave began working on June 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Plans are being developed for the governmental employee picnic. The event will take place at the L'Anse Golf Course again this year on August 5<sup>th</sup>. Council has graciously allowed governmental offices to close on the 5<sup>th</sup>, for the event which will begin at 9 a.m.
- On the 28<sup>th</sup>, our IT Dept. organized a

demonstration of a VOIP telephone system. The system is computer based and provides a wide array of capabilities which would enhance and streamline operations. We were quite impressed with the system which has the potential of paying for itself in a short period of time. Once we have all of the information needed, a presentation will be made to Council for consideration.

- On the 29<sup>th</sup>, I participated in a meeting hosted by our Natural Resources Dept. The meeting was held to introduce the concept of moving toward environmentally friendly purchasing practices. This would include purchases of cleaning products, furniture, office supplies, disposable products, etc. A formal resolution will be presented to Council for consideration.

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

- The FY12 Budget processing is upon us. The budget work group met and has developed a schedule for the coming months. Both the enterprise and governmental budgets for next fiscal year will be compiled and ready for Council review beginning September 6<sup>th</sup>.
- On the 13<sup>th</sup>, an open house was held for the new Margret Ross Early Child and Family Education Center. Family members of the late Margret Ross along with Council members, Tribal employees, and participants in the Pre-primary and Even Start programs were in attendance. A tour of the new state of the art facility was provided as well as a light lunch.
- We continue to meet on finalizing the draft form of the Tribes Strategic Plan which will be sent to department heads for final input prior to being presented to the community. The tentative plan is to present the document to the community at the August 31<sup>st</sup> Constitutional Convention meeting which is open to all Tribal members. Final approval of the plan will be sought of Council in September.
- Dale Shalifoe has accepted the new position of Assistant General Manager of the Ojibwa Casino Resort. Dale's former position of Executive Director of the Gaming Commission will be posted for eligible applicants to apply. Dale will begin his new role on August 1<sup>st</sup>. The new position was developed as part of the agreement with the current General Manager of the OCR, Robert Mudd, who will train Dale as his replacement approximately one year from now.
- On the 14<sup>th</sup>, Council approved the purchase of two Roll Your Own tobacco machines. Customers will insert raw tobacco into the machines which will put the tobacco into the filter tube and dispense completed cigarettes. The machines will provide a less expense means for customers to purchase cigarettes. Locations for the machines are being developed and will be announced

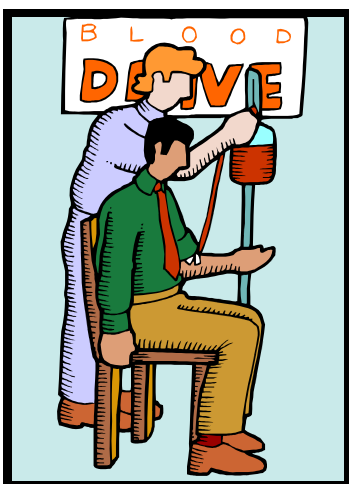
soon.

- The bi-monthly department head meeting was held on the 19<sup>th</sup>. One item of note from the meeting relates to the Tribes Employee Assistance Program which is offered through Ceridian Corp. A conference call with Ceridian indicated that the program provides much more information than is being utilized. During our upcoming meetings we will host mini trainings using some of the tools that are available on the Life Works site of the program. The services of the EAP are available to all employees and their families.
- On the 21<sup>st</sup>, information gathered from the prior months meeting with Tom Miller regarding a Tribal school was shared with Council. Council has directed staff to move forward with conducting a reservation wide survey to gain input from the community prior to making any formal decisions. Staff will be working with Tom to develop a survey which will be conducted door to door instead of mailing one to get a better response percentage.
- The Tribe's Tribal Historic Preservation Office has two vacancies which will be posted and filled in the near future. Until the THPO Coordinator position is filled, Chris Chosa will serve in an interim capacity through a temporary appointment.
- On the 26<sup>th</sup>, our office met with staff of the USDA's Food Distribution Programs on Indian Reservations staff. They are conducting a review of the program as a normal course of accepting funds. Darren Webb, who administers the program will be meeting with them throughout the week they are here. A formal report will be provided to the Tribe in the coming weeks. During our initial meeting it was shared that additional funds are available yet this year of which plans are being developed to access them.
- On the 28<sup>th</sup>, Council approved the final layout for the roadway at Sand Point. The new layout will provide staff with the ability to further design the property to accommodate future plans for individual camp sites and related infrastructure. The road is planned to be moved according to the layout and paved later this year.
- In a final note, Council approved reorganizing the Office of Violence against Women department. The department was directly reporting to Carole La-Pointe, Health Director, but after consideration, review, and recommendation from Carole and staff, it has been placed under the direct direction of the CEO's office. The change will not affect the programs and services offered.

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.

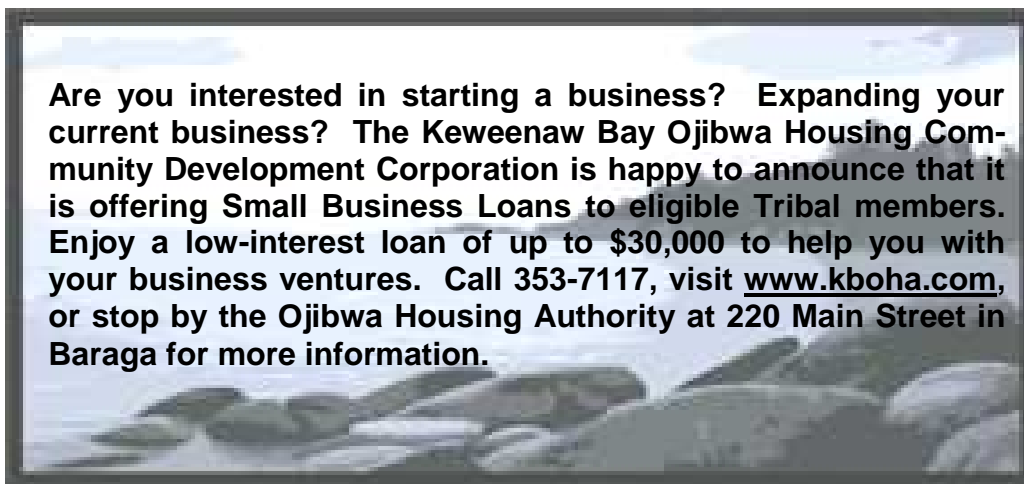
Respectfully submitted,

Larry J. Denomie, III, CEO



### NOTICE:

There will be a blood drive on Thursday, Sept. 22, 2011, co-sponsored by the KBIC Health Dept., WHIPP Taskforce, and the UP Blood Center. Registration is required, if people are interested in donating or have any questions should contact Heather Wood-Paquet, Health Promotions Educator, at 353-4546.



**33rd Annual Maawanji'iding continues:**



Photo by Lauri Denomie.

Honored elders: Albert W. Matthews, Elsie Marie Loonsfoot Matthews, Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, and Earl Otchingwanigan, shown above with head dancers.



Photo by Lauri Denomie.

Cherish and Mark Kingbird of Red Lake, MN, "Kingbird Kid's" a brother/sister team took first place in the youth two-step competition.



Photo by Lauri Denomie.

Paul Smith (KBIC) and Sarah Hindsley (Wisconsin) "Hot Sauce" were the crowd's favorite, taking first place in the adult two-step competition.

from my people, my heart has always been back home with you. All of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community has a special place in my heart as well as my family's. My family loves their heritage and where they came from. May the rainbows always run up the Silver and Ravine rivers."

**Elsie Marie Loonsfoot Matthews**

Elsie is 72 years old. She was born 02/24/1939. Elsie first met Al in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade, but wasn't interested until 5-6 years later. They were married on March 3, 1958. Her first job was a mother to five children in six years. Elsie went back to school and became a dental assistant. She has worked for the Oneida, Lac Court Orielles, and Potawatomi Tribes at their clinics. She has worked in oral surgery in Green Bay. She is now retired and enjoys gardening, volunteering for the local rescue auxiliary, sewing, and spending time with her grandkids.

**Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews**

Elizabeth is 72 years old, was born in Zeba, MI, and has lived there the majority of her life. Her Native name is Spirit Of Woman. Her mother and father were Charollete Blaker and George Matthews, and she comes from a family of nine. Chiz has five children: Mike, Mark, Loring, Lori Ann, and Elizabeth; eleven grandchildren; and three great grandchildren. Chiz will have served on the Tribal Council for ten years this coming January. She is currently a member of the Cultural Committee and the Elder's Advisory Board, and she has been taking language classes for the past two years. In the past, she has served on the Child Welfare Committee and on the Education Committee for 19 years. Chiz states, "In my free time, what is most important to me is spending time with my family and friends, and I like to garden. I am greatly appreciative of being honored at this year's powwow."

**HERITAGE CELEBRATION HELD — CALUMET, MI**



Photo by Lauri Denomie.

An annual Heritage Celebration is held in Calumet, Michigan. *We Celebrate the Ojibwa* was held August 15-20, 2011. Monday evening, August 15th, began with a Flag Song by Eric Awonohopay as the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Veterans Honor Guard presented the colors at the Keweenaw Heritage Center in Calumet, Michigan, with the beginning of the week's festivities. President Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. presented the Heritage Center with the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Flag to display proudly in their building. A storytelling session followed beginning with Doreen Blaker, a KBIC Cultural Committee member, presenting the Great Migration Story up to 1800. Susan J. LaFernier, Tribal Council Secretary, presented Tribal History from the 1800's to present, and Fred Dakota, *Father of Indian Casino Gaming* and a Tribal Council member, presented the gaming history as it began on the Keweenaw Bay Indian Reservation. A beautiful musical duet was sung by the talented Nicole Eagle and E Halverson. The evening concluded with an Honor Song by Eric Awonohopay.



Photo by Lauri Denomie.

Nicole Eagle and E Halverson performed a duet, which E wrote, "Me."



Photo by Lauri Denomie.

Dale Dakota drives Fred Dakota, Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr., and Elizabeth "Popcorn" Mayo.



Photo by Lauri Denomie.

Savannah Seymour, Miss Keweenaw Bay 2011.



Photo by Lauri Denomie.

Parade participants, Shirley McKasy, Nancy Shalfoe, and John and Carol Jacker.

On Wednesday evening, August 17th, the *Summer Cloud* Drum Group provided songs for a dance presentation by the *KBIC Dance Troupe*.

On Saturday, August 19th, the day's festivities began with the Copper Country Heritage Parade which featured the KBIC Tribal Council, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Veterans Honor Guard, KBIC Dance Troupe, and Miss Keweenaw Bay. *Summer Cloud* Drum and the *KBIC Dance Troupe* presented exhibition dancing in the Agassiz Park following the parade.



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**33rd Annual Maawanji'iding continues:**

Earl Otchingwanigan

Earl Otchingwanigan is an enrolled member of the L'Anse Keweenaw Bay Tribe, KBIC, of Lake Superior. He has dual descendancy with Keweenaw Bay, Lac Courte Orielles, and the historical Gaa-namegosikaag Band of Ojibwe [Chicaugon Lake, Michigan]. Earl, a first speaker, grew up in the language and is a life-long carrier of cultural arts and crafts including building full size birch bark canoes, wigwams, birch bark basketry, cradleboards, and carving wood spoons. Earl's parents were hunting and fishing guides from the 1930's through the mid-1950's, giving him an added education of hunting, fishing, and trapping. This experience also gave Earl the first-hand knowledge of knowing the Ojibwe names for nearly all of the rivers, streams, and lakes in the Iron County area.

Earl is a Professor Emeritus of Ojibwe Language, Minnesota State University at Bemidji, serving 1971-2000. He was the Master of Ceremonies of Ojibwe Powwows at Chicaugon Lake, Michigan, 1975-1990. Earl is the co-founder of the Ojibwe Heritage Council of Iron County, Michigan. He was a consultant and participant for the Smithsonian Institution FolkLife Programs, Washington D.C. and the Museum of the American Indian, Washington, D.C. and New York City, 1975 - 2004. He was a consultant and participant for Minnesota DNR Parks Program at Itasca State Park and Bemidji State Park, serving 1976 - 2001. Earl was a film participant in Jacques Cousteau's documentary mini-series for television entitled the "Mississippi River" 1980. Earl has been a twice recipient of Minnesota Outstanding Native Teacher Award in 1986 and 1989. In 1996, he received the Minnesota Outstanding Book Award for co-author of "Concise Dictionary of Minnesota Ojibwe." He received the Golden Eagle Award for best documentary film in 1999, entitled "Earl's Canoe" a Smithsonian Institution Folk Life Series film. Earl was featured in a Northern Michigan University/Hannahville Indian School cooperative documentary entitled "Earl's Wigwam" in 2005. He received the State of Michigan Lifetime Heritage Award for cultural contributions presented at Michigan State University, Lansing, Michigan, in 2007.

Earl has been an invited lecturer/presenter at numerous universities and colleges including Harvard University, Northwestern University, University of Minnesota, University of Wisconsin, Lakehead University [Thunder Bay, Ontario], Michigan State University, Northern Michigan University, Nicolle Junior College, Itasca Junior College, and numerous elementary and high schools. He has presented many cultural talks/programs/contributions at museums including the Museum of the American Indian in New York, Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center, Mount Horeb Folk Museum, Ziibiwing Center of Anishinaabe Culture and Lifeways, and at the Smithsonian Folk Life Festival Series in Washington, D.C.

The Otchingwanigan family, Earl, Christie, and Keenan created and built the Ojibwe displays for the new Marquette Regional History Museum in 2010. Earl is the founder of Oshkaabewis, originally a newspaper, which is now continuing as Oshkaabewis Native Journal, a series in book-form of Ojibwe language articles and stories.

**KBIC Tribal Outpatient Substance Abuse presents, Don Burnstick, "Laughter is Good Medicine"**

KBIC Tribal Outpatient Substance Abuse Program sponsored with the help of Ojibwa Housing Authority, KBIC Youth Program, KBIC Pow-wow Committee, and KBIC Tribal Court, a week of Don Burnstick for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. Youth workshops were held throughout the week with two evening comedy shows, Wednesday evening's family night and Thursday evening's adult night.



Comedian Don Burnstick. Photo compliments of Stanley Spruce.

Burnstick, a Cree Canadian Indian, is famous for his comedic performance, that humorously portrays First Nations people, their habits, likes and dislikes. Burnstick visited KBIC during the week of their Pow-wow, July 18-22nd.

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**Call 906-227-1397 for more information or to register.**

**Register by 5 p.m. ET**  
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All are welcome to attend this free program. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. ET  
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The 15th annual U.P. Indian Education Conference is presented by:  
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 the NMU School of Education; the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community; and  
 the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians' STAY Project.\*

For more information about this conference or the STAY project, visit the websites below.  
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[www.nmu.edu/nativeamericans](http://www.nmu.edu/nativeamericans)

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**KBIC Even Start Family Learning Center**

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**KBIC Spends an evening with Country Star, Kellie Pickler**



Photo by Lauri Denomie.

Many community members spent an evening with Country performer Kellie Pickler, live at the Ojibwa Casino Resort in Baraga on Saturday, August 13th. After enjoying many favorites, she closed the show with *Red High Heels*.

**SEPTEMBER 2011 Calendars Events**

- Sept. 2:** Constitutional Committee Meeting, 1 pm, Council Chambers;
- Sept. 3:** Reg. Sat. Council Meeting, 9 am, Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room;
- Sept. 5:** Labor Day—Tribal Gov't Businesses closed;
- Sept. 17:** Parade of Nations, 12 noon;
- Sept. 21:** Veteran's meeting 7 pm;
- Sept. 23:** Michigan Indian Day—Tribal Gov't Businesses closed.

Events occurring throughout KBIC are welcome to be listed on the Calendar of Events. Contact [newsletter@kbic.nsn.gov](mailto: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](http://www.ojibwa.com) and click on calendar. For Youth events, see @ [www.ojibwa.com](http://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.



**BERNARD N. TIOSH**  
(September 8, 1934—July 29, 2011)

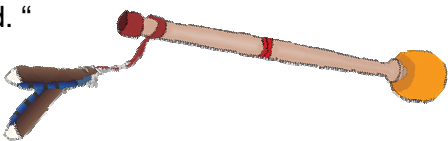
**BERNARD N. TIOSH**, age 76, of Baraga, passed away after a period of ill health at his cousin's home in Baraga on Friday, July 29, 2011. He was born in L'Anse on September 8, 1934, the son of the late William and Josephine (Papin) Tiosh, Sr. Bernard attended school in L'Anse. He served in the US Navy during the Korean Conflict. Bernard worked as a woods worker for local logging companies and the KBIC Commodities program. He was a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, the L'Anse VFW, and the American Legion. He enjoyed playing cribbage and was active in local tournaments.

Mr. Tiosh is survived by his nieces and nephews: Robert Genschow, JoAnn Racette, Debra Parrish, and Darlene Genschow; and his special cousin Will Loonsfoot, with whom he made his home. Many more nieces and nephews also survive. He was preceded in death by his brothers: Clifford, William Jr., and Robert; and sisters: Saraphine Bresette, Elizabeth Genschow, and Patricia Abrahamson Sullivan.

A graveside service was held on Tuesday, August 9, 2011, at the Assinins Cemetery with Father John Longbucco officiating. Baraga County area veterans, under the direction of the Baraga American Legion Post 444, conducted military honors. The Reid Funeral Home assisted the family.

## Four Thunder Drum Offers Teachings

The Weed and Seed Program facilitated drum teachings offered by the Four Thunders Drum. Participants gathered on July 11, 12, 18, and 19, 2011, at the Niiwin Akeaa Recreational Facility, in Baraga, where the Four Thunders Drum provided drumming sessions which included stick construction, drum teachings, cultural teachings, and singing. "I'd like to thank all of the providers and the participants that were part of this learning event," stated Tyler Larson, Weed and Seed Coordinator. "Though many of the days were very warm, there were still over 60 people who participated in the event leading into the pow-wow weekend."



## **New Children's Book Opens Door to Environmental Education through Indigenous Prophecy**

"The time to empower our children with indigenous wisdom is now."

~ Gabriel Horn, A.K.A. White Deer of Autumn \*



Using oral traditions from the indigenous people of eastern North America, author Lisa A. Hart has written the Anishinabe Prophecy of the Seventh Fire into a children's story titled *Children of the Seventh Fire—An Ancient Prophecy for Modern Times*. Children learn how to interpret the universal themes of each of the seven prophecies (or fires) as Native and non-Native characters in the story listen to an Ojibwe elder's retelling of this ancient wisdom.

This children's book, which will be released in the coming weeks, explains the Prophecy of the Seventh Fire to the children as they visit a Native American reservation. Kinoo, an Ojibwe elder, teaches that we are living in the time of the seventh fire and in order to move into the time of the eighth (and final) fire, we need to live in balance and harmony in the world where Earth is treated with respect.

Children learn ways to live an environmentally friendly lifestyle through recycling, energy conservation, clean energy creation, and legislative involvement. These lessons make environmental awareness and action accessible for children of all ages who read the story. They will also learn about the importance of living in peace, love, brotherhood and sisterhood, and respecting other cultures.

*Children of the Seventh Fire—An Ancient Prophecy for Modern Times* is published by McDonald & Woodward Publishing and includes a glossary and a list of many relevant print and web resources. The Foreword was written by Edward Benton-Banai who is the Grand Chief of the Three Fires Midewiwin Society and author of *The Mishomis Book: The Voice of the Ojibway*. All illustrations are provided by well-know artist Joe Liles.

### About the Author

Lisa Hart received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Intercultural Studies from Warren Wilson College in 1985 and her Master's

Degree in Medical Anthropology from The University of Connecticut in 1989. She taught English as a second language in American Samoa, and worked as a teaching assistant in grades K-8. She also interned at The Wittenberg Center for Alternative Resources, which hosted a wide variety of traditional indigenous elders who came to share their knowledge with the public. It became evident during her internship that the wisdom found in traditional indigenous people's cultures was lacking in teaching children from western society. One of those teachings—The Prophecy of the Seven Fires—inspired a 15-year project, her first book, *Children of the Seventh Fire—An Ancient Prophecy for Modern Times*.

Lisa grew up in rural Connecticut on 25 acres of fields, woods, streams, and a pond. She credits her father for helping her develop a positive and respectful bond with nature at a young age and her mother for creating ways to introduce her to diverse and interesting cultures. She has lived and worked in various situations with indigenous people for the past 26 years, and has been attending Midewiwin ceremonies for more than six years. Lisa is a member of the Society for Children's Book Writers and Illustrators and the Northern American Association for Environmental Education, and owns an organic gardening business in the Catskill Mountains of upstate New York. Her philosophy reflects the moral and environmental lessons conveyed in the book and how to live an environmentally conscientious life.

*Children of the Seventh Fire—An Ancient Prophecy for Modern Times*, available in softcover with 40 pages of text and more than 50 color illustrations, also includes a pledge page for children to make the book more personal. A teacher's guide, published separately by the author, will be available upon release of the book. For more information about the book, visit McDonald and Woodward's website at [www.mwpubco.com/titles/childrenoftheseventhfire.htm](http://www.mwpubco.com/titles/childrenoftheseventhfire.htm) or contact them directly at 1-800-233-8787.

Founded in 1986, The McDonald and Woodward Publishing Company publishes books on cultural and natural history, natural resources, and educational resources.

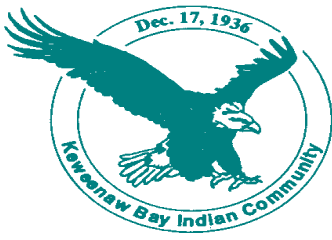
## **Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Natural Resources Department**



**Baraga County, Michigan** — The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC), whose Reservation lands border Keweenaw Bay of Lake Superior, organized a beach cleanup on July 15th in celebration of Lake Superior Day. About 30 people including KBIC Natural Resources Department staff, tribal youth crews, and area community members cleaned approximately five miles of Lake Superior beaches from Assinins/Sand Point all the way around the Bay to Pequaming. The day started with an opening ceremony performed by KBIC member, Debra Williamson. The cleanup was followed by a pot luck luncheon at the Sand Point Light House day use area. "It was hot out, but it was a rewarding effort," said Erin Johnston, KBIC Lake Superior Program Coordinator. "We estimate we collected and disposed of about 40 bags of trash off the beaches. It was nice to take a day to reflect on how lucky we are to live where we do and share that with others." Local businesses and restaurants shared in the celebration by distributing post cards and bookmarks and using special Lake Superior Day placemats throughout the week and weekend that contained information about threats to and ways to protect Lake Superior. Lake Superior Day, which was created in the early 1990's by the Binational Forum, is officially the third Sunday in July. The Binational Forum, a group of volunteers from the United States and Canada working together to protect Lake Superior, states that "Lake Superior Day is a special day held around the lake to highlight the importance of the world's largest freshwater lake to the basin's environment and economy." KBIC will continue to hold annual events in honor of Lake Superior Day, but we encourage the community to treat every day as Lake Superior Day and take actions to restore and protect our beautiful Lake. For further information please contact our Natural Resources Department at (906) 524-5757.

**PRESS RELEASE—WARREN "CHRIS" SWARTZ, JR.—KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY PRESIDENT**

**Keweenaw Bay Indian Community; Lake Superior Day Beach Cleanup**

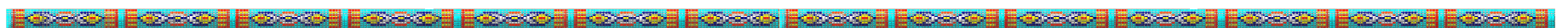



**Mission:** To provide affordable and attractive housing opportunities in a safe and healthy environment to qualifying tribal members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, encourage self-improvement of the community's low income families, and provide employment opportunities.

**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.





**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, September 30, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.

 102 Superior Avenue  
Baraga

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

Congratulations to the 'Walk Your Way To Wellness' segment three winners:

- ~ Jim Nardi from Ojibwa Enterprises and Diana Chaudier from the Enrollment Office. They each received a mountain bike!



Congratulations to the 'Walk Your Way To Wellness' segment four winners:

- ~ Catherine Woodward from the Marquette Casino Housekeeping Dept., Vicki Emery from KBIC Gov't Accounting Dept., and Betty Kauppila from the Baraga Casino Bar. They each received \$200 in Nike merchandise.

Congratulations to the 'Walk Your Way To Wellness' grand prize winners:

- ~ Jennifer Almlil from KBIC Gov't Accounting Dept., and Heather Wood-Paquet from the Donald LaPointe Health Dept. They each received up to \$750 in health related merchandise of their choice.

Great job to everyone who participated!

Heather Wood-Paquet  
Health Promotions Educator

## CANCER AWARENESS CARNIVAL



Photo by Lauri Denomie.

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Community Health held a Cancer Awareness Carnival on Friday, July 22, 2011, at the KBOCC gym. Amongst the displays was a 20-foot long, eight-foot high air-inflated "super colon" used to educate all of the various colorectal cancers which was made possible by the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan. Many booths were offered which focused on our youth and offered cancer prevention information for both children and adults.

"We had about 200 people register," stated Heather Wood-Paquet, Health Promotions Educator with KBIC's Department of Health and Human Services. "We had the local Great Exploration programs come though. We had a lot of activities and one of the big draws for the kids was the custom hat making booth."

Another crowd favorite was the booth of Marie Harju for the MSUE program which had ingredients to make fruit and vegetable rollups.

## EDUCATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM

The Keweenaw Bay Education Committee offers the Education Incentive Program to local KBIC Tribal students. Monetary incentives are awarded at the end of each of the four marking periods of the academic year. Awards are given for Honor Roll and Perfect Attendance. Students must meet the following criteria:



1. Must be enrolled KBIC members.
2. Must reside in one of the following four counties: Baraga, Houghton, Ontonagon or Marquette.
3. Must attend a public or private school.

A student's Honor Roll status is defined according to the regulations of their school district. Students in grades 4 through 12 are eligible to receive this award.

Perfect Attendance follows the school policy also but time for doctor or dental appointments and funerals may be allowed. Please contact the following people for more information:

- L'Anse Area Schools – Shellie Denomie, 524-0367 [shdenomi@laschools.K12.mi.us](mailto:shdenomi@laschools.K12.mi.us)
- Baraga Area Schools – Helen Jondreau, 353-6661 [hjondreau@up.net](mailto:hjondreau@up.net)
- All others contact—Amy St. Arnold, 353-4117 [amy@kbic-nsn.gov](mailto:amy@kbic-nsn.gov)

Houghton, Ontonagon, and Marquette students must provide a copy of student report card. If attendance is not noted on the card, please have a school official document by signature. Report cards may be mailed to: Keweenaw Bay Tribal Center, Education Office, 16429 Bear Town Rd. Baraga, MI 49908

# Mining Activities on the Reservation and in the U.P.

By Jessica Koski, KBIC Mining Technical Assistant

## Mineral Exploration within the L'Anse Reservation

The map to the right shows the location of the active Kennecott Keeweenaw BIC (Bovine Igneous Complex) exploration sites located about 10 km east of the village of L'Anse. The main BIC site is located east of Indian Road on Kennecott owned and leased property. A second prospect in the same area that Kennecott has named little BIC extends to the west of Indian Road.



On August 5th, KBIC staff visited the BIC site and found that active drilling was taking place. The amount of drilling that has occurred at the BIC site suggests that Kennecott is in an advanced exploration stage.

The BIC site geology is similar to that of the contested Eagle Mine on the Yellow Dog Plains. The BIC site target minerals, or minerals they are considering trying to mine, are metallic sulfides, containing copper, nickel and platinum group elements.

There are at least five additional companies actively exploring for metallic sulfide and uranium mineral deposits in areas around the L'Anse and Ontonagon Reservations within KBIC Home Territory.

## Eagle Project Update

Above ground construction is well underway at the Kennecott Eagle project site on the Yellow Dog Plains and includes construction of a metal entrance support at the eastern base of Eagle Rock, cementing of an ore haul road leading to the planned underground entrance, and a large waste water treatment plant. Kennecott currently plans to begin blasting and constructing the entrance tunnel into Eagle Rock in early September, 2011.

On June 9th, a Contested Case Appeal hearing took place in Lansing in which the KBIC, National Wildlife Federation, Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve, and Huron Mountain Club ('plaintiffs') appealed a previous Michigan administrative court decision upholding the legality of the Eagle mine permits granted to Kennecott by the State of Michigan. The plaintiff's arguments challenging the Kennecott permits contend that there were numerous legal errors in the permitting process, there is an extremely high potential for the mine to collapse as it is designed, there is no protection of Eagle Rock as a place of worship, and that the mining will contaminate groundwater. The date for a decision by the Michigan Appeals Court is unknown at this time.

## Humboldt Mill Superfund Investigation

The Humboldt Mill is located about 23 miles from the L'Anse Reservation, south of US-41 in Humboldt Township, Marquette County, and within the 1842 ceded territories. The Humboldt Mill was originally an iron ore processing facility for the Humboldt Iron Mine and the nearby Republic Mine from 1954-1979. It consists of a large open-pit lake that naturally filled with groundwater and precipitation. This lake was subsequently filled with about 18 million tons of sulfide waste materials from the Ropes Gold Mine in the late 1980's. Kennecott plans to use this open-pit lake to dump an additional 25 million tons of processed sulfide waste tailings from the Eagle Mine after they process the ore at the Humboldt Mill.

Environmental data and information has been collected for the Humboldt Mill property over the course of many years by previous owners and operators, and the State of Michigan. Existing data documents that soil and water at the Humboldt Mill property is currently contaminated and that contaminants are moving off site into the surrounding environment. After review of existing data, KBIC requested that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency complete a Preliminary Assessment in accordance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), a federal law that was established to address inactive sites where hazardous contaminants are present. CERCLA is also sometimes referred to as the Superfund program. The process established by CERCLA is designed to stop contaminated properties from releasing contaminants to our environment and is also set up to hold responsible parties liable for clean-up of contaminants and costs associated with clean-up. An EPA Preliminary Assessment has been completed. EPA officials are currently working on setting up an on-site investigation to collect additional data for the next phase of the Humboldt Mill property assessment.

## Mining Proposals on the Horizon

KBIC is paying close attention to activities at other prospective mining sites in the Upper Peninsula. Currently, there is extensive copper, nickel, and uranium mineral exploration being conducted by Bitterroot Resources, a Canadian Company whose mineral rights comprise approximately 461 square miles within Ontonagon, Houghton, Baraga, and Iron Counties. Most of the Bitterroot Resource targets contain sulfides.

Orvana Resources Corporation is preparing to submit a mining permit application for the Copperwood Project, which would be a copper mine located about 18 miles southwest of the former White Pine Mine. This project is located very close to Lake Superior, with much of the ore deposit extending under the lake. It is tucked between the Presque Isle and Black Rivers, and next to the pristine Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park.

Aquila and Hudbay Minerals are in the advanced exploration stages of the proposed Back 40 Project located in Menominee County near the border of Wisconsin. The Back 40 deposit consists of a sulfide ore body, like BIC and Eagle, and contains zinc, gold, copper, and silver. It is located in the Shakey Lake Savanna area next to the Menominee River, which flows into Lake Michigan. This deposit or similar deposits may extend under the Menominee River and into Wisconsin.

## Potential Impacts

There are numerous existing historic areas of concern from former mining and prospective mineral developments throughout most of Lake Superior's watersheds: from Michigan's Upper Peninsula, northern Wisconsin, and Minnesota, to extensive mineral rights claims and prospective sites throughout Ontario, Canada.

Many of the proposed mines throughout the Lake Superior basin contain sulfide bearing minerals. A main concern with sulfide mining is Acid Mine Drainage (AMD). AMD occurs whenever sulfides (especially those in waste tailings after the sulfide ore is processed) are exposed to air and water. Acidic runoff water from sulfide mine wastes mobilizes heavy metals such as arsenic, copper, nickel, mercury, and lead. Exposures to these metals can be extremely toxic to wildlife and to people. Dissolved copper, for instance, is toxic in aquatic environments at very low concentrations. AMD conditions caused by sulfide wastes generally can't be stopped once started and generally requires treatment or containment indefinitely, long after a company that benefited from the mining has left the mine site, left the mining region, gone bankrupt, or been dissolved as a business entity.

General impacts of mining operations may include increased air emissions, large increases in energy development and usage, installation of new roads, disruption to wildlife habitats and landscapes, contamination of ground and surface waters, and loss of traditional cultural resources. Mining developments can also bring socio-economic impacts associated with an unsustainable boom-and-bust mining economy, as well as financial liability for local taxpayers if sufficient financial assurances are not guaranteed or required for mine site clean-up required after closure.

## Role of Native American Tribes

Native American tribes have traditionally occupied the mineral rich Lake Superior region. Historical treaties signed by the Ojibwa people separated surface and mineral rights, and opened the area to resource development. Native American voices have not always been listened to and have sometimes been absent during development of Michigan's mining heritage.

Over time, tribes have developed the capacity to play a more prominent role in natural resource protection and mining related permit activities. There is also increasing recognition of the sovereign regulatory authority tribes possess, particularly through the federal Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act. Under the Montana v. United States (1981) case, it was recognized that tribes have a right to regulate the conduct of non-Indians within their reservations when that conduct threatens or has a direct effect on the political integrity, economic security or health and welfare of its members.

Currently, the Mole Lake Sokaogon, Fond du Lac, Grand Portage, and Lac du Flambeau bands have their own Water Quality Standards, and the Bad River band recently submitted water quality standards for which federal approval is pending. KBIC is preparing to submit an application for TAS which will then allow the community to establish and enforce its own Water Quality Standards as well.

## Community Outreach & Education

The KBIC Natural Resources Department is committed to increasing community capacity, awareness, and knowledge as the interest in mining activity expands throughout the KBIC Home Territory region. Future articles will discuss updates and information on areas of concern from previous mining, the mining process, treaty rights, mining and environmental law, as well as education and information opportunities for the Tribal membership. A free monthly community film series entitled "Mining Impacts on Native Lands" will provide greater awareness to the social and environmental impacts mining can have on Native communities. The second film, *Mining Madness, Water Wars: The Great Lakes in the Balance*, will take place at 6pm on Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at the Ojibwa Casino Chippewa Room.

**WILD RICE CAMP**  
September 9 - 11, 2011  
LVD Pow Wow Grounds  
Hosted by Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa  
Assisted by Native Wild Rice Coalition, Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission

**Making Ricing Tools**      **Harvesting Manoomin**      **Processing Wild Rice**

**Schedule of Events:**  
**FRIDAY**  
9:00am - Welcome, Opening Remarks & Introductions  
9:30am - Carving Ricing Sticks  
Noon - Lunch Provided  
1:00pm - Push Pole Construction  
**SATURDAY**  
8:00am - Ricing Stick, Canoe & Push Pole Instruction & Practice  
10:00am - Harvesting to Begin  
Noon - Lunch Provided  
1:00pm - Light Fires & Processing Begins  
**SUNDAY**  
8:00am - Harvesting & Processing Resume  
1:00pm - Feast & Talking Circle  
2:00pm - Departure  
All Times are Central Time (CT)

**Map To PowWow Grounds**  
Indian Village Rd (County Rd 210)  
7 Miles  
1 Mile  
US 45  
Watersmeet  
Lac du Flambeau

Free rough camping and limited RV hook-ups  
Pre-registration required by Monday, September 6, 2011 at 3:30pm  
For more information and to pre-register, please contact:  
Roger LaBlanc  
Phone: (906) 358-4577 ext 122  
Fax: (906) 358-0306  
Mail: P.O. Box 249  
Watersmeet, MI 49969  
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**Zeba Indian Mission  
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Father Antony Lukka

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

- \* Dental Receptionist—September 2, 2011
- \* Clinical Applications Coordinator—September 2, 2011
- \* THPO/NAGRPA Technician—September 12, 2011
- \* Preprimary Teaching Assistant II—September 13, 2011
- \* Native American Outreach Worker/Home Visitor—September 13, 2011

**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
- \* Family Aide

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](http://www.ojibwa.com).



**Community Enjoys Appreciation Day**



Photo by Lauri Denomie.

The Donald A. LaPointe Health and Educational Center held an Appreciation Day on Wednesday, August 10th, for the Community to stop in and meet their staff, and visit their department displays and learn of the services they offer. Visitors enjoyed complimentary hotdogs, popcorn, and snow cones.

The Appreciation Day was held in conjunction with Community Health Center Week. The second week of August is dedicated to recognizing the role that community health centers play across our nation.

**KBIC Library News....**

The library had a new patron drawing during July. Books and movies were given away to ten new patrons: Layne and Gavin Flynn, Jordan Chosa, Kristin Mattson, John Hebert, Joseph Francois, Sr., Joseph Francois, Jr., Johnathan Francois, Brittany Nieskes, and Sarah Oger. Congratulations!



The library received a bench from Tribal Council. It was purchased from Baraga Area School's AmeriCorp. Students painted the bench in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and it has brought a lovely splash of color to the library. The visiting PrePrimary and Head Start classes enjoy sitting on it while they read. Miigwech to the Council.

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