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## KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY'S SIXTH WINTER TRADITIONAL POWWOW



Stanley Spruce photo.

Head Veteran Dancer, Ted Shalifoe, leads the KBIC Color Guard in the grand entry at the Sixth Annual Winter Powwow.

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Cultural Committee held their Mid-winter powwow on Saturday, January 30, 2010, at the Niiwin Akeaa Community Center in Baraga, Michigan.

The day began with morning ceremonies to *Honor the Tribal Council*. Gerry Mantila, Cultural Committee Chairperson, gave the welcome and an opening prayer was offered by Dorothy Sam, Cultural Committee's Spiritual Advisor.

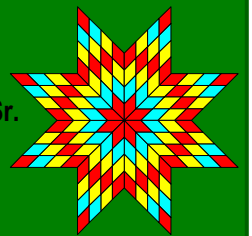
The guest speaker for the event was Warren Petoskey, and Tashina Emery-Kaupilla sang Nagamowin (Amazing Grace). The Cultural Committee recognized the current Tribal Council — Warren (Chris) Swartz, Jr., William (Gene) Emery, Susan J. LaFernier, Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, Eddy Edwards, Jerry Lee Curtis, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth (Popcorn) Mayo, Toni J. Minton, and Isabelle Helene Welsh. Cody Blue, Cultural Committee member, offered the closing remarks preceding the Honor Song offered by Eric Awonohopay.

Head Veteran Dancer Ted Shalifoe, led the KBIC Color Guard in the 1:00 and 6:00 p.m. grand entries. Auddie Connor, Jr. and Taylor Drift served as Head Male

and Female Dancers with Chummy Connor and Tiana Drift as Head Youth Male and Female Dancers. This year's event featured Raistlin Awonohopay and Samantha Tolonen as Junior Head Male and Female Dancers. Four Thunders served as host drum and provided songs along with invited drums Woodland Singers, Summercloud, and Bahweting Singers. Emcee, Ted Holappa, kept everyone informed of the events, and Arena Director, George Gauthier, kept the arena moving smoothly with the

### Tribal Council Members:

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



### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- February 6, 2010, Tribal Council meeting
- KBIC Sixth Winter Powwow
- Healthy Heart Fair
- You Can Make A Difference
- KBIC Veterans Deliver Gifts
- Sand Point Recreational Improvements
- Drug Conviction Report
- DHHS Superior Spirit Award Winner for February
- New Employees
- Aabinoojiyens



Stanley Spruce photo.

Gerry Mantila, Cultural Committee Chairperson welcomes guests to the day's events.



Stanley Spruce photo.

Dorothy Sam, Cultural Committee's Spiritual Advisor, offers the opening prayer.



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Warren Petoskey, Guest Speaker.



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Eric Awonohopay offers the Honor Song.



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Tashina Emery-Kaupilla, as she beautifully sang Nagamowin (Amazing Grace).

As editor of the Giikendaam Chiwikwegamag, I like to extend a Chi Miigwech to Stanley Spruce and Kelly Dowd for offering to photograph both of these events, as I was unable to attend due to illness. I greatly appreciate it. ~ Lauri Denomie

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## FEBRUARY 6, 2010 — TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on February 6, 2010, at the Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room. Warren (Chris) Swartz, Jr., presided over the meeting with William E. Emery, Susan J. LaFerner, Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, Eddy Edwards, Jerry Lee Curtis, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth D. Mayo, Toni Minton, and Isabelle Helene Welsh present. President Swartz shared numerous *Thank You* and *For Your Information* items addressed to Council. Reports were given for January 2010, by President Swartz (page three), Secretary Susan J. LaFerner (page four), and Treasurer Eddy Edwards (page five). Council passed the Department Head Reports for December 2009.

John Cadeau gave a presentation of the services offered by Saint Vincent De Paul that are available to all members of Baraga County. Their organization is two-fold. They have the Thrift Store where approximately 25 individuals volunteer for a total of 700-900 hours per month. The Thrift Store accepts many donations of clothing, food items, etc. from the community. The goods are then sold in the Thrift Store and the funds are allocated to the second part of the organization, the Conference. The Conference meets and allocates money to those in need when requests are made for assistance in utilities (52% last year), rent (21% last year), and food (12% last year). In January 2010, they dispersed approximately \$2400 for utilities shutoffs and \$490 in back rent assistance, and there are no income guidelines to be eligible for this assistance. The Conference members volunteer in total approximately 2000 hours per year. Council thanked Mr. Cadeau for his presentation and for all the benefits that Saint Vincent De Paul offers our community.

Eddy Edwards brought forth the donation requests received in the month of January 2010.

- Council tabled a request from Foster Galer

on behalf of his daughter Miranda for financial assistance to cover necessary orthodontic treatment.

- Council tabled a request from Logan Roe for travel assistance to attend a three-day high school bowling state quarter finals.
- Council tabled a general annual sponsorship donation for the Native American Rights Fund.
- **Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to deny the request for donation on behalf of the Jim Thorpe Area Sports Hall of Fame for a second statue of Jim Thorpe, supported by Toni Minton, seven supported (Emery, S. LaFerner, Matthews, M. LaFerner, Mayo, Minton, Welsh), three opposed (Edwards, Loonsfoot, Curtis), 0 abstained, one absent (Dakota) motion carried.**
- **Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to deny the request of donation for Chris Deschene, Navajo, who is running for the Arizona Secretary of State, supported by Jerry Lee Curtis, ten supported (Emery, S. LaFerner, Matthews, Edwards, Curtis, M. LaFerner, Loonsfoot, Mayo, Minton, Welsh), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Dakota) motion carried.**
- **Motion by Toni Minton to deny the request for donation by Forsythe Township for clock tower restoration, supported by Isabelle Welsh, ten supported (Emery, S. LaFerner, Matthews, Edwards, Curtis, M. LaFerner, Loonsfoot, Mayo, Minton, Welsh), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Dakota) motion carried.**
- **Motion by Isabelle Welsh to approve a \$1000 donation to the Pine Ridge Indians for emergency relief after storms, supported by Jerry Lee Curtis, ten supported (Emery, S. LaFerner, Matthews, Edwards, Curtis, M. LaFerner, Loonsfoot, Mayo, Minton, Welsh), 0 opposed,**

**0 abstained, one absent (Dakota) motion carried.**

- **Motion by Michael F. LaFerner, Sr. to approve a \$500 donation to the BHK Child Development Board for their children's programs, supported by Eddy Edwards, nine supported (Emery, S. LaFerner, Matthews, Edwards, Curtis, M. LaFerner, Loonsfoot, Minton, Welsh), one opposed (Mayo), 0 abstained, one absent (Dakota) motion carried.**
  - **Motion by Michael F. LaFerner, Sr. to approve a \$200 donation to the Superior Americorp for their Peace Bench Program, supported by Isabelle Welsh, eight supported (S. LaFerner, Matthews, Edwards, Curtis, M. LaFerner, Mayo, Minton, Welsh), two opposed (Emery, Loonsfoot), 0 abstained, one absent (Dakota) motion carried.** President Swartz will contact the Superior Americorp as to where we'd like this bench located within the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community lands.
  - **Motion by Susan J. LaFerner to approve a \$100 donation to the Superior Alliance Independent Living as a Festival sponsorship, supported by Elizabeth D. Mayo, ten supported (Emery, S. LaFerner, Matthews, Edwards, Curtis, M. LaFerner, Loonsfoot, Mayo, Minton, Welsh), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Dakota) motion carried.**
  - **Motion by Jerry Lee Curtis to approve a \$500 donation to the Special Olympics, supported by Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, ten supported (Emery, S. LaFerner, Matthews, Edwards, Curtis, M. LaFerner, Loonsfoot, Mayo, Minton, Welsh), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Dakota) motion carried.**
- Total donations approved \$2300.**

~ submitted by newsletter editor

### Nomination to receive the 2009 Taimi Lynne Hoag Award for Environment Stewardship.

**Submitted by:** Warren (Chris) Swartz, Jr., President KBIC



**Nominee:** Susan J. LaFerner, KBIC Tribal Council Secretary

**Eligibility:** Current elected Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Council member

**Criteria:** In 2004, the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) Tribal Council met to discuss new metallic sulfide exploration activity occurring in the Yellow Dog Plains and Michigamme Highlands in western Marquette and Baraga Counties. Susan LaFerner was Tribal Council Vice-President at that time. Exploration targets were and still are in both KBIC ceded territories and on our L'Anse Reservation. After reviewing available information, the Tribal Council decided that the surety was ac-

ceptable and offensive to the traditional and cultural values of KBIC. The Tribal Council subsequently adopted Resolution KB-1301-2004 which "prohibits...mining activities within the boundaries of the L'Anse Reservation and all activities related thereto unless and until substantial evidence can be produced to satisfy its concerns." Susan was a strong force behind adoption of Resolution KB-1301-2004 and has been tireless in raising these concerns and educating local residents about sulfide mining, acid mine drainage and associated threats to our waters, and our environment. Susan has been tireless in her efforts to educate both herself and others about KBIC's concerns with sulfide mining and speaking to local, regional, and national leaders about this issue. A small sampling of Susan's efforts includes:

- 2009 Address to President Obama's National Ocean Policy Inter-Agency Task Force in Cleveland.
- Addressing the Michigan Great Lakes Protection and Restoration Strategy Coordinator, Lt. Governor Jon Cherry, about mining issues, activities, and concerns during strategy development.
- Providing comments to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality on deficiencies in the proposed Michigan Part 632 mining rules during hearings in Lansing, MI.
- Addressing participants about KBIC's concerns during the first two annual "Protect the Earth" walks to Eagle Rock, a KBIC cultural and religious location.
- Key participant in development of proposed KBIC Mineral Exploration and Min-

ing Ordinance.

- Ongoing consultation with Michigan Governor and staff about degradation of waters and the environment that will result if sulfide mining occurs and our opposition to polluting the water.
- Participation in contested case hearings as a Plaintiff opposing the granting of mining and associated permits to Kennecott Minerals for their proposed Eagle Mine.
- Attendance at meetings of the MDNR and Natural Resource Commissions to educate and inform them about potential sulfide mining activities in our ceded territories and on our Reservation.
- Traveled to London, England, to attempt to meet with Rio-Tinto company officers to discuss the Community's concerns and potential impacts of sulfide mining to our community's environment, natural resources, and our traditions.

Susan's environmental stewardship efforts are not limited to sulfide mining issues for our community. Additional activities having received her support and participation include household hazardous waste collection and education, KBIC spring cleanup, illegal dump cleanups and prevention, promoting Lake Superior Day events, working with Tribal youth on adopt-a-roadway, and lobbying for development of local recycling and composting services. She is a strong advocate for development of our Tribal water quality standards and achievement of TAS status for our Tribe and a promoter of the three R's, reduce, reuse, and recycle.

~ submitted by Warren (Chris) Swartz, Jr.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2010.

Activities Reported by the President, Warren (Chris) Swartz, Jr., for the month of January.

- The Community received notice that Director, Steven Chester, was leaving his post at the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. Governor Granholm announced that Jim Sygo would serve as Interim Director of MDEQ as of January 5, 2010. Subsequent to the announcement, we were informed the MDEQ's decision rejected that portion of the Hearing Officer's decision which held that Kennecott's construction of the portal (entrance) to the mine would have to be relocated to avoid interference with Eagle Rock. In addition, the decision clarified or supplemented various portions of the Hearing Officer's decision, none of which were favorable to the Petitioners, including KBIC. MDEQ's Final Order granted Kennecott's application for permits for the mine and directed the permits shall be issued with an effective date of January 14, 2010. The decision, interestingly, comes during a time of transition for the agency with the former director gone and the new one yet to arrive. The company would begin constructing the mine this year with production expected to commence in 2013. The DEQ had earlier approved Rio Tinto's mining application in December 2007. The decision was appealed in a lengthy contested case hearing. During the contested case, DEQ lawyers argued that Eagle Rock is not a place of worship because it is not a constructed building such as a Christian church or a mosque. The DEQ decision expresses the agency's opinion that Eagle Rock is not a legitimate place of worship, as defined under Michigan mining law, and the religious rights of area Native Americans are irrelevant in the Eagle Mine case. "WHAT A SHAME!"
- I attended an informational meeting at the L'Anse Village offices. Congressman Stupak was at the meeting and heard a number of concerns from area residents and businessmen. I provided the group with an update of the Economic Development Committee and asked those in attendance to contact Gregg Nominelli as he is the contact person regarding the proposal for KBIC to provide economic development services to the County.
- I participated in a conference call with the Department of Interior to develop a Department-wide Tribal consultation policy.
- I responded to an issue regarding a raffle license with the National Wildlife Turkey Federation. I called Nick Lindemann, and we were able to resolve the issues regarding the issuance of his raffle license.

- I attended a VOIGT Task Force meeting in Lac Courte Oreilles. At the meeting we selected new officers. Elected as Chairman was Tom Maulson from Lac Du Flambeau. The group chose Giiwe Martin from Lac Vieux Desert to serve as Vice-Chair.
- I signed sub-contracts for KBIC Tribal Court and our Registration station. We received funding from GLIFWC to help offset some of the expenses associated with running the above programs.
- We advertised for two vacant gaming commissioner positions. We are still in the process of filling those positions of the gaming commission.
- The Council elected to participate in a ballot initiative regarding the proposed racinos. However, later in the month, we received information from MGM that it's their policy to oppose off reservation casinos. Due to their policy, it was decided not to include tribes who have off reservation casinos or are proposing an off reservation casino. The community will receive a refund in the mail.
- Tribal Council had the opportunity to view a PowerPoint presentation on prescription drug abuse. It was an eye opening presentation to say the least. Becky Tussing did an excellent job with her presentation and is going to present her finding in a public forum in the near future.
- We continue to receive updates on the MI-water ballot initiative campaign. Protecting Michigan's water from the adverse impact of sulfide and uranium mining was and is worthy of our very best effort. In the past year with the help of many, they drafted very powerful legal language that, if passed by the electorate, would give Michigan the strongest sulfide and uranium mining law in the country. This achievement cannot be over stated; this took bringing together a coalition of diverse supporting groups including: National Wildlife Federation, Friends of the Land of Keweenaw, Front 40, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Michigan League of Conservation Voters, Organic Consumers Association, Save the Wild UP, Upper Peninsula Environmental Coalition, Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve, Michigan Environmental Councils and others.
- The Tribal Council continues working on updating the Community's Strategic Plan. I'm confident the initial review will be done early in the month of February.
- I forwarded Congressman Stupak's appropriations form for FY'2011 to the CEO. I informed him of the February 19, 2010, deadline and that if he had any questions to contact the appropriate staff on the attachment.

- Carole LaPointe informed me that she would be putting in an identical request from last year for electronic health records initiative. The CEO indicated that he would bring it up at the department head meeting.
- I attended a bi-monthly department head meeting. A number of topics were discussed at the meeting.
- The Community was asked to help Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox protect the Great Lakes from the Asian Carp. They have launched a website, [www.stopasiancarp.com](http://www.stopasiancarp.com), to help educate our citizens and those across the Midwest on the dangers the carp pose. They are asking for signatures on a Petition located on this site that they'll present to President Obama and Congress to encourage action through Executive and Legislative branches of government.
- I nominated Susan J. LaFernier to receive the 2009 Taimi Lynne Hoag Award for Environmental Stewardship (page two).
- We received a draft version of the deer management plan being proposed by the State of Michigan on January 20, 2010, with a deadline of February 3, 2010. This provides the Community to provide input/comments on the plan. However, with the tight deadline of two weeks, it's a challenge to provide meaningful input.
- We appointed Honorable David R. Mechlin as Justice to the Appellate Division of the Tribal Court for a term of three (3) years commencing October 1, 2009, and expiring September 30, 2012. His appointment to the Appellate Division is made pursuant to the Appellate Ordinance 2008-03.
- I provided a short letter of support for a grant that The Cedar Tree Institute is submitting to the USEPA next week to continue their work organizing churches around environmental issues. Over the years, the KBIC has served as a key partner in several projects for the Cedar Tree Institute. This grant focuses on organizing good stewardship practices and energy conservation with the faith communities across the Upper Peninsula especially church communities in Baraga, L'Anse, Assinins, and Zeba.
- I participated in a Tribal-State forum group conference call pursuant to the 2002 accord. The Pokagon Band, Nottawaseppi Huron Band, and the Gun Lake Band volunteered to jointly host the 2010 summit in Lansing at a site to be determined. A brief discussion took place of what should be on the agenda. We plan to discuss this at an upcoming conference call.

Respectfully submitted,  
Warren (Chris) Swartz, Jr., President



### DRUG CONVICTION REPORT

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

**John Wayne DeCota, case # 09-270, controlled substance (sale) – 1st offense**

**Factual basis:** I sold an illegal substance, morphine, to a confident informant.

**Sentenced on 12/17/2009 to:**

1. \$1000 fine.
2. 12-18 months standard drug and alcohol restricted probation with a \$10 monthly probation fee. Defendant is subject to random drug and alcohol testing and will be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing.

3. 180 days jail, 120 days suspended, credit for two days served, Defendant is to serve 58 days. Days to serve may be done on tether in lieu of jail provided the Defendant pays for the tether in advance. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging/tether.
4. The Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and is to follow the recommendations of that screening until successfully discharged.
5. The Defendant is to perform ten hours of community service.
6. The Defendant is to provide his doctor with a signed letter stating that the Defendant is not to be prescribed narcotic pain medications.

**Troy Roberts, case # 09-264, controlled substance (sale) – 1st offense**

**Factual basis:** I sold methadone and loricet to an undercover C.I., and I'm not licensed to sell them.

**Sentenced on 01/12/2010 to:**

1. \$1000 fine.

2. 24 months standard drug and alcohol restricted probation with a \$10 monthly probation fee, to run concurrent with other cases. Defendant will be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing.
3. 180 days jail, to be served concurrently with other cases. The Defendant shall be responsible for the costs of lodging.
4. The Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and follow the recommendations of that screening until successfully completed. Defendant may follow recommendations of prior screening.
5. The Defendant is to report to the probation officer twice weekly and perform at least one drug test per week and is subject to random alcohol/drug testing, and the Defendant will be responsible for the costs of those tests.

**Troy Roberts, case # 09-266, controlled substance (sale) – 2nd offense**

**Factual basis:** I sold methadone and loricet to an undercover C.I., and I'm not licensed to

## SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2010.

Activities reported by the Secretary, Susan J. LaFernier, for the month of January 2010.

We all need to commit to do our part to make a difference to protect our environment and change the world. I hope that you have been learning how to save and conserve energy to protect our Earth if you are able. I continue to emphasize that every month is "Energy Awareness Month," and our theme for the year was "Commit to Conserve." There are simple everyday conservation measures we can all easily commit to. There are also everyday measures we can do to reduce air pollution, conserve water, reduce/reuse/recycle/re-buy materials, and prevent pollution in general. Once again, October was Energy Awareness Month! This year's theme, "A Sustainable Energy Future— Putting All the Pieces Together" encourages you to see yourself as a piece of a large puzzle shaping our energy future and moving our nation toward energy independence. All of this information is available on the EPA.gov and energy.gov websites.

Thank you to everyone who cares and protects our earth and water everyday. It is our responsibility: Tribes, residents, municipalities, businesses, and visitors need to protect and restore the quality of Lake Superior's (and all of our lakes) waters, land, and wildlife. The lakes have always been and always will be important to the quality of our life.

We continue to have monthly meetings with our employee wellness group and our Blue Cross representative/Employee Benefit Agency. The official name for the Task Force is: W.H.I.P.P. (Wellness, Health, Intervention, Prevention Program). The members of the task force also developed a mission statement that reads: "The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Wellness, Health, Intervention, Prevention Program (W.H.I.P.P.) is dedicated to improving and maintaining the general health and well being of our employees, dependents, and community members. Our goal is to provide information, activities, motivation, services, and recognition to enhance the ability of people to better manage their own health, improve their quality of life, and reduce their risk of disease and injury. Positive lifestyle choices develop a culture that is focused on celebrating and improving the quality of life for all. It is never too late to encourage positive lifestyle changes that will help us live longer, healthier, happier lives. All employees who currently receive Blue Cross insurance coverage attended a presentation on their benefits regarding "Preventive Care Services," on January 19. The Task Force will be sponsoring a booth at the Health Fair on February 12. They will feature healthy "brown bag lunches" with recipe samples and also samples of healthy snack food (trail mix, etc.). A mini version will also be presented for the Marquette Casino employees.

We are extremely disappointed to learn that the final decision of the MI Department of Environmental Quality on January 14, approved the issuance of Kennecott's mining permit and groundwater discharge permit for the proposed Eagle project sulfide copper/nickel mine on the Yellow Dog Plains without addressing even "one" of the hundreds of environmental problems identified during the course of the contested case proceedings and decided that Eagle Rock is not a "place" of worship. (Separate article, page five). As we know, on August 18, 2009, the Administrative Law Judge Patterson issued a proposed decision in our contested case hearing regarding the Kennecott's mining permit and groundwater permit for the Yellow Dog Plains. He held that "the excavation and drilling in the immediate area of Eagle Rock and fencing it off will materially affect its use as a place of worship. This should in some manner be accommodated

and would best be done by relocating the access to the mine to a location that will not interfere with that function. This decision was sent to DEQ Director, Steven Chester, who considered the comments and then made a request for more information regarding Eagle Rock and the legality of the judge's decision. We were informed that Director Chester resigned from his position effective January 4. On January 14, Frank Ruswick, Jr., Senior Policy Advisor for the DEQ, made the above decisions. The DEQ and the DNR then merged on January 17, and became the MI Department of Natural Resources and Environment with Rebecca Humphries as the Director.

The MDNRE is holding a public hearing to review the permit to build Kennecott's south haul road, known now as the Woodland Road, from the Yellow Dog Plains to Humboldt Township on February 10, at 7:00 p.m. at the Westwood High School in Ishpeming. The company plans to cross eight waterways including the Yellow Dog River, Mulligan Creed, Dead River, Middle Branch Escanaba River, Wildcat Canyon, and more. According to the company, thirty-eight acres of wetlands will be removed.

Please continue to call/write your elected officials and Governor, and tell them that the short term benefits are not worth the harmful long term effects on our health, rivers, Great Lakes, woods, and wild places because of the great potential for acid mine drainage. Please call me or write if you would like to review the National Wildlife Federation's DVD "Mining Madness, Water Wars: The Great Lakes In The Balance."

Thank you to our Cultural Committee and everyone for honoring our Tribal Council on January 30, held preceding the Sixth Annual Winter Traditional Powwow. The guest speaker was Warren Petoskey and Tashina Emery-Kaupilla sang a beautiful song: Nagamowin (Amazing Grace). I also had the pleasure of recognizing our honored elders Florence Uusitalo and Leonard Bill Cardinal at the Powwow.

April 1 is CENSUS DAY— Remember "Indian Country Counts, Our People, Our Nations, Our Future!"

Remember to continue to pray for and honor all of our veterans, service men and women, and their families. Also remember those who are ill, have lost loved ones in the last year, our economy struggles, and for the people of Haiti. Let us be thankful for our beautiful area, and we pray for peace in the world, good health, happiness, and a blessed New Year.

We also 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.

I am pleased to announce that the Drug Court Program discretionary grant application will be submitted by the February 11th deadline.

Remember the Drug Tip Line number is 353-DRUG or 353-3784. The yellow banners are around the reservation with this drug tip line number displayed.

In January 2010, the Tribal Council had one Regular/Reorganizational Tribal Council Meeting and four Special Council Meetings. The Regular/Reorganizational Council Meeting was held on January 2, 2010, and is covered in the February 2010 Tribal Newsletter.

At the council meeting held January 7, 2010, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the meeting minutes of August 6, 13, 15, 20, 27, 2009;
- Approved adding discharge papers and/or a DD214 for veterans to receive a veteran's license plate;

- Approved Resolution KB1727-2010, (Two out of the three members of the Gaming Commission resigned. This Resolution authorizes the Tribal Council to act as the Gaming Commission until new members have been appointed.);
- Approved the posting for two Gaming Commissioners until February 19;
- Approved waiving the approval of the December 17, 2009 meeting minutes regarding the Gaming Regulatory Amendatory Ordinance that needed to be sent to the NIGC;
- Approved the three-year plan and IMLS basic grant for the library services application and the grant match of \$1000;
- Approved Resolution KB 1726-2010 which requests ITC to relinquish our Head Start/Early Head Start program service area, so we can proceed to operate our program as the direct grantee;
- Approved Resolution KB 1725-2010 which requests the BIA to fund through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 appropriations seven cooperative projects with the Baraga County Road Commission;
- Approved the renewal of International Game Technology (IGT) manufacturer/distributor license for gaming equipment;
- Approved three Class I Social Gaming Licenses for the L'Anse High Bowling Club, Keweenaw Bay Cutter Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation, and the Keweenaw Bay Cougar Peewees Hockey Association and waived the license fees;
- Approved the Bay Mills Community College Immersion class students travel funds to attend the classes at Bay Mills for the winter session only;
- Approved the purchase of the 2010 Community calendars to be used as match for the ANA Language grant;
- Approved to accept the ICDBG grant for \$600,000 for the proposed new gas station and have staff begin the process to put the Harvey property in Chocoday Township into trust;
- Approved a donation of \$2600 for four month's rent for Jerome Crebassa due to his medical condition;
- Approved the lease agreement with Bayview Vision/Kirk R. Schott, O.D. until 2015;
- Approved the authorization of the execution of assignment for the security agreements with Superior National Bank for the six accounts under the Guaranteed Loan Program;
- Approved the Loan Purchase Agreement and Assignment of Loan Documents with Superior National Bank for Tim and Monica Kohn;
- Approved the Tribal Attorney to include the information in the Lamson Brief regarding the reasons why the business licenses for Varline/Magnant were denied in September.

At the council meeting held January 14, 2010, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the meeting minutes of September 3 and 4, 2009;
- Approved the Tribal President's wage at \$33 per hour effective January 14, 2010;
- Approved directing the CEO/staff to begin the process of utilizing the recent ICDBG grant for a gas station in Harvey on the Tribal property in front of the Casino;
- Approved Resolution KB1728-2010 Annual Community Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Report with WUPPDR and to change the L'Anse gas station to Harvey.

At the council meeting held January 21, 2010, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the meeting minutes of September 9, 2009;
- Approved the appointment of Honorable David R. Mechlin as an appellate court justice for three years;
- Approved Resolution KB1729-2010 requesting that the Secretary of the Interior take title to those lands in Chocolay Township, Marquette County described in the Fee to Trust Acquisition Application for the proposed construction and operation of a Tribal gas and convenience center;
- Approved the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (astho) Sub-Award Agreement with KBIC/Department Health and Human Services. The clinics will be an accreditation beta test site to improve the health of the Tribe.

At the council meeting held January 28, 2010, the following actions were taken:

- Approved a donation to Mary Campioni for \$985.89 for assistance to pay for her scooter chair pending available funding from assistance programs;
- Approved a donation of \$1000 to the Haiti Fund;
- Approved the meeting minutes of September 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 2009;
- Approved Resolution KB1732-2010 requesting that the Michigan congressional delegation sponsor an amendment to specifically name the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College in the Equity of Land Grant Status Act of 1994 to participate in the nation's land grant system;
- Approved changes to the Community Center "Facility Use Policy";
- Approved the Project Manager position announcement with changes - who will perform engineering duties in planning, designing, and overseeing construction and maintenance of building structures and facilities;
- Approved the renewal of Jeff Lamson's Cue Master liquor license for on-premises consumption;
- Approved Todd Warner, NRD Director, to proceed with a Project Review protocol/process to identify property or land use issues before a project is initiated;
- Approved tabling Gaming Commission Action Number 005-2019 and 006-2010 requesting a postponement of hearings scheduled for December 15, 2009, to review information until the following week;
- Approved the renewal of a manufacturer/distributor of gaming equipment license for Shuffle Master, Inc.;
- Approved the appointment of Hope Laramore as the Interim Personnel Director with a wage of \$21.22, grade eleven, effective February 9;
- Approved a services agreement with the University of Wisconsin System—Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory to provide chronic wasting disease sample testing for KBIC;
- Approved the Tribal Attorney to draft a contract for services between KBIC and the Economic Development Corporation of Baraga County to establish a County Economic Development office and business incubator for the benefits of all residents and businesses of Baraga County.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan J. LaFernier, Secretary

### **YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

We are extremely disappointed with the Final Decision of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality approving the issuance of the Mining Permit and the Ground Water Discharge Permit to Kennecott for the proposed Eagle Project sulfide copper/nickel mine in the Yellow Dog Plains. It is simply impossi-

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ble to understand how the MDEQ approved these permits without addressing even "one" of the hundreds of environmental problems with the proposed mine that have been identified by the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, the Natural Wildlife Federation, the Huron Mountain Club, and the Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve during the course of the contested case proceedings. These issues have been ignored by the MDEQ which will be to the ultimate detriment of the waters and natural resources of our Tribe's Ceded Territory and the Upper Peninsula.

We also find it hard to understand that, on the one hand, President Obama has allocated \$475 million dollars to restore the Great Lakes and confront serious threats to these waters and, on the other hand, the State has once again determined by issuing the Mining Permit and the Groundwater Discharge Permit to Kennecott for the Eagle Project that the discharge to the waters, as authorized by the Part 31 permit, will neither be injurious to the public health, safety, and welfare or to any uses protected by Part 31, nor will likely cause pollution, impairment, or destruction of natural resources, or the public trust therein. We urge you to try and find a sulfide acid mine that has not caused any of these environmental problems anywhere in the United States even in states that have strict mining laws.

You, however, can make a difference in protecting, restoring, and guarding our most precious natural resources and the gift of water—our Great Lakes. We ask that you continue to become involved and educate yourselves to find out all that you can about sulfide acid mining and the proposed mines for the Upper Peninsula, especially the Eagle Project in the Yellow Dog Plains.

The MDEQ's decision that Eagle Rock is not a "place" of worship after Administrative Law Judge Patterson recommended that provision be made to avoid direct impacts to Eagle Rock that may interfere with the religious practices there on, also reveals that "undermining" Native American religious practices and sacred places is also allowable by the state in order to protect the private interest of the mining companies. This determination is clearly contrary to the provisions of state law and we will appeal these decisions.

Please become involved because sooner than we want to admit, our lakes and land will no longer be Great, and no amount of money will be able to restore them or our way of life.

Warren (Chris) Swartz, Jr.  
KBIC Tribal President

Susan J. LaFernier  
KBIC Tribal Secretary

Tribal Council  
Keweenaw Bay Indian Community

### **NATIVE AMERICAN CLASSICS**

The following is a list of books compiled by Dr. Loriene Roy, an instructor at the University of Texas (Austin). Dr. Roy is a member of White Earth in Minnesota, and the first (former) Native American President of the American Library Association. Some of these books are available at our library. Dr. Roy suggests these books are Native American classics.

#### High School

- Alexie, Sherman. *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*. New York: Little, Brown, and Company, 2007.
- Alexie, Sherman. *The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven*. New York: Harper, 1993.
- Bruchac, Joseph. *Jim Thorpe: Original All-American*. New York: Dial/Penguin, 2006.
- Erdrich, Louise. *Love Medicine*. New York: Harper, 1984.

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### **JANUARY 2010 TREASURER'S REPORT.**

Activities Reported by the Treasurer, Eddy Edwards, for the month of January 2010. Treasurer's report was given verbally and transcribed by the newsletter editor.

First thing I did as Treasurer was met with the Tribal President and the Chief Financial Officer to go over the expectations, the roles, and the responsibilities of this office of Treasurer. It was a productive meeting. From the meeting, I understand that some of my main responsibilities are going to include the protection of the Tribe's assets, particularly the money, taking the lead on the budget process, handling 2% distributions that come twice a year, and also dealing with the monthly donation requests which are all forwarded to me, and need to prepare a summary of those for the Council which are on the agenda for later today. So those are some of the things that I will be working on as Treasurer. I have also begun a long process of learning the Tribe's current financial condition, all of its processes, how it handles the money, and how the budgets all work. I've done a lot of work in those regards already. I'm always open to informing Tribal members of the financial condition of the Tribe; so at any time, I am always available to Tribal members to answer any questions about that.

The other thing I want to mention is that we have been doing some work on the business loan program that the Tribe offers in conjunction with Superior National Bank. Tribal members are eligible, and you can borrow up to \$20,000 for business use, but you must also meet the bank's loan underwriting criteria. There is currently money available in that loan program for Tribal members. So if you know a Tribal member who has a business or wants to start a business, they can talk to Superior National Bank about that loan program.

Respectfully given,  
Eddy Edwards, Treasurer

#### Native American Classics continued:

- Hogan, Linda. *Solar Storms*. New York: Scribner, 1995.
- Ihimaera, Witi. *The Whale Rider*. New York: Harcourt, 1987.
- Loyie, Larry. *Goodbye Buffalo Bay*. Oroville, WA: Theytus Books, 2008.
- McGregor, Lurline Wailana. *Between the Deep Blue Sea and Me: A Novel*. Honolulu: Kamehameha Publishing, 2008.
- Momaday, N. Scott. *House Made of Dawn*. New York: Harper, 1966.
- Silko, Leslie Marmon. *Gardens in the Dunes: A Novel*. New York: Scribner: 1999.

#### Middle School

- Belarde-Lewis, Miranda. *Meet Lydia: A Native Girl From Southeast Alaska*. Tulsa, OK: Council Oak Books, 2003.
- Erdrich, Louise. *The Birchbark House*. New York: Hyperion, 1999.
- Simermeyer, Genevieve. *Meet Christopher: An Osage Indian Boy from Oklahoma*. Washington, DC: Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of the American Indian; Tulsa, OK: Council Oak Books, 2008.
- Solomon, Chad and Christopher Meyer. *The Adventures of Rabbit and Bear Paws: The Sugar Bush*. Toronto, Canada: Little Spirit Bear Productions, 2006.
- Swentzell, Rina. *Children of Clay: A Family of Pueblo Potters*. Minneapolis: Lerner, 1992.
- Tingle, Tim. *Walking the Choctaw Road*. El Paso, Texas: Cinco Puntos Press, 2003.

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**KBIC Sixth Annual Winter Powwow continues:**

assistance of the Assistant Arena Director, Joe Jacker. The day's events included a Lester Drift, Jr. Memorial and a Pink Shawl Honor Dance. Megan Tucker provided a beautiful hoop dance for those in attendance. The Cultural Committee honored Jade Chaudier, Miss Keweenaw Bay, and Tribal Elders, Leonard (Bill) Cardinal and Florence Uusitalo. The event included a grand feast which was enjoyed by all.

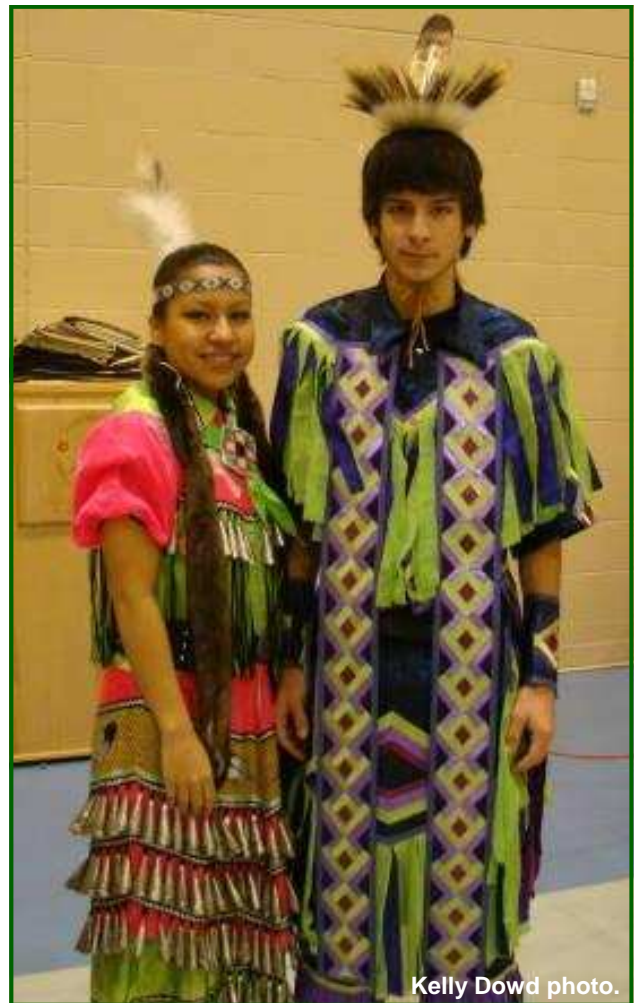
~ submitted by newsletter editor



Kelly Dowd photo.

**Leonard (Bill) Cardinal** — Bill was born on June 10, 1928, in Baraga, Michigan. His parents were Leonard Holmes and Rosemary Cardinal. He is married to Julia Durant and he has three children — Leonard, James, and Colleen Cardinal; and two step children — Kathy Chapman and Clayton Ekdahl. Bill also has four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He worked on the Soo Line Railroad for forty years and was the Vice President of the Railroad Yard Masters Union. Bill served as our KBIC Tribal Chairman and as a Council member. He was also the President of the Ojibwa Senior Citizens where he is still a member and also President of the Most Holy Name of Jesus Church Council. Bill is a member of the American Legion Post 444 and is an United States Naval Air Veteran of World War II. His favorite hobby is listening to music.

**Florence G. Uusitalo** — Florence was born at home in Assinins, Michigan. Her parents were Thomas Shelioe and Mary Jane Monguse. Florence was married to Raymond Kempainen (1949-1960) and to Carl Uusitalo (1962-1992). She has eight children — Thomas, David, Peter, Carol, Jennifer, and Susan Kempainen, and Anna and Janet Uusitalo. She has 23 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren. Florence worked as the Tribe's Community Health Representative (CHR) for 16 ½ years. She also worked at the Baraga County Shelter Home for 10 ½ years and was a restaurant owner for five years. Florence served a three year term on the Tribal Council. She is a member of the Ojibwa Senior Citizens and a member of the Most Holy Name of Jesus Church. Her hobbies include quilting, knitting, crocheting, sewing, reading, and visiting the casino.



Kelly Dowd photo.

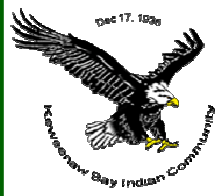
Tiana Drift and Chummy Connor, Head Youth Female and Male Dancers.



Kelly Dowd photo.

Taylor Drift and Auddie Connor, Jr., Head Female and Male Dancers.

**Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Employment Opportunities**



**On Call positions:**

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

<http://www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/personnel.htm>

- \* Executive Director—Gaming Commission, 03/12/10
- \* Child Support Enforcement Director, 03/03/10
- \* Health Outreach Worker, 03/03/10

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).

**Don Burnstick, March 12, NMU, \$5.00 admission**  
**For more information: Call 227-1397, or e-mail: [nasa@nmu.edu](mailto:nasa@nmu.edu)**

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

**To place an ad, submit an article, or relate information or ideas on possible articles contact Lauri Denomie at [newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov](mailto:newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov) or 906-201-0263.**

**Seeking Princess Candidates**

The KBIC Pow Wow Committee is seeking essays from young women who are interested in representing the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community as Princess for 2010.

**Eligible Young Women:**

- Must complete application
- Must be an enrolled KBIC member
- 13-18 years of age
- A good role model socially and academically
- A traditional jingle or fancy shawl dancer
- A clean and drug free

The essay must be written by the candidate and contain each of the following:

- A biography about yourself
- Your future plans
- What our culture means to you
- Why would you like to represent the tribe as its Princess
- What you plan to do for the tribe (community involvement)

Essays may be typed or neatly handwritten, must be signed and include your address and telephone number. Applications are available at the Tribal Center. Applications must be submitted by **Friday, March 26, 2010, 4:00 p.m.** Submit your essay to the Tribal Center addressed to the Pow Wow Committee.

**Application Deadline: 03/26/2010, 4 pm**

**Mark Your Calendars!**  
 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Keweenaw Bay Traditional Pow-wow  
 July 23, 24, & 25, 2010

For more information call Lauri Denomie at (906) 353-7117 or e-mail [lauridenomie@kbic-nsn.gov](mailto:lauridenomie@kbic-nsn.gov)

**POW W O W**



This year's Head Dancers  
 Joel Syrette and Mariah Jourdain  
 (with a Mariah Syrette)  
 Hoop Dance - Woodland Singers

The N.M.U. Native American Student Association invites you to the 18th annual "Learning to Walk Together" traditional powwow

**SATURDAY, MARCH 13**

Vandament Arena \* NMU Campus \* Marquette, MI

**Grand Entry Times**

**12 p.m. and 6 p.m.**

**Feast Meal - Saturday at 4 p.m.**

**D.J. Jacobetti Center**

featuring the 9th annual Hand Drum Competition

**NEED MORE INFORMATION?  
 WANT TO VOLUNTEER?**

Call: 906-227-1397  
 E-mail: [nasa@nmu.edu](mailto:nasa@nmu.edu)  
 Visit: [www.nmu.edu/nativeamericans](http://www.nmu.edu/nativeamericans)



**Northern Michigan University**

**Many Attend Healthy Heart Fair**

KBIC's Department of Health and Human Services held their annual Healthy Heart Fair on Friday, February 12, at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens. The favored event drew many community members who came to learn how to better take care of their health, get their blood tests done, perhaps received a chair massage, or just to browse the booths and entered drawings to win one of the many prizes that were to be given away at the end of the day. Prizes being offered included yoga mats, water bottles, cooking supplies, blankets, gift cards, just to name a few.

This year's vendors were: Baraga & L'Anse High School Nurse's Aid students, Baraga County Home Care



Susan J. LaFerner submitted



Newsletter photo

# Aabinoojiyens



Rion welcomes his new baby brother, Anen Arthur Fountaine, born November 30, 2009, to Kristine and Cory Fountaine of Harvey. Anen weighed 7 lbs. 3 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long at birth.



Conner Lee Dakota, born November 11, 2009, to Amanda Strong and Michael Dakota, Sr. Conner weighed 5 lbs. 11 oz. and was 18 inches long at birth. Maternal grandparents are Becky Chosa and Neil Strong, and his parental grandparents are Dale Dakota, Sr. and Connie Rios.

## 2010 CENSUS — How to Be Counted as an American Indian or Alaska Native

Come Census time it's very important that every American Indian and Alaska Native person is counted -- and counted as an American Indian or Alaska Native. The way a person is counted as American Indian or Alaska Native is simply by checking off the box that says "American Indian or Alaska Native" on the Census form. The box is under the question about the person's race.

Saying that you're American Indian or Alaska Native on the 2010 Census form is a matter of self-identification. No proof is required. No one will ask you to show a tribal enrollment card or a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB).

Whether a household is counted as an **American Indian or Alaska Native household depends entirely on the**

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## The DHHS Superior Spirit Award Winner for February



Elvera Lantz is the DHHS Superior Spirit Award winner for February. "Elvera Lantz, CHS Clerk, is always in her office when you need her assistance. She is courteous, caring, and helpful. She is truly sympathetic to our ailments, no matter how big or small they may be. Her compassion helps one feel more at ease when unpleasant illnesses occur in one's families."

Elvera received a beaded lanyard for her name badge and is able to park in the spot specifically designed for the DHHS Superior Spirit Award winner. Congratulations, Elvera!!

**Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College**  
**Computer Training Schedule**  
 9:00-11:30am or 1:00-3:30pm  
 Note: Afternoon sessions are a repeat of mornings - only one must be attended

**Advanced Word:** March 9, 11, 16, and 18  
**Basic Excel:** March 23, 25, 30, and April 1  
**Advanced Excel:** April 6, 8, 13, and 15  
**PowerPoint:** April 20, 22, 27, and 29  
**Access:** May 4, 6, 11, and 13

Free to all tribal members and employees!  
 Call Megan at 353-4604 to register

**KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY**  
**OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES**

427 N. Superior Ave. • Baraga, MI 49908  
 In Tribal Court Building  
 Phone: 906-353-4566 • Fax: 906-353-8132  
 • Email: [ocss@kbic-nsn.gov](mailto:ocss@kbic-nsn.gov)

**"Your Children...Our Priority"**

We provide the following services:

- Establishment, Enforcement and Modification of Child Support Orders
- Paternity Establishment
- Location of Custodial and Non-Custodial Parents
- Community Education

<http://www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/ocss.htm>

# OJIBWA

## OJIBWA

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 ATM, Sporting Goods  
 Tribal Gas Discounts Honored Inside  
 Pay-at-Pump features for your convenience  
 Daily Lunch Specials  
 Daily Soup Specials  
 Business Deliveries Available  
 (call for details)  
 Owned & Operated by Ojibwa Housing Authority; all proceeds go to Affordable Housing Activities.  
 Snowmobile & ORV stickers available here!  
**Welcome Snowmobilers!**



**Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing Authority**

"Owned and operated by the Ojibwa Housing Authority.

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

**OJIBWA**  
 Ojibwa Car Wash & Laundromat  
**FEATURING**  
 Ultrasonic Touchless Automatic Car Wash  
 Your car will sparkle and shine like NEW!  
**Open 24 Hours a Day**  
**7 Days a Week**  
**Ojibwa Car Wash & Laundromat**  
 US 41, Baraga  
 Owned & Operated by Ojibwa Housing Authority; all proceeds go to Affordable Housing Activities.

**Keweenaw Bay Indian Community  
Natural Resources Department**

**Great Lakes Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Update  
And Steps You Can Take To Help Slow the Spread of Exotics.**

From Asian Carp to Zebra Mussels, the invasion of exotic ecological threats to the Great Lakes continues at a concerning pace. Managers throughout the region have been working hard to minimize the potentially devastating effects of these Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) to the Great Lakes, native fish, and wildlife communities the lakes host. Recently, new threats have been identified and are detailed here:

**Asian Carp:** Seven carp species native to Asia have been introduced to the United States. The four species considered true Asian Carp are listed here, with the Bighead carp being the identified species of concern for its potential to invade lower Lake Michigan. To date, this has not occurred, but the species has been identified within six miles of Lake Michigan, and DNA has been identified even closer, prompting concern and the development of control and eradication plans by the US Fish and Wildlife Service and several partnering management agencies.

**Asian Carp of concern. 4 species of focus, with bighead carp the closest threat to lower Lake Michigan as of Feb 4, 2010. (information/ illustrations from USFWS)**



**Bighead Carp**  
*Hypophthalmichthys nobilis*



**Silver Carp**  
*Hypophthalmichthys molitrix*



**Black Carp**  
*Mylopharyngodon piceus*



**Grass Carp**  
*Ctenopharyngodon idella*

**Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS):** Recent detection of VHS in Lake Superior has prompted the KBIC Natural Resources Department to begin planning for intensified disease surveillance and prevention at the Pequaming Hatchery Facility and in the field. VHS is an extremely serious disease that can result in large scale fish mortality events in some instances. Many local fish species have been identified as susceptible to VHS, and they include the following:

**Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia Virus (VHSV)  
Update (updated Feb 19, 2010)**

**Large scale fish kills (VHSV implicated as cause) in the Great Lakes Region have occurred in:**

- |                 |                         |
|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Black crappie   | Great Lakes muskellunge |
| Bluegill        | Round goby              |
| Common carp     | White bass              |
| Freshwater drum | Yellow perch            |
| Gizzard shad    |                         |

**Species in which VHSV has been confirmed in smaller mortality events in the Great Lakes:**

- Rock bass
- Smallmouth bass
- Walleye

**Species that have been identified as carriers of VHSV in the Great Lakes:**

- |                      |                                 |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Bluntnose minnow     | Brown bullhead                  |
| Brown trout          | Burbot                          |
| Channel catfish      | Chinook salmon                  |
| Cisco (lake herring) | Coho salmon                     |
| Emerald shiner       | Lake trout                      |
| Lake whitefish       | Largemouth bass                 |
| Northern pike        | Pink salmon                     |
| Pumpkinseed          | Rainbow trout (steelhead forms) |
| Silver redhorse      | Shorthead redhorse              |
| Spottail shiner      | Trout perch                     |
| White perch          | White sucker                    |

**State of Michigan Informational Release  
Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia Virus (VHSV) Briefing, 2009  
Michigan Department of Natural Resources**

Symptoms of VHS include but may not be limited to external and internal bleeding, pale gills, erratic swimming behavior, and a listless appearance.

**(8) Ishwaaswi**



Typical viral symptoms of external bleeding in a gizzard shad, Photo by USFWS/ Dr. Mohamed Faisal.

The recent identification of these and other AIS threats to Lake Superior and the Great Lakes, in general, have prompted management agencies to remind people that they can assist in minimizing the spread of exotic species and in contributing to the understanding of their spread.

**BE VIGILANT.** If you observe a large scale fish kill, or if you encounter a fish that appears sick, contact the KBNRD at (906) 524-5757.

**BE CAUTIOUS:** Take steps to minimize the chances that you spread an exotic species. Clean boats, trailers, and fishing equipment thoroughly and allow them to dry in the sun before transporting to a different water body. Do not release unused bait into the wild. Do not move water from one water body to another. Taking these steps can greatly reduce the risk of spreading VHS and other exotic threats.

**BE INFORMED:** be aware of any management regulation changes or alerts that relate to exotic species introductions or spread.

KBNRD has been actively involved in AIS management with many species and intends to stay abreast of new threats and introductions of exotic species to Lake Superior and the surrounding region with active preventive measures, surveillance, and assistance from the community



Photo 1. Exotic Eurasian Ruffe documented at the Misery River in Houghton County, MI.



Photo 2. Sea Lamprey captured on Silver River, Baraga County, MI.

Photos and Articles submitted by Gene Mensch.

**KBIC Veterans Deliver Gifts to D.J. Jacobetti Home**



The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community assists the KBIC Veterans through an allocated donation for gift bags to be delivered to the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans during the Christmas Holiday. The Council received the following thank you from the home which they'd like to share with the KBIC Veterans and the community. Pictures were provided by D.J. Jacobetti staff.

very best. Thank you again for your generosity.

Kathy Loehr, Volunteer Coordinator, D.J. Jacobetti Home

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

**All Tribal Veterans Welcome!**

On behalf of our members at the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans, I would like to extend our sincere thanks for your very generous donation of gift bags that included fruit, candy, socks, cards and dice. These bags helped make Christmas a little more memorable for our Veterans. The "quality of life" of our veterans is enhanced in a most positive way through your kindness, caring and thoughtfulness. Donations such as yours help our residents enjoy a good life, and we sincerely believe our veterans deserve the

**Exercise Class**  
**Stability Ball**

**Starting Monday, March 8th!**

Classes will be held on  
**Mondays and Thursdays at 6 pm**  
**KBOCC Gymnasium**

Class Instructor: Cheryne Clements, NETA Certified

*This class will be a combination of aerobic and strength training with a Stability (exercise) Ball*

**Beginners are welcomed!**

Contact Heather Wood at 353-4546  
to register today!



# New Employees



Kathy Autio was hired by the Ojibwa Community Library as the Library Assistant starting on February 1, 2010. She is excited to once again find work in her field of study as she has an Associate Degree in Library Science from Illinois Valley Community College, Oglesby, IL. She is looking forward to meeting the community and helping them with all their library needs. She also subs in the Baraga Area Schools Library.

Kathy's husband's name is John, and he is the pastor at Mission United Lutheran Church, Pelkie. Kathy grew up on a dairy farm in northern Illinois. John hails from L'Anse and has been back home now for almost five years. Together for 26 years of marriage, they have two daughters, Julia and Kirsti.

Julia is a junior at Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, majoring in Elementary Education. Kirsti is a senior at Houghton High School and will join her sister at CMU in the fall to study journalism or psychology.

Kathy's hobbies include cooking, baking, traveling, and shopping. She has been active in her church with quilting, bazaar co-chair, youth leader, helping with Vacation Bible School, and reader/communion assistant. She was a 4-H leader for the Personal Appearance Club for the last couple of years. She enjoys taking walks with her family and dog, Holly, a sheltie.



Charlotte Loonsfoot has been hired as the Wildlife Technician for Keweenaw Bay Indian Natural Resources Department.

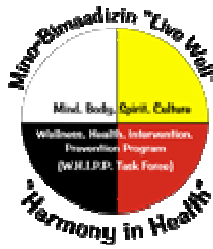
Charlotte is the youngest daughter of Virgil Loonsfoot.

Charlotte has five children, Adrian Loonsfoot (age 17), Shauna Pelto (age 16), Christian Pelto (age 15), Virgil Mongozid (age six), and Robert Mongozid (age one). They moved to Baraga fourteen years ago.

Charlotte states, "Boozhoo, I graduated at Ojibwa Community College in 2009, with an Associates Degree in Environmental Science and Liberal Studies. I plan to attend MTU in the fall part-time to further my education. I enjoy looking for eagle feathers, camping, going to pow-wows, and fishing with my family. I also like to draw, paint, sew, bead, and weave baskets.

I am very happy to have this opportunity to help our Mother Earth and to help our people to understand how we are connected to everything around us, the four legged, the two legged, the flyers, and the swimmers. Everything has a purpose, and we need to respect and understand how one little plant or animal depends on many things to survive. We all need to clean up after ourselves and to be careful with nature.

I look forward to learning and experiencing all that's in the wild with my new job at KBTNRD."



## W.H.I.P.P. (Wellness, Health, Intervention, Prevention, Program) Task Force

**Mission Statement:** "The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Wellness, Health, Intervention, Prevention Program is dedicated to improving and maintaining the general health and well being of our employees, dependents, and community members. Our goal is to provide information, activities, motivation, services, and recognition to enhance the ability of people to better manage their own health, improve their quality of life and reduce their risk of disease and injury. Positive lifestyle choices develop a culture that is focused on celebrating and improving the quality of life for all."

Thank you to everyone who made the recent Health Fair on February 12th a success! Everyone loves the health fair, and there is always great information and free items for your good health and well being. The WHIPP Task Force had a booth, and it was beautiful. Thank you to all who donated and worked so hard to prepare and make sure that everything was taken care of. The information regarding healthy brown bag lunches and healthy snacks was also provided to our employees in Marquette. There were also great prizes.

March is "Observe Workplace Eye Wellness Month." More than 2000 people injure their eyes on the job each day. Remember to wear the proper eye safety/protection gear for your job and make sure it fits well, keep germs away from your eyes, and visit your eye doctor to keep your eyes healthy. Also March is "Nutrition Month." Did you know that "blueberries" have more antioxidants than any other fruit in North America? Blueberries are

essential in fighting cancer, diabetes, and age-related memory changes. This fruit is rich in vitamins A and C which boosts cardiovascular health. How fortunate we are to have this fruit growing in our backyards. Benefits of eating fruits and vegetables:

- Fruits and vegetables taste great;
- Fruits and vegetables are the original fast food—easy to fix and serve;
- Eating plenty of fruits and vegetables helps you feel more energetic;
- Fruits and vegetables are good for your health;
- Fruits and vegetables may reduce your risk of certain cancers and heart disease;
- Fruits and vegetables have no cholesterol and almost all are naturally low in calories, fat, and sodium;
- Most fruits and vegetables are a good source of vitamins, minerals, and dietary fiber;
- Fruits and vegetables help promote a healthy digestive tract.

Remember to get your cholesterol checked to keep healthy hearts, veins, and brains healthy. A quick lesson on cholesterol levels: Total Cholesterol: includes your LDL, HDL, and all other lipoproteins. A desirable level is less than 200 mg/dl. Low-Density Lipoprotein (LDL) is considered the "bad" cholesterol because it transports cholesterol through the body and can build up in the artery walls. An optimal LDL reading is less than 100 mg/dl (less than 70 if you have heart disease already or are at very high risk). The higher your LDL count, the greater your risk of heart attack. High-Density Lipoprotein (HDL) is considered this "good" cholesterol because it can reduce your risk of heart disease by transporting cholesterol away from arteries and to the liver, where it becomes harmless. A desired level is 40 mg/dl for men and 50 mg/dl for women. Triglycerides are another type of fat in the blood. Hormones regulate the release of these fats to meet the body's energy needs between

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### OUR FINAL SNOWSHOE WINNER!

Bill Lahti is the final winner of the Library's snowshoe giveaway. Bill is a weekly patron of the library. He was thrilled to win the youth snowshoes as he is waiting for his first grandchild, Alex, to be born. What a great baby gift!

The library would like to thank the Diabetes Program for buying the snowshoes and promoting wellness.

~ Mary Bergerson, Library Director



### Drug Court Report continued:

sell them.

#### **Sentenced on 01/12/2010 to:**

1. \$1000 fine.
2. 24 months standard drug and alcohol restricted probation with a \$10 monthly probation fee to run concurrent with other cases. Defendant will be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing.
3. 180 days jail to be served concurrently with other cases. The Defendant shall be responsible for the costs of lodging.
4. The Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and follow the recommendations of that screening until successfully completed. Defendant may follow recommendations of prior screening.
5. The Defendant is to report to the probation officer twice weekly, perform at least one drug test per week, and is subject to random alcohol/drug testing. Defendant will be responsible for the costs of those tests.

#### **Brittany Maki, case # 09-287, controlled substance (possession) - 1<sup>st</sup> offense**

**Factual basis:** I used controlled substances without a prescription, Hydrocodone, Methadone and THC.

#### **Sentenced on 01/25/2010 to:**

1. \$500 fine.
2. 180 days jail, 150 days suspended pend-

ing successful completion of all the terms of probation, credit for 13 days served, 17 days to be served. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging and other expenses while incarcerated.

3. The Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and is to comply with the recommendation of that screening until successfully discharged.
4. 6-12 months standard drug and alcohol restricted probation with a \$10 monthly probation fee. Defendant will be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing.
5. Upon discharge from jail, Defendant must submit to drug testing three times per week until she can provide ten negative (non-dilute) tests in a row. Thereafter testing will be at the discretion of the probation officer.
6. Defendant will be released directly into an inpatient treatment facility and remaining jail time will be suspended.

#### **Teresa Loonsfoot, case # 10-002, controlled substance (use) - 1st offense**

**Factual basis:** I smoked marijuana, and it is illegal.

#### **Sentenced on 02/08/2010 to:**

1. \$150 fine.
2. 6-12 months standard drug and alcohol

Continued page ten.



**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. College tuition and expenses for residents;
  3. 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;
  - Surplus FEMA mobile home program for Tribal members;
  - Stipend program covering mileage and child care expenses for residents attending college;
  - Affordable curbside trash service for residents and members;
  - Prescription subsidy program to reimburse Tribal elders and disabled households for prescriptions purchased;
  - 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.

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**2010 CENSUS continued:**

**race of "Person 1"** -- the first person listed on the Census form. If that person says he or she is American Indian or Alaska Native, then the household will be counted as one with an American Indian or Alaska Native "householder." The Census Bureau uses the definition of American Indian or Alaska Native published by the US Office of Management and Budget (OMB): "A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment." This definition of who's Indian is quite different than the one in federal law that says an Indian person is a member of an Indian tribe. What gives American Indian and Alaska Native people special status in law is a political relationship -- as a member of a Native governmental entity -- not who one's ancestors are. Simply saying that one is Indian on a Census form does not convey any special relationship or privileges.

For the first person in the household, it's question nine on the form. For additional members of the household, it's question six. The question looks like this:

The only way to ensure that you are included in all the counts as American Indian or Alaska Native is to check just that one box on the form.

9. What is Person 1's race? Mark 'X' one or more boxes.

White  
 Black, African Am., or Negro  
 American Indian or Alaska Native — Print name of enrolled or principal tribe

Asian Indian     Japanese     Native Hawaiian  
 Chinese         Korean        Guamanian or Chamorro  
 Filipino         Vietnamese    Samoan  
 Other Asian — Print race, for example, Hong Kong, Thai, Pakistani, Cambodian, and so on.  
 Other Pacific Islander — Print race, for example, Fijian, Tongan, and so on.  
 Some other race — Print race

~ submitted by Newsletter Editor

**BIA Scholarship Deadline**

The deadline to apply for a BIA Scholarship for the 2010-11 academic year is May 1, 2010.

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

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

For more information, please contact Amy St. Arnold, Education Director, at 906-353-4117 or e-mail: [amy@KBIC-nsn.gov](mailto:amy@KBIC-nsn.gov).

**W.H.I.P.P. continued:**

meals. High levels can increase your risk for heart disease. A desirable level is less than 150 mg/dl. An employee said she remembered the difference between LDL and HDL as: LDL = lousy (bad) and HDL = happy (good).

Spring begins March 20th!!!

~ submitted by Susan J. LaFerner

**Healthy Heart Fair WHIPP Prize Winners**

Apple Ipad — Jacqueline Jossens; \$50 VISA Card — Valerie Voakes, Cheryl Erikainen, Vicky Mleko; \$25 Pat's Foods Card — Helen Tollefson; Samuel Dix; Ashtin Koski; Violet Friisvall; \$20 Larry's Market Card — Sarah Dix, Brandy Chosa, Tim Kohn; Intelligent Water Bottle — Melissa Treadeau; Ojibwa Casino Insulated Mug — Stephanie Pinnow, Beth Dix, Marcella Franti, Steve Murray, Cindy Curtis, Sharon Ollila, Connie Sullivan, Angela Kelly, Shawnie Stein, Cassie Dix.



Susan J. LaFerner Photo.

**ATTENTION KBIC MEMBERS:** The following Committees/Boards have vacant seats:

**Election Board** – 2 seats

**Education Committee** – 1 seat for a three-year term and 1 seat for a two-year term (must be KBIC Tribal member and a parent of enrolled KBIC child in Grades K-12 attending the L'Anse or Baraga Schools)

**Justice Committee (Child Welfare)** – two seats;

**Enrollment Committee** – seven seats;

**Hiring Committee** – seven seats;

**Natural Resource Committee** – two seats;

**Pow-Wow Committee** – four seats.

Application due date is March 19, 2010, 4:00 p.m.

Please submit an application (located in Peggy Minton or Janice Halverson's office) by the due date to:

Warren C. Swartz, Jr. – President  
16429 Beartown Rd.  
Baraga, MI 49908

**Drug Court Report continued:**

restricted probation with a \$10 monthly probation fee. Defendant is subject to random drug and alcohol testing and will be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing.

3. 90 days jail, 84 days suspended, credit for two days served, Defendant is to serve four days of community service in lieu of jail. Defendant will be financially responsible for the costs of lodging, if any.
4. The Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and is to follow the recommendations of that screening until successfully discharged.
5. The Defendant is to complete the Even Start program, obtain her GED, and provide the probation officer with proof of her efforts. When the Defendant completes the program, her fines will be reduced at an amount to be determined at that time.



**Healthy Heart Fair continued:**

& Hospice, Baraga County Medical Equipment, Bay Ambulance, KBOCC, KBOCC Destiny grant, KBIC Diabetes program, KBIC Healthy Start, KBIC WIC, KBIC Diabetes Case Management Service, KBIC Natural Resources, KBIC VOCA, KBIC Medical Clinic, KBIC CHS & Electronic Health Record, L'Anse Health Mart, MSU Extension Family Nutrition Program, Northern Orthotics & Prosthetics, Aspirus Keweenaw Home Nursing & Hospice, Message Therapy, and WHIPP.

~ submitted by Newsletter Editor



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## LOGO CONTEST



**KBIC – Tribal Weatherization Program [T-WAP] –** Submit a design for a new program focusing on Tribal Energy Sufficiency, Renewable Energy, Sustainable Energy, and Tribal Community Energy Conservation Awareness.

Submit entries/designs by **Noon - March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010** to:  
**KBIC – CAP Office**  
 ATTN: Debbie Picciano  
 16429 Beartown Road  
 Baraga, MI 49908  
 906-353-8137

[funded by DOE]

**Best entry will receive cash prize.**

## NOTICE

**KBIC – CAP Office is looking for Tribal Members interested in Weatherization Training.**

Interested applicants should have a background in Construction and computer use.


Applicants need to pass a background check and must be able to commit to obtaining required training.

Interested Tribal Members need to contact the CAP Office by **March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010** – training will begin in April 2010. Limited space.

Please contact: Debbie or Nancy in the CAP Office - 906-353-8137 for application.



## ATTENTION



**KBIC – Community Assistance Programs Office REACH [DOE] Program is looking for low-income Tribal members who currently own and are using 'energy hog' refrigerators manufactured in 1990 or earlier. We are looking to replace these and possibly other prehistoric energy eaters with new 'Energy Star' appliances.**

This program may also assist with replacing antique water heaters with new tank less water heaters.

**QUALIFY:** Must be LIHEAP eligible Tribal members – own the appliance(s) and are responsible for the replacement.

**REQUIRED:** Current household income; information on current refrigerator/water heater – including photos; must have dimensions for install of appliance; other documentation as requested.

Requests will be taken until noon April 1, 2010 – as funding is limited to five 'pilot' homes.

The 'KBIC – Energy Star Team' will review all applications.

Please call Debbie Picciano or Nancy Browers in the CAP office 906-353-8137 if you have any questions.

Program funded through the Department of Energy [DOE]

## REMINDER



**KBIC – CAP Office is looking for income-eligible Tribal Members interested in Job Skill Building.**

A variety of funding is available to Tribal Members from heating assistance to emergencies. Some programs require income and others do not. Please contact - Debbie or Nancy in the CAP Office - 353-8137 for application or inquires.

## NEW-STUFF

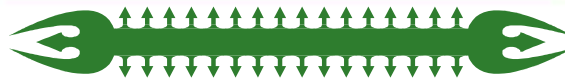
The CAP Office has received notice of funding from the CITGO Corporation – details to come.

Energy Saving Educational Activities will start soon. Notice will be posted and also sent to Tribal members who expressed interest on their CAP applications.

Available soon – Programmable thermostats, CFL Light bulbs, CO Smoke Detectors, and other Energy Saving Devices.

Notices will be posted – items given out will require old devices to be turned in for recycling or disposal.

Programs are funded by DHHS/ACF, DOE, ARRA, CITGO.



**Sand Point Recreational Improvements**

The Sand Point area is a tremendous community asset. The combination of beautiful Keweenaw Bay vistas, cultural areas, great swimming beaches, natural areas, the marina, and lighthouse make the site a unique place. As part of the Brownfield assessment process, a Sand Point Concept Master Plan was developed in 2003, and served as a general guide for future development of the Sand Point Recreation Area. The area south and east of the lighthouse has an existing informal campground with scattered sites, swimming beaches, picnic area, a fishing pond, marina, and wetlands. Shoreline stabilization is also an issue with piles of discarded concrete slabs and tires being used along the shoreline. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) would like to develop this area with the proper planning and design assistance to protect the resource while developing the infrastructure needed to realize the potential of this community asset for locals and tourists alike. A detailed design plan and construction documents are needed to insure the resource is developed and protected properly. A partnership has been formed, and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between Michigan Technological University- Engineers without Borders (MTU-EWB) and KBIC in April 2009. In 2010, KBIC was awarded funding thru Michigan Coastal Zone Management to provide the required professional design assistance from a landscape architectural and engineering firm to mentor the students and provide the com-



munity with a working document complete with a design plan, site specifications, construction documents and cost estimates. KBIC's Park and Recreation Committee recognizes the variety of activities enjoyed by many people in this area and are interested in receiving comments on initial planning designs. Please send comments to Parks and Recreation Committee c/o KBIC Tribal Chairman Office, 16429 Bear Town Rd., Baraga, MI 49908.

~ submitted by Evelyn Ravindran

**Native American Classics continued:**

- Wallis, Velma. *Two Old Women: An Alaska Legend of Betrayal, Courage and Survival.* New York: Harper, 1993.

**Elementary**

- Bruchac, Marge. *Malian's Song.* Lebanon, New Hampshire: University Press of New England, 2005.
- Harjo, Joy. *For a Girl Becoming.* Tucson: University of Arizona Press, 2009.
- John, Roberta. *Proud to be a Black-sheep.* Flagstaff: Salina Bookshelf, 2006.
- Keams, Geri. *Snail Girl Brings Water: A Navajo Story.* Flagstaff: Northland Publishing, 1998.
- King, Thomas. *A Coyote Solstice Tale.* Toronto: Greenwood Books, 2009.

- Kreipe de Montano, Marty. *Coyote in Love with a Star.* Washington, DC; New York: Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of the American Indian; New York; London; Paris: Abbeville Press, 1998.
- Messinger, Carla. *When the Shadbush Blooms.* Berkeley. Toronto: Tricycle Press, 2007.
- Smith, Cynthia Leitich. *Jingle Dancer.* New York: Morrow, 2000.
- Tapahonso, Luci. *Songs of Shiprock Fair.* Walnut, CA: Kiva Publishing, 1999.
- Tingle, Tim. *Crossing Bok Chitto: A Choctaw Tale of Friendship & Freedom.* El Paso: Cinco Puntos Press, 2006.



## Attention Well Owners!

This spring the Keweenaw Bay Natural Resources Department (KBNRD) will be collecting drinking water samples to determine the levels of uranium in tribal member wells. KBNRD Water Resources staff will be conducting the sampling. Wells screened within the Jacobsville Sandstone formation will be given first priority but all tribal member residences are eligible for testing. Contact KBNRD staff if you would like to have your home sampled!

Eligibility Requirements:

- Tribal Member residence;
- Water supplied by an individual well;
- Reside in Baraga, Houghton, Keweenaw, Ontonagon, or Marquette County.

For more information contact:

<b>Micah Petoskey</b> Water Resources Specialist (906) 524-5757 ext 15	<b>Catherine Laux</b> Water Resources Technician (906) 524-5757 ext 16
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\* Homes with municipal water supply are NOT eligible for this study.

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**March 2010 Calendars Events**

Mar. 6 — Regular Saturday Council Meeting, 10 a.m.  
Mar. 12 — Comedian Don Burnstick at NMU  
Mar. 13 — "Learning To Walk Together" NMU Powwow, 12 noon  
Mar. 17 — Veterans meeting, 7 p.m.  
Mar. 19 — KBIC Committee Application deadline, 4 p.m.  
Mar. 25 — Ojibwa Sr. Citizen's Pasty Sale  
Mar. 26 — Ojibwa Sr. Citizen's Monthly meeting at 12:30 p.m.

~ 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](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.



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