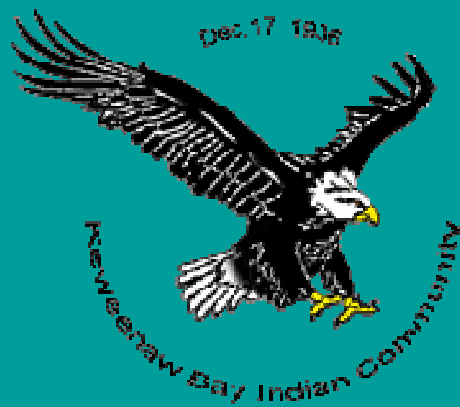


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KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY PARTICIPATES IN NMU'S 18TH ANNUAL "LEARNING TO WALK TOGETHER" POWWOW

Northern Michigan University's Native American Student Association (NASA) hosts an annual powwow each March. Leora Tadgerson, Chairperson of NASA, states, "Celebration such as these are essential to maintaining the Native culture and to keep traditions alive."

This year was the 18th Annual "Learning To Walk Together" powwow which was held on Saturday, March 13th at the Vandament Arena at NMU. Grand entries were held at noon and 6:00 p.m. with a traditional feast and hand drum competition held at 4:00 p.m. in the D.J. Jacobetti Center. This annual powwow provides the community with a time to visit, feast, sing and dance together. KBIC is a proud sponsor of the annual event.

KBIC member, Jim St. Arnold, honored the Community as Head Veteran Dancer and led the KBIC Color Guard in grand entry. Woodlands Drum, Host Drum, and Lac Courte Oreilles Badger Singers, Co-host Drum, along with the eight registered visiting drums provided great songs for more than 100 registered dancers.

Joel Syrette and Mariah Jourdain, of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, served as Head Male and Female Dancers. Dwight "Bucko" Teeple of Brimley, Michigan, kept everyone informed of the activities as Master of Ceremonies, and Robert Blackdeer of Black River Falls, Wisconsin, Arena Director, kept the Arena in order and assisted dancer's needs. Sam Doyle of Clio, Michigan, served as Firekeeper. Numerous volunteers assisted NASA with this grand event.

~ submitted by Newsletter Editor



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Noon grand entry of the "Learning To Walk Together" Traditional Powwow on March 13. (Right) Head Veteran Dancer, Jim St. Arnold, leads the KBIC Color Guard into the arena.



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Mariah Jourdain (left) and Joel Syrette (right), of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, served as Head Male and Female Dancers.

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Royalty—Megan Tucker, Miss Bear River (left), Jade Chaudier, Miss Keweenaw Bay. Both are fancy shawl dancers.

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:

- **March 6, 2010, Tribal Council meeting**
- **18th Annual "Learning To Walk Together" Powwow**
- **Early Years Are Learning Years**
- **2010 Women's Retreat Held**
- **Is Your Home Computer Asleep When You Are?**
- **Drug Conviction Report**
- **DHHS Superior Spirit Award Winner for March**
- **New Employees**
- **Aabinoojiyens**



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Shown above are NASA President Leora Tadgerson (left), NASA Vice-President Mitch Bolo (right) with Comedian Don Burnstick (center).

Northern Michigan University's (NMU) Native American Student Association (NASA) brought Don Burnstick to the stage Friday evening, March 12, in conjunction with the "Learning To Walk Together" PowWow. Burnstick had members of the audience roaring throughout the event which was held at the Vandament Arena on NMU's campus.

Burnstick is a Cree from the Alexander First Nation located outside of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Growing up on the reserve and being the youngest of 15 children, Don learned a variety of means of defending himself, one of was humor.

Don's young life was very violent. He lived on the streets of Edmonton as an alcoholic and drug addict. At age 21, he sobered up. Since there weren't too many 21-year-old males who were alcohol and drug free, he started going around and telling his story.

Don Burnstick has established himself as one of Canada's best known comedians. His comedy show, "You Might be a Redskin - Healing Through Native Humor," is a comedic performance that humorously portrays First Nations people, their habits, likes, and dislikes.

~ submitted by Newsletter Editor

MARCH 6, 2010 — TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on March 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, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth D. Mayo, Toni Minton, and Isabelle Helene Welsh present. Secretary Susan LaFerner shared numerous *Thank You* and *For Your Information* items addressed to Council. Reports were given for February 2010, by President Swartz (page three), Secretary Susan J. LaFerner (page eight), and CEO Larry Denomie III (page two). Council passed the Department Head Reports for January 2010.

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

- **Motion by Elizabeth Mayo to table a request from Amanda Bloxton for assistance with legal fees and relocation expenses, supported by William E. Emery, eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**
- **Motion by Gary Loonsfoot, Sr., to table a request from Debi Williamson who organized a non-profit organization, Turtle Island Cultural Services, Inc., for funding assistance in the amount of \$11,000, supported by Susan J. LaFerner, eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**
- **Motion by Toni Minton to deny the request for travel assistance for LaVerne Perrault to visit her sister's grave in Illinois, supported by Elizabeth D. Mayo, ten supported (Emery, S. LaFerner, Matthews, Edwards, Curtis, Dakota, M. LaFerner, Loonsfoot, Mayo, Minton), one opposed (Welsh), 0 abstained, motion carried.**
- **Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to deny the request of sponsorship for the National Child Welfare Committee Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect being held in Oregon, supported by Michael LaFerner, Sr., eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**
- **Motion by Gary Loonsfoot to deny the request for sponsorship for the Leh-Nah-Weh Native American Organization's, Mending the Sacred Hoop Powwow, supported by Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**
- **Motion by Susan J. LaFerner to deny the request for sponsorship for the University of Michigan Powwow, supported by Toni Minton, eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**
- **Motion by Gary Loonsfoot, Sr. to deny the request for a donation for the Pine Mountain Musical Festival, supported by Jerry Lee Curtis, eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**
- **Motion by William E. Emery to approve a donation of \$4770 for the Ojibwa Senior Citizens for their Loretta Lynn trip, supported by Jerry Lee Curtis, eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**
- **Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to approve \$300 each to Ariel Gougeon and Jeffrey Degenauer (if they are enrolled Tribal members) for their senior class trip to Europe, supported by Michael LaFerner, Sr., eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**
- **Motion by Gary Loonsfoot, Sr., to approve \$500 donation each for their 2010 Senior BASH to Baraga, L'Anse, and Marquette, supported by William E. Em-**

ery, eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.

- **Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to approve a \$500 donation for the Diabetes Outreach Network from Marquette's 25th year in the U.P. celebration and to turn it over to Kathy Mayo, supported by Michael LaFerner, Sr., eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**
- **Motion by Michael LaFerner, Sr. to approve a sponsorship in the amount of \$300 to be made in the name of Eagle Radio for the April 7th Keweenaw Economic Development Association (KEDA) meeting, supported by William E. Emery, ten supported (Emery, Matthews, Edwards, Curtis, Dakota, M. LaFerner, Loonsfoot, Mayo, Minton, Welsh), one opposed (S. LaFerner), 0 abstained, motion carried.**
- **Motion by Michael LaFerner, Sr. to approve a donation in the amount of \$1300 for the KB Peewee B Hockey Team coached by Lyndon Ekdahl to as-**

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CEO REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2010.

On February 2-4, Sarah Smith, Assistant CEO, Gregg Nominelli, and I traveled to Chicago to attend the Department of Housing and Urban Development training for our Indian Community Development Block Grants reporting. The Tribe currently has three \$600,000 regular status grants and one \$600,000 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grant. It was made very clear at the training that if funds are not obligated by the required dates they would de-obligate the funds and redistribute them to other Tribes. We are expecting to not have this situation occur and will be moving forward as quickly as possible this coming year to move our projects forward. The projects utilizing these funds include the Donald A. LaPointe Health Center renovation and expansion, the construction of the new Early Childhood Education Center, and the new gas station.

To aid in moving the listed projects forward, the Tribe has supported the new position of Project Manager. Five candidates were interviewed with Bruce LaPointe being offered the position. Bruce has accepted and will begin working on March 15, pending approval of pre-employment requirements.

The request for proposals for the design work for the Early Childhood Education Center project is out and due to the CEO's office on March 8. The 7,700 square foot addition onto the Community Center is expected to come in around \$1.6 million.

On February 8, staff met with Vince Rose of Employee Benefits to discuss the Tribe's annual BCBS Health Insurance renewal rates. The renewal rates are much higher than expected and budgeted for the fiscal year. The Tribe currently has two plans serving the governmental operations and enterprises. Without adjusting the plans, the Tribe will encounter over a half million dollar increase. Vince offered options which could balance the rate to what was budgeted by making several changes to the plans. Council will be reviewing their options in March.

On February 12, the Healthy Heart Fair was held at the Ojibwa Senior's Center organized by the Tribe's Health Department. The WHIPP Task Force, formerly known as the Wellness Task Force, participated by having a booth. The booth offered healthy brown bag lunch recipes and ideas as well as healthy trail mix. A big thank you goes out to Bonnie Nelson of Employee Benefits, task force members, and task force volunteers who helped make the booth a huge success.

The Casino Projects Task Force continued to meet during the month. Members reviewed and discussed the options and moved toward forming recommendations for Council to consider. The original date to present to Council has been moved from March 4 to March 11.

February 22-26, Sarah Smith, Terri Denomie, KBIC Head Start/Early Head Start Center Director, Lisa Denomie, Pre-Primary Program Director, and I traveled to Washington D.C. to attend the American Indian Alaska Native Region XI New Directors Conference. Although KBIC hasn't become the grantee for our programs, we were given the opportunity to attend. We were able to acquire valuable information relating to the regulations which are required of the program. In moving forward with transferring the programs from the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan to KBIC, a meeting is scheduled in Sault Ste. Marie in mid-March with ITC staff. In the coming weeks, our office will be seeking advice and approval from Council on staffing, policy, and other pertinent issues.

During the month of February, the position of General Manager for the Ojibwa Casino and Resort was advertised. The advertisement closed on the 26th, and Sarah Smith will be leading the process of reviewing the candidates who have expressed interest in the position. Council should be further reviewing and considering candidates for interviews in March.

Lynn Haataja has done an outstanding job as the Interim Manager and is commended for her dedication and efforts in the position.

I would like to close by saying the January Department Head reports are all in. There were a few that were late, and those individuals have been dealt with. It has been made clear to the Department Heads that they are responsible to the CEO's office, that their reports must be on time, and that they provide valuable information to not only our office but also to Council. If there are any changes you would like to see in the reports such as more or less information, a different format, etc., please let our office know, and we will work with the department.

Dr. Beaufait, our psychiatrist has recently resigned and his last work day will be on the 21st. 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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2010.

Activities reported by the President, Warren (Chris) Swartz, Jr., for the month of February. President's report was given verbally and transcribed by the newsletter editor.

- I received a letter from Attorney General Eric Holder from the Office of the Attorney General out of Washington D.C. He told us at the Department of Justice Tribal Nations Listening session on public safety and law enforcement in St. Paul, Minnesota, in late 2009, which Chief Dale Dakota and I attended, his intention to establish a Tribal Nations Leadership Council to advise him on issues critical to Indian Country. The Tribal Nations Leadership Council would be composed of one Tribal leader from each of the twelve regions of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The TNLC member for each region will be chosen by the chief executives of the tribes in that region. The charter defines a Tribal leader as a Tribal official serving in an executive or legislative position with the Tribe, such as a Tribal Chairperson, Council member or other equivalent position. The plan is for the TNLC to meet twice a year, and it hopes to convene the first meeting this May. He indicated that each region should provide, by letter to the Department of Justice, the name of the Tribal leader who will represent the region on the TNLC. Also at this same meeting and within a Tribal consultation conference call, the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of the Associate Attorney General began the process of improving and simplifying a grant making process in this upcoming fiscal year 2010. He proposed a single coordinated Tribal solicitation process to address this concern. The coordinated Tribal assistant solicitation combines all of the department's available existing Tribal government specific grant programs into one single application. The goal of this new approach is to help address the Tribe's criminal justice needs on a more comprehensive basis. Some of the areas they propose to put into one single application and the reason to do so is public safety and enhance community police capacity (the COPS grant); to prevent and reduce alcohol and substance abuse related crimes; develop and enhance the office of the Tribal Justice system, such as the Tribal Court's Assistance Program, or TCAP; provide direct intervention and assistance to victims of sexual assault, including the office of violence against women and the Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program; and also to enhance responses to violence committed against Indian women and girls, also under the Office of Violence against Women. This is to help not only the tribes but the Department of Justice. Instead of looking at a whole number of different applications and grant processes, that the tribes would be able to coordinate their efforts against some of these issues in one single application. The Department of Justice can take a look at it and instead of duplicating efforts they'll be able to put it into one application and make a determination based on that one application on what they are going to fund for the entire fiscal year. This is something new that they are trying, and I hope it works.
- I received a letter from Jenny Jenkins, acting director of the Department of Health and Human Services. She announced on behalf of the Director of Indian Health Services, Yvette Roubideaux, that she will be conducting a listening session with Tribal leaders of the Indian Health Bemidji Area on March 16, 2010, from 8am—5pm, at the Minneapolis Airport Marriott. The purpose of the listening session is to discuss the Tribal consultation process of the area national levels. Dr. Roubideaux will address the group as a whole in the morning and then meet one-on-

one with the elected Tribal officials in the afternoon. I think this would be a good opportunity for the Community if we send myself or the Health Director, Carole LaPointe, or Becky Tussing, to discuss our Contract Services Priority guidelines. I know that Carole has indicated to me there are a number of concerns that she has and this would give a good opportunity to have the ear of the Director of the Indian Health Services, Yvette Roubideaux. As you know, she was just recently appointed by President Obama. I went out to Washington D.C., and I had the opportunity to meet her, and I did have some bulleted items I handed to her while I was in D.C. which Carole had prepared. The director's initiative is to reinvigorate the agencies commitment to the principal and practice of Tribal consultation, accompanying her efforts to effect internal IHS reforms within the larger context of health care reforms nationally. We are fortunate that the director has found this opportunity to visit and I hope we take this opportunity to meet with her and discuss our needs.

- I attended a few VOIGHT Tribal Task Force meetings. At one of the meetings, either in January or February, I asked the Task Force executive members to summarize some of the issues regarding Michigan's 1842 Ceded Territory Treaty harvest declarations process, how that has come out and about over the years, and where we are at with it. They did summarize it in a confidential memo which I will bring forward in closed session.
- I received a letter from Dennis Knapp, Native American Affairs Coordinator of the Department of National Resources and Environment. He states in compliance with the requirement of section 25 of the 2000 inland consent decree, which we are not a part of, that would be the CORA tribes, the state hereby provides notice to the parties of its intention to permit harvest of sharp-tail grouse in 2010, and requests consultation with tribes regarding sharp-tailed grouse status and allocation. He provided to us a recommendation regarding those hunting areas, and they are proposing a daily bag limit of two sharp-tails and a season bag limit of six sharp-tails. He indicates that the state is interested in consulting with the tribes in regards to this proposal, and he offers a few dates — March 8th at 3 pm, March 9th at 1pm, March 10th at 4 pm, or he suggested that we could meet him in Higgins Lake at the Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center. The proposed site that he is talking about is over at the eastern end of the U.P., in the Sault Ste. Marie area. As you know with our home territory policy, we pretty much care about what goes on here, but anything that the state is proposing to do with those tribes, should be brought to the attention of the Council to make a determination whether or not we should be involved in those consultations. That would be in the 1836 treaty area, over there in the eastern end of the U.P. That is not our treaty; our treaties are the 1842 and the 1854 treaties. I don't plan on attending this. What they do in their own treaty area is up to them, unless of course, I am directed otherwise by the Council.
- I received another letter from Dennis Knapp, Native American Affairs Coordinator, regarding the confidential memo I mentioned earlier. He states he had a conversation with Jim Zorn, Executive Director of the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission, who told him there won't be any changes proposed from last year's practices in 2009 and this year's practices. Zorn had told Knapp that he didn't think there was a need for the meeting because we had an Inter-tribal meeting and were able to address each tribe's concerns at that Inter-tribal

meeting. We had tried to meet Inter-tribally and discussed Tribal treaty rights in the ceded territory, trying to keep the state on the outside, looking in. I don't think it is any of the state's business to be at a meeting between tribes where we are discussing treaty rights and how we are going to share that resource. Zorn indicated to Knapp that there is no need for the meeting, and I think that is why Dennis Knapp wrote this letter. He indicated that he would like to offer some dates when we might at least telephone conference to maintain the opportunity for dialogue. One of the state's concerns is that Lac Vieux's Lake Gogebic and Bond Falls were harvested above the six percent level in 2009, and that is outside of our home territory. Those are the lakes where Mole Lake, Lac Vieux Desert, and Lac du Flambeau come up to fish. What happened, I think, last year LVD took six percent and Mole Lake took six percent, so the total allowable catch was about twelve percent. The safe allowable catch is about 26 percent, so the resource wasn't really harmed at that point because allowed catch is 26 percent, but I think where Dennis Knapp is coming from is that only allows 14 percent. He wanted to negotiate more fish on behalf of his Michigan residents. He proposed a number of times for a teleconference: March 8, 2010, March 15, 2010, or March 17, 2010. I called Dennis Knapp yesterday, and I told him there are some misstatements in his letter. He went on to say that we understand that Lake Vieux Desert, Lake Gogebic, and Bond Falls were harvested above the six percent level. He said that we contend that there is no sound scientific defense of an increased harvest level guideline from six percent as is being implemented by the 1842 treaty tribes. I had an issue with that statement, as being implemented by the 1842 tribes', because we don't implement that. We tried to regulate the rights of our Tribal members in our home territory. What they do in Lac Vieux and Lake Gogebic is up to them. We don't regulate those takes of the Walleye and to put us into that type of statement is wrong. He said he is aware of it, and he will let it be known that KB does not condone those takes beyond 12 percent. He did state to come on down to meet, or maybe we could go on the telephone conference. I told him I am not going to discuss anything with him unless my Tribal Council is present because if I meet with you they are going to say I am negotiating behind closed doors. I was not going to do that and I made an invitation to him to come and meet the Tribal Council as a whole; anytime he wants because we meet every Thursday. He asked if he could talk to Todd Warner or meet with me, and I told him, "No, you can come up and meet with the whole Tribal Council; we are here every Thursday." I gave him an open invitation, and we'll see if he comes. He talked about some of the moose issues I never heard too. If there are moose available, I'm sure my Tribal members would like to have moose meat in their refrigerators, too. He does have some data available. We had this discussion last month where the state was proposing to increase the daily bag limit for trout from three to five, and they have outdated data. They are dependent upon GLIFWC's data. I told GLIFWC that I don't mind sharing it, but when they start using our data against us, I think it is time the State of Michigan gets their own data and rely on their own people to get their own data, not rely on our data. I was opposed to GLIFWC sharing that data if the State of Michigan is going to be using it against our own people. I made Zorn aware of it. I was going to go to Minnesota this week, but I just don't have time to go. I told

some Tribal members I wanted to keep my eye on this situation, and I think it is important that we keep our eye on the VOIGHT tribes since Wisconsin tribes are exercising their rights over here. I informed these tribes that if they are going to exercise their treaty rights in Michigan that the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and the State of Michigan have recognized the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's right to regulate those activities in our home territory. "You bring your stuff up here, you are going to have to ask and abide by our rules." I know they are getting the message. I am glad that we postponed the third reading of the ordinance from today's agenda because I have a few items in there that I'd like to see changed. I asked Zorn about the moose. He said that there are about 420 moose in the western end and another 100 in the eastern end. He said hunting is in the preliminary stages right now, they have to do a lot of things with it, and they are seeking legislative support to get a moose season going.

- On behalf of the Community, which you know files with the state for refunds of sales and use tax paid by members in respect to motor vehicles purchased by them, we feel the imposition of sales and use tax with respect to this property is invalid and a matter of federal law. We included a spreadsheet including the names of the Tribal members who purchased the motor vehicles, the Tribal member's enrollment number as proof of their Tribal membership, year and make of the motor vehicle, and the amount of taxes paid. And as you remember, the individual member purchases have always signed their right for a tax refund to the Community. Last month the demand of sales and use taxes were at the amount of \$8,967.32. We asked them to pay that, plus interest, under applicable law.
- I wrote a letter on behalf of the Community concerning NIGC's consultation policy, regulatory plan, and review. I have informed Chairman Skibine that we respectfully request that the National Gaming Commission adhere to the required executive orders and statutes concerning consultations with Tribal governments, regulatory planning and review. I also respectfully requested that the NIGC issue a formal policy on these matters in consultation with Tribal conferments. I asked them to bring back the facilities licensing regulations and class II mix regulations with further consultation with tribes. In addition, Class III Mix Task Tribal Advisory Council should be suspending pending coordination with GSA on Federal Advisory Committee Act issues and consultations with Tribes. Although it is an internal matter, I think it has a significant impact on Tribal land use and Tribal government.
- On February 23, I had an opportunity to meet with HCl Tobacco Distribution and Lance Morgan in Las Vegas. I went out there to learn how to legally generate an untapped lucrative revenue source for purposes of Tribal economic development. I went and talked to Lance Morgan and Malcolm Morgan at the Rez Economic Summit and American Indian Business Fair Trade Show which occurred the whole week. I just went out there for this specific agenda item. HGI provided at that meeting important information to Tribal leaders, Tribal tax commissions, their legal councils, economic development entities, and other Tribal departments that deal with economic development initiatives on Tribal land. I went to his booth and let him know that I would like to meet with him later on in the evening. That evening he had a dinner party, and I was able to sit down and have a one-on-one with Lance Morgan and Malcolm. They talked about different structures regarding use of Tribal

tobacco, and I talked to them about the federal licensing requirements that the tribe is going to have to go through if they want to manufacture their own cigarettes. He said that could be a long process, but it is important that we move forward on this. I also had the opportunity to network with another chairman from the area, Chairman David Miller, from one of the California tribes along with a number of other people who are using HGI distribution to move their product, so to speak, their cigarettes. It was a good opportunity to sit down with Lance and Malcolm. He is coming here this month or next month, and I asked him to address some of the issues that the Community wants to move forward on. He is more than willing to sit down with us and discuss the issues with us. In addition to meeting with Lance Morgan, I had the opportunity to go down to that Trade Fair, and it was really interesting. I met a number of people there from FDIC to a number of other cigarette manufactures. I saw Bill Largent of the Small Business Administration, he was busy, and I did not get to talk to him.

- At the United Tribes meeting, we took a few minutes of silence as we had lost one of our United Tribes members, Chairman Laura Spur from the Nottawaseppi Tribe. She was at a conference in California, and after she gave her presentation, she had a massive heart attack and passed on. We spoke of how important she was to our organization and to her tribe as she had been a mover for her tribe. At the United Tribes meeting, I had the opportunity to present the issues regarding the Kennecott Mining and the litigation. Our attorneys had drafted up a speech for me which tells how the mining company is really bad for the Community, how the state granted environmental permits to the Kennecott Minerals Company allowing the construction and operation of the mine, that we have challenged the state and mining company on environmental grounds, and how predictably the state's administrative hearing officer sided with the state. I also let them know that we are prepared to file a petition for review in Circuit Court, challenging the construction and operation of that mine. I made it known that we are going to challenge Kennecott, we want them to recognize our places of worship. I asked United Tribes to consider one of three options. The first option I presented to them was to help authorizing and drafting the funding of the legal brief, a so called amicus brief. The second option would be to join in the law suit, essentially becoming a Plaintiff in the case, challenging the permits that were issued to the mining company but focusing solely on the places of worship issue. The third option I presented would be for each tribe who has an interest in the place of worship issue to financially assist us with direct funding to help push this important issue all the way to the Supreme Court if necessary. I told them I did not expect them to make a decision at that meeting that they should bring the problem back to their Councils, take a look at some of the options, and consider ways they could help the Community fight this Kennecott Mine. Hopefully, I will hear back from them. I gave them all a copy of my speech. At the United Tribe's meeting, we heard from George Roman from the census, and a number of other things, but the main reason I went there was to raise awareness of the potential loss of places of worship because of Kennecott Eagle Mine.
- Mr. Baker participated in a Tribal-State forum conference which is usually held once a month. These conference calls are done because of the water accord and what they do is they try to meet once a month to discuss some issues with the upcoming sum-

mit. Every year we have a summit with the Governor and a number of tribes, and we try to work on the agenda before we get there. Some of the proposed agenda items were discussed before the meeting at that teleconference call was Michigan's Department of Transportation proposed Tribal-State accord, broad band stimulus funding, continued discussion of potential dates for the 2010 summit, the potential agenda items for the 2010 summit, and the date and time of the next meeting. Three tribes from downstate are going to host the meeting in the Lansing area. The governor is going to be there. This is her last year in office as governor. We will probably go down there, have the photo opportunities, and hopefully be able to get some business taken care of. I am anxious to see what this post Tribal-State accord with the Michigan Department of Transportation encompasses. Before we sign anything, I think it is important that all of the Tribal Council members get an opportunity to look at this and vote on it before we sign it. I will keep my eye on this broad band stimulus funding also. There is some opportunity for tribes to get into the T.V. business and additional funding for radios.

- Giiwe March, Lac Vieux Desert THPO officer, has requested a meeting with the President of our Community, our THPO officer, LVD Chairman Williams, KBIC Mining Specialist, and the LVD Environmental Director regarding the Orvana mine project. Mr. Dave Anderson has requested to meet with us involving information he has received from their Tribal community meeting which was held in November of 2009. At the time, Ms. Cindy Stiles, who is obtained by Orvana, prepared a report for Orvana, and Mr. Anderson would like to discuss that report. Giiwe has an issue that they may be considering these meetings as consultation meetings, and Giiwe is saying, "No way, this was just an informational hearing, and Orvana shouldn't think of these meetings as consultations." As a matter of fact, she was so mad that she fired off an e-mail to it. That is why she is calling this meeting as she wants to see where we're at with this. She has talked to some of her people, and her people tell her the project is in the permit stage, and prior to going to the permit stage that they should consult with tribes because of the significant historical sites with concerns that need to be addressed with tribes on an official basis, not just an informational meeting. I'm going to attend the meeting Monday at 10 a.m. in Lac Vieux Desert, to see what is going on there and keep an eye on them.
- I continued to work on recodification of the Tribal Code Book, and it has come along, but we need to proofread it. I took it out of Mr. Baker's office and started proofreading it myself. Robin and a number of other people down at Tribal Court have begun looking at it. They have it on a disk format, and I asked Chief Judge Brad Dakota if I could get a copy of it. I asked him to get me some cd's because I want to distribute them to the Tribal Council members and we all have computers, and this is part of what we need to do. This is actually what the Tribal Council does, legislative work. This is a piece of work that has been in the making for a long time. Violet Ayres initially started working on it. I asked Brad Dakota to have Violet Ayres make a presentation to Tribal Council, and we'll see where we are with this. It is legislative work that the Council needs to do. He is working on the cd's now, and then we can start working on it.
- I attended the Drug Task Force meeting to address some of their concerns.
- I attended a Gaming Commission hearing along with the rest of the Tribal Council, regarding two employees in the cage department.

- I signed a check to the people of the Pine River Reservation to help with the emergency relief after the winter storm.
- I continued working on import regulations for KBIC regarding the import-export law of KBIC.
- I received a check earlier this week from CITGO's assistance grant for the 2009-2010 heating season. The Citizen's program of CITGO made \$89,100 available to the Community for heating assistance. Last year they gave us about \$75,000; this year they gave us a little bit more. Our CAP Director is responsible for administrating that fund.
- I approved federal appropriations request to congress; the request included our prioritized list.
- I continued to monitor the Great Lakes off-shore wind legislation or GLOW.
- I signed an agreement with Superior National Bank for the Casino ATM where we make \$1200 a month from the ATM. In the past we didn't make anything from the machine. That will be \$14,400 a year for the tribe. There are some things that go along with that though, and exclusivity pretty much is what it is.
- I signed a Child Support Services Agreement with the State of Michigan. There were no sovereignty issues involved with it, and it shall remain in effect until terminated.

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.

Creighton Brunk, case # 10-018, controlled substance (use) – 1st offense

Factual basis: I used a prescription pill without having a prescription for it. It was a pain pill.

Sentenced on 03/09/2010 to:

1. \$500 fine.
2. Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and is to follow the recommendations of that screening until successfully discharged.
3. 90 days jail, 80 days suspended, credit for three days served, seven days to be served. Defendant will be allowed to perform seven days community service in lieu of jail. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any other expenses occurred while incarcerated.
4. 9-12 months of standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10 monthly fee. Defendant will be financially responsible for the costs of random drug and alcohol testing.
5. Defendant is not to be on the Casino property, including the Pressbox and Lanes, throughout the term of his probation.
6. Defendant is not allowed in any establishment primarily concerned with the sale of alcoholic beverages.



Please Join Us to
Celebrate Earth Day!!

KBIC Natural Resources Department 2nd Annual Environmental Fair

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

When: Wednesday, April 22, 2010, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Where: Ojibwa Community College gym, located on Bear Town Road, Baraga

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

NOTICE: There was a pair of reading glasses left in the CHS office sometime the week of Feb. 15. If they belong to you, please pick them up at Elvera Lantz's office or call 353-4537.



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.

SUMMER COLLEGE INTERN PROGRAM

The Tribal Council has approved funding for a Summer College Intern Program. Five students will be placed with Tribal departments for 14 weeks this summer, working 32 hours per week @ \$8.91 per hour. Students must be KBIC members, attending college full-time during the 2009-10 academic year, continuing during the 2010-11 academic year, have a minimum GPA of 2.00, and provide proof of GPA, full-time status and college major. If the number of students applying is greater than the number of positions available, the highest GPA's will be used to determine placement.

To apply, please contact Hope Laramore at the Personnel Office at the Tribal Center. Her phone number is 353-6623, ext. 4176. The deadline to apply is May 7, 2010, at 4 p.m. Students could begin work as early as May 17. Applications will be accepted after May 7, if all positions are not filled.

If you have any questions regarding the Summer College Intern Program, please contact Amy St. Arnold, Education Director, at 353-4117 or at amy@kbic-nsn.gov or Hope Laramore at the number above or at hope@kbic-nsn.gov

Are you or someone you know living with a
Chronic Health Condition?

**Asthma • Diabetes • Bronchitis
• Emphysema • Heart Disease
• Chronic Pain • Stress**

If so..... we can put you on the right **PATH!**

**PATH Personal Action
Towards Health**



PATH teaches the following content:

- develop an exercise program that is right for you;
- symptom management
- healthy eating
- breathing exercises
- problem solving
- communication skills (with family, friends, and health care providers)
- use of medication; and
- how to deal with the emotion of chronic illness (anger and depression)

PATH does not replace traditional patient education with your doctor or health professional; it is complimentary to and reinforces such education.

Learn Power of the Group!

Classes will be held every Tuesday for six weeks at the Donald A. LaPointe Health Center conference room located on the 2nd floor from 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. starting April 20th thru May 25th

****Please note it is important the participants attend all sessions****

**Pre-registration is required.
Please contact Kim Klopstein
at 353- 4510 to register.**

Sponsored by the KBIC DHHS

Nishnaabemwin Pane Immersion Program Bay Mills Community College

(classes will be held at KBIC, Cultural Center)

Summer Semester 2010

**April 30, May 1, 2 - 1st Session
May 28, 29, 30 - 2nd Session
June 18, 19, 20 - 3rd Session
July 16, 17, 18 - 4th Session
August 6, 7, 8 - 5th Session**

Class hours are held: Friday 1:00 - 8:00 p.m., Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., and Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Noon.

It is recommended to sign up in early April. Contact Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., Language Coordinator, for an application. Gary can be reached by calling 353-4178. Students may also sign up on the first day of class.



Nishnaabemwin Pane Immersion Program Photo.

Students Ron DeCota and Bev Lussier, with Instructors Barb Nolan and Rhonda Hopkins.

March 6, 2010, Tribal Council Meeting continued:

sist with attending the State Championships, supported by Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.

—Total donations approved \$8970.

~ submitted by newsletter editor

NOTICE: There was a pair of glasses left at Tribal Court the week of Mar. 15. If they belong to you, please pick them up.

New Employees



Newsletter photo.

Alan Keith Rajacic, Jr. has been hired as KBIC's newest Tribal Police Officer. Alan is the son of Alan Rajacic, Sr. and Darlene Genschow. At the age of 16, he enrolled in a military academy known as the MYCA (Michigan Youth Challenge Academy). One year later, at age 17, he enlisted into the Army National Guard 107th En. Co., now known as the 1431st En. Co. In 2009, he was deployed to Afghanistan for ten months. As of February 9, 2010, he and his girlfriend, Julianne, now have a beautiful baby girl, Mia.

Alan began his employment on Tuesday, March 9th. He is scheduled to attend the police academy in the near future.



Newsletter photo.

Becky Genschow has been hired as a KBIC Natural Resource Technician. Becky is the daughter of Bob and Gladys Genschow. She has lived and worked on the KBIC reservation all of her life. She is currently attending Ojibwa Community College part-time. Becky is a five-year veteran of the KBIC Beartown Fire Fighters.

Becky states, "I like to attend PowWow's, bowl, shoot pool, and hang out with friends in my free time. I am a very happy go lucky person. I love animals and some fish. I am very pleased to be working at the Keweenaw Bay Natural Resources Department."



The DHHS Superior Spirit Award Winner for March

Bob Zasadnyj is the DHHS Superior Spirit Award winner for March. "Mr. Z is a team player, and he definitely keeps our computers and equipment fine-tuned. He is an exceptional teacher and has taught many of the DHHS staff how to properly use the many different softwares we utilize. In time of need, Bob Z. has stepped forward, volunteering to assist with supervision of our staff when past administrators have resigned. He is a very dedicated employee, and we are fortunate to have him as our co-worker," said a co-worker.

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



Heather Wood photo

2010 WOMEN'S RETREAT—HELD MARCH 12-13

KBIC Department of Human Services held their annual women's retreat the weekend of March 12-13, at the Ford Forestry Center in Alberta, Michigan.

Fifty-five women attended the retreat and participated in a schedule of events which included dining together, health screenings, education teachings (*Cultural pride* by Ruth Bussey, *Food and your mood* by Dr. Dale Schmeisser, and *SELF Esteem* by Dr. Marianne Brady), show-shoeing, yoga, crafting (Easter eggs, bracelets, and beaded slippers), pampering, a pajama fashion show, games, movies, and just spending some relaxing time together.

The event was sponsored in part by KBIC Diabetes program, KBIC Public Health Program, Dept. of Justice OVV Grant, and VOCA.



DHHS photo.

OJIBWA SENIORS RECEIVE FLAG



OSC photo.

SFC Donna (Veker) Stump, is stationed in Camp Slayer, Bagdad, Iraq. She is instrumental in having a USA flag presented to the Ojibwa Senior Citizens.

During the February 26th Ojibwa Senior Citizen's meeting, Donna's mother, Loretta Hugo, presented

the flag to the seniors. Sandy Pittsley, President, (pictured left) accepted it on behalf of the seniors.

The certificate reads, "This certifies that the accompanying flag of the United States of America, presented to Ojibwa Senior Citizens, was flown over headquarters, Multi National Corps – Iraq on the 7th day of December 2009, during Operation Iraqi Freedom." Certificate is signed by Frank Grippe, CSM USA, MNC-1 CMS and Charles Jacoby, Lt. Gen. USA, Commanding. The flag was flown over the Al Faw Palace.

~ submitted by Loretta Hugo



W.H.I.P.P.

(Wellness, Health, Intervention, Prevention, Program) Task Force



Photo submitted by Susan LaFerner

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 19th at the Community Center by the Marquette Casino a success! Everyone loves the health fair, and there is always great information and free items for your good health and well being. There were 12 vendors and the WHIPP Task Force and Tribal Health had booths. 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 by the WHIPP task force. There were also great prizes (see list of winners). Also good job to everyone who is participating in the exercising and walking programs (also in Marquette).

April is "National Cancer Control Month." According to the National Cancer Institute, cancer treatment accounted for an estimated \$72.1 billion in 2004—just under 5% of U.S. spending for all medical treatment. The National Institutes of Health estimated that cancer caused a 17.9 billion drop in employee productivity in 2006. PREVENTION PAYS: prevention and early detection are the keys to fighting cancer! Although no prevention measure is guaranteed to stop cancer, there are steps to take to help

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:

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

Wednesday,
April 7th
5:00-7:00 p.m.
KBCCC Gym

Sponsored by KBIC
Even Start Family Literacy, Pre-Primary Education Program,
& Head Start/Early Head Start

In honor of
MONTH OF THE YOUNG CHILD
KBIC Early Childhood Programs are hosting
Family Literacy Night
YOU ARE INVITED!
Come join us for hands-on family activities,
literacy & child services information, food, give-aways and FUN!

Learning activities designed for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers

FOUR THUNDERS DRUM EVENT POPULAR WITH COMMUNITY MEMBERS OF ALL AGES

The Four Thunders Drum Prevention/ Intervention program recent presented to members of the KBIC community proved to be a success. Male and female participants of all ages attended the three session event which brought community members together, provided people the opportunity to learn the cultural meaning of the drum and songs, and to provide the people with an alternative to drugs and violence. The three sessions were presented as part of the KBIC Weed & Seed Community Initiative along with a partnership from the KBIC Youth Programs. Chris Gerard, Weed and Seed Coordinator, stated, "The Four Thunders Drum event turned out to be more popular than we expected. It was an awesome experience to see so many people of all ages attend and take part in the construction of the drum, stick making, singing, and the cultural meaning behind the drum. I want to thank Lisa Denomie and Amber Houston for preparing the food, the KBIC youth program employees, community members took part, and a special thanks to the Four Thunders Drum group." Weed & Seed and the KBIC Youth Programs plan on holding shorter drum sessions throughout the summer. These events will be advertised when they are scheduled.



Photo by Amber Houston

~ submitted by Chris Gerard

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We'd like to welcome Johanna Jayde Tammelin, born February 18, 2010, in Marquette, MI, to Tammy Shalifoe and Derek Tammelin. Johanna weighed 6 lbs. 1 oz. and was 19 inches at birth. Grandparents are Melissa Koepp and Don Shalifoe, Sr., and Teri Waara.

Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College Computer Training Schedule

9:00-11:30am or 1:00-3:30pm

Note: Afternoon sessions are a repeat of morning sessions - 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

"Your Children...Our Priority"

We provide the following services:

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

[tp://www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/ocss.htm](http://www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/ocss.htm)

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 or 906-201-0263.

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!

OJIBWA

OJIBWA BUILDERS

Residential Building Specialists

353-7127

OJIBWA BUILDING SUPPLY

For all your building supplies

353-8850

OJIBWA PLUMBING & HEATING

For all your maintenance needs.

353-6967

Lotto & Lottery Tickets Now Available

New Business

OJIBWA

Ojibwa BP & Deli
353-BP4U (2748)!

ATM, Sporting Goods

Tribal Gas Discounts Honored Inside
Pay-at-Pump features for your convenience
— EBT Cards accepted here —

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.

THINK SPRING!



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

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SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2010.

Activities reported by the Secretary, Susan J. LaFernier, for the month of February 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 is "Commit to Conserve." There are simple everyday conservation measures we can all easily commit to practicing. 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, fitting into the big picture, 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 every day. 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. The Task Force sponsored a booth at the Health Fair on February 12th that featured healthy "brown bag lunches" with recipe samples and also samples of healthy snack food (trail mix, etc.). A mini version was also presented for the Marquette Casino employees. Thank you to everyone who prepared for the Fair and helped the day of the Fair. There was much work to do, and everyone did a great job with ideas, donations, and assembling the brown bags. Also thank you to our Health Department for all of their hard work — everyone does love the Health Fair!

Comments were sent to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environmental (MDNRE) on February 22, 2010, by Todd Warner, NRD Director, regarding the application/permits to build Kennecott's south haul road, known now as the Woodland Road, from the Yellow Dog Plains to Humboldt Township. 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. There will also be a public

informational meeting on March 11, 2010, at 7 p.m. at Westwood High School in Ishpeming to discuss a request by the Kennecott Eagle Minerals Company to modify the groundwater discharge permit for the Eagle Rock Mine project.

Please continue to call/write your elected officials and the 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."

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 all of the people who have been affected by the recent earthquakes around the world. 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.

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.

During February 2010, the Tribal Council had one Regular Tribal Council Meeting on February 6, 2010. This meeting is covered in the March 2010 Newsletter. Tribal Council held four Special Council Meetings. Following are the unapproved motions in February.

At the council meeting held February 4, 2010, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the meeting minutes of September 17, 24, 28, and 29, 2009;
- Approved a Tribal contribution of \$29,000 for the balance needed for the new Tribal Information System—Rite Track;
- Approved Resolution KB1713-2010 for the Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program from the U.S. Department of Justice;
- Approved a tank of gas from the Pines and two lunches at the per diem rate for JoAnn Jaukkuri's trip to Marquette for a disability hearing;
- Approved up to \$658 per person for up to eight people to attend the HACCP Training in Brimley in March;
- Approved Resolution KB1735-2010 NIGA Membership Renewal for \$7500;
- Defeated a motion to issue a \$50 fine regarding a Gaming Commission issue;
- Approved postponing Gaming Commission Actions #008 and #009-2010 until the Council could meet with John Bussey the next week;
- Approved Gaming Commission Actions #010/011/012 regarding the Annual Reports from the Ojibwa Casino Resort in Baraga, Ojibwa Casino in Marquette, and the Big Bucks Bingo Hall in Baraga, per the Gaming Regulatory Ordinance.

At the council meeting held February 11, 2010, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the CEO's Report for January

2010;

- Approved the meeting minutes of October 1, 3, and 5, 2009;
- Approved a motion to table the organizational charts discussion until the next week to meet with the General Managers;
- Approved Resolution KB1733-2010 Diabetes Grant;
- Gaming Commission: Motion approved regarding employees KB 255-09 and KB 111-09 that based on the evidence provided, there is no violation and to have John Bussey send a letter to the employees regarding this decision;
- The President broke a tie to defeat a motion to add a liquidated damage fee of \$500 per day and approved extending the completion date to September 30th (Health Clinic project/renovation).

At the council meeting held February 18, 2010, the following actions were taken:

- Gaming Commission: Approved new employee gaming licenses for KB001-10/KB002-10/KB280-09, a new vendor license for Spectronix and a renewal vendor license for Data Financial, Inc.;
- Approved the bids for three police vehicles from Big Valley Ford for a 2010 Charger, Raptor, and Expedition;
- Approved the Verizon GSA Cellular Phone Contract (was Alltel prior);
- Approved a donation of \$250 for the K.B. Hockey Association Pee-Wee Tournament to be held in L'Anse on February 19-20-21;
- Approved \$1000 to the "Pallone for Congress" campaign;
- Denied a \$385 request from a Marquette Tribal member for payment of diabetic shoes because the proper process was not followed;
- Approved the Four Thunders Drum Prevention/Intervention Program services agreement for \$5400;
- Approved the 2011 Federal Appropriation Requests to be sent to U.S. Representative Stupak's office;
- Approved to interview five candidates for the new Project Manager position.

At the council meeting held February 25, 2010, the following actions were taken:

- Approved a letter of support to Earthworks in Washington D.C. to oppose the dumping of mining waste into rivers, lakes, and streams;
- Defeated a motion to table Elizabeth Mayo's motion until Council looks at the idea of giving other Council members the opportunity to express their opinions about the way things are going;
- Approved to withdraw Eddy Edward's letter update from the March newsletter until guidelines are put in place by the Editor/Council/CEO;
- Approved a request for two deer tags for the March 13th NMU PowWow;
- Approved the second extension agreement to employment agreement for Richard Tuisku (Dick Storm);
- Approved the KBIC/Superior National Bank space lease agreement for the ATM machines effective September 1, 2009;
- Approved the MOU between KBIC and the Department of Human Services — Office of Child Support and Addendum A.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan J. LaFernier, Secretary

NOTICE: Please list your Keweenaw Bay Indian Community events... and related events for our Community with Janice Halverson, Administrative Specialist. This will help to prevent overlapping of meetings/events and will help our Community plan to attend all the events that they'd like to attend. **Send to:** Janice Halverson, 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, Michigan 49908, or call (906) 353-4104, or fax to (906) 353-7540, or e-mail to jhalverson@kbic-nsn.gov. MIIGWECH.

**RE-Powering America's Land:
Evaluating the Feasibility of Siting
Renewable Energy Production
On Potentially Contaminated Land**

Keweenaw Bay Indian
Community, Michigan

EPA/NREL Partnership

In September 2008, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) launched the *RE-Powering America's Land: Siting Renewable Energy on Potentially Contaminated Land and Mine Sites* initiative. EPA and the U.S. Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) are collaborating on a project to evaluate the feasibility of siting renewable energy production on potentially contaminated sites. EPA has provided more than \$650,000 through an interagency agreement that pairs EPA's expertise on contaminated sites with NREL's expertise in renewable energy. The project will analyze the feasibility of siting renewable energy on 12 sites across the country. The analysis will include, among other things, the best renewable energy technology for the site, the optimal area to locate the renewable energy technology on the site, potential renewable energy generating capacity, the return on investment, and the economic feasibility of the renewable energy projects. NREL will also pursue an analysis to explore the potential for siting alternative fuel stations (e.g., electric charging stations) at former gas station sites.

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
16429 Bear Town Road
Baraga, Michigan

Site Facts:

Site type: Brownfields
Renewable technology: Wind
Generation potential: Community scale

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owens.darryl@epa.gov
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National Renewable Energy Lab
Gail Mosey
gail.mosey@nrel.gov
(303) 384-7356

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Brownfields Site

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) has several Tribal brownfields properties. NREL visited three of these sites on Jan 21, 2010. The sites were evaluated for wind power potential based on several factors including: amount of ground clutter (buildings, trees, etc.) in the direction of the prevailing winds (N-NW); proximity to loads for more cost effective behind-the-meter wind applications; exclusion areas due to environmental sensitivity, cultural/historical significance, etc.; road suitability and available space for Met tower and turbine construction/installation; elevation relative to surrounding terrain; and proximity to existing residences, businesses, roads, etc.

Any future wind power development would be used to support Tribal commercial business development and would also assist with commercial development decisions on and near the property.

Feasibility Study: Begins Winter 2010

NREL is conducting a study on the potential for wind power generation on one of the brownfield sites. Continued discussion with the KBIC regarding the results of the site visit will finalize site selection in the very near future. Met tower erection will begin after the site has been finalized. The feasibility study will evaluate the technical and economic opportunities and challenges at the site. It will:

- Provide a preliminary analysis of the viability of the site;
- Assess wind resource availability;
- Identify possible system size, design, and location; and
- Review the economics of the proposed system.

For more information, visit www.epa.gov/renewableenergyland or contact cleanenergy@epa.gov.



40th Anniversary of EARTH DAY, April 22, 2010

"... on April 22, 1970, Earth Day was held, one of the most remarkable happenings in the history of democracy..." -American Heritage Magazine, October 1993.

The founder of Earth Day was Senator Gaylord Nelson and his idea evolved over a period of seven years starting in 1962. It is that time of the year again—Spring is here and let's continue our awareness of Earth Day by cleaning our roadsides and our yards of the winter debris. Also the week of April 18-24th is National Volunteer Week and I thank all of you who have volunteered in the past with cleaning our Reservation roadsides. The new, blue beautiful signs will be put along the roadsides soon honoring those volunteers who participate in our Adopt-A-Road Program. Be watching for more environment caring programs in the coming year from our Tribal Departments. Thank you to everyone for your efforts to care and protect our earth and water everyday. Remember, we only have one Earth.



~ submitted by Susan LaFornier

**NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT;
CIRCLE OF FLIGHT PROJECT ACTIVITIES
WILD RICE PLANTING AND WETLAND ENHANCEMENT**



Wild rice (manoomin) is the "food that grows on water" whose presence fulfilled the prophecies foretold in the Anishinaabe's migration from the east. It is used in our daily lives, ceremonies, and feasts. Wild rice has a high ecological value for both wildlife and fish habitat. It can help

maintain water quality by securing loose soil and utilizing nutrients. The distribution of wild rice in the western Upper Peninsula of Michigan has declined dramatically from historic levels due mainly to logging and dam building. In 1991, we could not document any wild rice present in our area. With assistance from the Bureau of Indian Affairs Circle of Flight Program and the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission, we have identified suitable wild rice habitats and planted thousands of pounds of wild rice enhancing 13 wetland areas within Baraga County. In 2009, we planted 1800 pounds of rice, enhancing approximately 33 acres at five separate L'Anse Reservation locations. Circle of Flight funding also allows us to conduct annual wetland assessments to measure success of previous enhancements. Currently we have successfully established wild rice within eight locations, providing forage for wildlife and harvest opportunities for Tribal members. Circle of Flight funding has also helped us maintain partnerships with various other area groups. Over the past three years, we have been working cooperatively with the Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Ottawa National Forest, Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission, and U.S. Department of Agriculture to re-establish self sustaining stands of wild rice within the Ottawa National Forest. In 2009, we planted wild rice in ten acres of three lakes within the Ottawa; Lake Sainte Kathryn, Lake Thirteen, and Kunze Lake. Wild rice was present at all three sites from last year's seeding efforts. Parent Lake is a larger inland lake which was recently assessed and may be suitable for future planting.

WILD RICE HARVESTING



Wild rice gathering is managed and regulated by Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Tribal Hunting, Fishing, Trapping, and Gathering code of law. This activity requires Tribal members to have a Tribal hunting, fishing, trapping, and gathering card. The Wild Rice Chief (Eleanor Mode) designates wild rice harvesting areas in August of each year.

There were wild rice harvests at Sand Pt. Sloughs in 1999-2002, and Robillard Impoundment in 2002. Due to limited opportunities for harvesting on-Reservation partnerships and cooperative efforts within the ceded territories are being pursued. Partnerships for planting of wild rice and other wetland enhancements have included Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Ottawa National Forest, Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Cedar Tree Institute, Superior Watershed Partnership, the Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve, Baraga County Cub scouts, Michigan Natural Features Inventory, the Beartown Firefighters, and others.

Please contact the Natural Resource Department at (906) 524-5757 if you have any questions. Photos by KBTNR Department.

~ submitted by Todd Warner

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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.



Our Deepest Sympathy

Robert J. "Bob" Grainger

August 2, 1955—February 23, 2010

Funeral services for Robert J. "Bob" Grainger, age 54, of Rice, Minnesota, who died at his home on Tuesday, February 23, 2010, were held on Saturday, February 27, 2010, at the Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church in Rice, Minnesota.

Bob Grainger was born on August 2, 1955, in Milwaukee, WI, to Vernon and Margaret (Crebessa) Grainger. Margaret was later remarried to Donald Stolp who raised Bob as his son. Bob married Linda Madigan, the girl of his dreams, on October 27, 2001, at Love of Christ Lutheran Church in St. Cloud. He and Linda lived a good life together. Bob owned B&L Electronics for the past five years. He also worked for Minnesota Electronics. Bob was a member of Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church. He enjoyed deer hunting in Barnes, WI, McGregor, MN, and on the "rez" in L'Anse, MI. Bob also enjoyed fishing on Lake Mille Lacs, North Long Lake, and Lake of the Woods chasing "them illusive walleyes." He was also an avid and loyal Green Bay Packers fan.

Survivors include his wife, Linda of Rice; daughter, Sondra of Richfield; step children, Patrick Quinlan of Mounds View, Kelly (Tim) Steil of Mounds View, Thomas (Heidi) Quinlan of Royalton, Jeffrey Quinlan of Minneapolis, and Daniel Quinlan of Mounds View; and three step grandchildren; brothers, Joseph (Pat) Grainger of Waukesha, WI, Donald Stolp of L'Anse, MI, Douglas (Chrissy) Stolp, Dennis (Angie) Stolp and Darrel Stolp all of Milwaukee, WI. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Guest book and video tribute are available online at www.williamsdingmann.com. The Dingmann Family Funeral Home of Sauk Rapids, Minnesota, assisted the family.

WHIPP—Marquette Health Fair continued:

decrease the risk: maintain a healthy weight throughout your life; adopt a physically active lifestyle; eat a healthy diet; and if you drink alcohol beverages, limit consumption.

Also April is "Celebrate Minority Health

Month" Healthy Men, Women, and Children move our Communities forward!

Remember to get your blood pressure and cholesterol checked to keep hearts, veins and brains healthy. A quick lesson on cholesterol levels: Total Cholesterol: includes you 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 meals. High levels can increase your risk for heart disease. A desirable level is less than 150 mg/dl. An employee said she remembers the difference between LDL and HDL as: LDL = lousy (bad) and HDL = happy (good). ☺

Happy Easter to you on April 4th!

Health Fair Winners:

Water bottles—Kristina Misegan, Kitty Menhennick, Lisa Bressette, BJ Ouellette, Mary LaRose, Billie Jo Tahtinen, Dennis Lane.

First aid kits—Erica McGrath, Julia Anderson, Patricia Joyal

Charging valet—Randy Peterson

Tote bags—Rob Collins, Cathy Woodward, Amanda Furr, Linda Pilto, Arica Fassbender, Misty Rose, Shelley Bal

T-shirts—Sara Carlson, Kim Vanlinden, Roger Chambers, Joann Peterson, Brenda Shaw, John Williams

Pool balls—Patrick Mager

Thermal blanket/mug—Mary Bawden

\$25 Jacks cards—Erik Hintsala, Mary LaRose, Julia Anderson, Janet Warwick, Jess Filpus, Erik Hintsala

I-pod—Erica DeGarmo

\$50 Visa card—Rob Collins

Intelligent water bottle—Vickie LaPorte

Thermal mugs—Patty Joyal, Sara Carlson, Joann Peterson, Kim VanLinden, Amanda Furr, Peggy Winters, Randy Peterson, Misty Bowen, Gabe Waskiewicz, William Miller (Hskp)

Avon bags—Arica Fassbender, Dennis Lane

Is Your Home Computer Asleep When You Are?

Your computer is arguably the most entertaining, educational, and often used electronic device in your home. Most of us probably take it for granted that it does all these things using relatively little electricity.

But according to firms that monitor such things, Energy Star reports that electronic gadgets, most notably computers, can account for as much as 25% of home energy use. Surprisingly, despite the amount of time the average American spends in front of the television, home computers often still account for more overall energy consumption.

One major reason for this disparity may be that the average home computer is continuously left on. Most owners allow their computers to run not just for the sake of convenience, but for the simple fact that they're not aware that they have other power-down options that don't involve manually shutting down the operating system.

According to Allyson Klein, a technology manager at Intel, 95% of computers in the U.S. do not have their built-in power management settings utilized. If you have even limited experience with your computer, adjusting these settings is as easy as changing your screen saver. It's a simple step you can do right now to reduce your energy consumption.

In defense of the "average" PC owner, Microsoft hasn't exactly made the energy-saving options intuitive. In the prevalent Windows environment, both XP and Vista have these settings labeled slightly differently, depending on which operating system you're using.

There are several quick online tutorials that explain step-by-step how to take configure the power management to best suit your individual needs. Listed below are a couple of links to get you started:

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[http://windows.microsoft.com/en-US/windows-vista/Power-plans-frequently-asked-questions.](http://windows.microsoft.com/en-US/windows-vista/Power-plans-frequently-asked-questions)

~ submitted by Dale J. Shalfoe

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	<u>Income Limits</u>	<u>Income Limits</u>
1	\$1,044	\$1,369
2	\$1,356	\$1,759
3	\$1,667	\$2,149
4	\$1,991	\$2,539
5	\$2,329	\$2,929
6	\$2,666	\$3,334
7	\$2,978	\$3,724
8	\$3,290	\$4,114
Each addi- tional mem- ber	+ \$312	+ \$390

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

Income Deductions—see 7 CFR 253.6(f)

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

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

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

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

* **Cannot be on food stamps.**

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

An Open Letter to Library Patrons:

Recently, I've had several patrons upset and confused by the library policy of returning items to the library and finding out they have fines the next time they want to check items out. I hope this explanation will end the confusion:

* **If you return an item or items and they come in before or the day of the due date, you will not have any fines.**

* **If you return an item AFTER the due date, there will be fines of \$.05 daily. So even when the book is returned and put back on the shelf, you are still responsible for the fines. This is the practice of ALL libraries.**

I also want to make you aware that the library system is computerized and mistakes do happen. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Mary Bergerson
Library Director

**NMU HOSTS INDIGENOUS
EARTH ISSUES SUMMIT**

MARQUETTE, Mich.— The third annual Indigenous Earth Issues Summit will be held on Monday, April 5, at Northern Michigan University in Marquette, Mich. The public is invited

to attend free of charge, and no registration is required. Events begin at 9 a.m. in the Great Lakes Rooms of the University Center and culminate with an evening keynote presentation by Ward Churchill, American Indian Movement activist, scholar and author.

Workshop presenters will offer hands-on training in Indigenous environmental activism strategies, share information on current Indigenous environmental issues, and engage participants in activities based on learning from Mother Earth. Eco-vendors and informational tables on environmental issues will also be featured.

Churchill's presentation is titled "*Water is Life: Reflections on an Omnicidal Equation.*" He will offer a holistic perspective on Indigenous environmental issues and will discuss how Indigenous concerns over water issues fit into the context of the bigger picture.

"Colonialism equals genocide," writes Churchill in his book, *Struggle for the Land*. "Colonialism also equals ecocide. The Native struggle for the liberation of our homelands is a struggle to achieve decolonization." Churchill added that it is not just a Native issue: "Like it or not, we are all—Indian and non-Indian alike—finally in the same boat. Either Native North America will be liberated or liberation will be foreclosed for everyone, once and for all. We must take our stand together."

Other invited guests from across North America include:

* Gail Small (Cheyenne), executive director of Native Action, who has been fighting to protect her reservation from coal companies for more than 25 years. She is featured in the film *Homeland: Four Portraits of Native Action*. Her workshop will focus on how to draft Tribal laws and use organizing, alliances and legal challenges to assert Tribal control over resource extraction on and around Indian reservations.

* Ben Yahola (Quasartte/Tokobutchee), who was part of the Anishinaabe treaty rights struggle and has been involved with the Sacred Sites run for 35 years. He is the co-director of the Mvskoke Food Sovereignty Initiative, working on Native food sovereignty. Yahola's workshop will focus on Native spiritual connections to food and the earth.

* Damien Lee (Anishinaabe), who has developed an effective Native community project in Thunder Bay, Ontario. Through various means, the community keeps an eye on the land in order to ensure its ecological health in the face of industrialism. His workshop will offer participants skills and ideas on how to create similar organizations in their own communities.

The Summit is hosted by the NMU Center for Native American Studies, with generous support from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. More information can be found by visiting <http://www.nmu.edu/nativeamericans> or by calling 906-227-1397. Eco-vendors interested in reserving a space should call the same number to apply by March 31.

~ submitted by Kristi Evans

**EARLY YEARS ARE LEARNING YEARS
KBIC Even Start Celebrates National Month
of the Young Child**

April 2010 – KBIC Even Start Family Literacy Center asks Baraga County to come together for children during April's Month of the Young Child. As part of the National Association for the Education of Young Children's (NAEYC) annual celebration, KBIC Even Start is honoring young children and all those who make a positive difference in children's lives with the 3rd Annual Dream Catcher Award.

"All young children need and deserve high-quality early learning experiences that will prepare them for life, and our Dream Catcher

Award provides a great opportunity to recognize those who do an outstanding job to help young children in our county," said Gail Juntunen, program coordinator. "The Month of the Young Child is a time set aside for local communities to remember that the 'early years are learning years' for all young children."

The Dream Catcher Award was created two years ago as a way to draw attention to outstanding local individuals whose work with young children has contributed to early learning readiness and success in school. So, during the Month of the Young Child, KBIC Even Start asks the community to recognize the importance of early learning and early literacy, and to celebrate the people and policies that bring early childhood education to young children. The public is invited to submit Dream Catcher Award nominations for any Baraga County resident deserving of recognition in the field of early education. This award is KBIC Even Start's tribute to the caring men and women who, in many different ways, contribute to the education and welfare of young children ages zero-eight.

Nominations for this year's Dream Catcher Award can be submitted to the KBIC Even Start office at 353-8161, Fax 353-8169 or by e-mail at gjuntunen@kbic-nsn.gov. Please submit your name, the name of your choice, phone number, and reason why this person deserves to be recognized. Deadline for nominations is noon, Friday, April 9th.

The third annual "Dream Catcher" award will be announced during the final week of the NAEYC's Month of the Young Child.

~ submitted by Gail Juntunen



Shown above are two Even Start student artists who created the new logo for KBIC Even Start Family Literacy Center: (l-r) Troy Jolgren and Brandon Chosa. Photo compliments of Even Start student Leia Mix.

**Early Years Are
Learning Years**

Celebrate Week of the Young Child

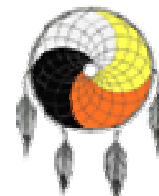
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Submit your nomination for any outstanding local individual whose work with young children has contributed to early learning readiness and success in school to:

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April 2010 Calendars Events

- Apr. 2 — Gov't offices closed, Good Friday Holiday
- Apr. 3 — Regular Saturday Council Meeting, 10 a.m.
- Apr. 4 — Easter
- Apr. 5 — Indigenous Earth Issues Summit @ NMU
- Apr. 7 — Family Literacy Night
- Apr. 9 — Ojibwa Sr. Citizen "Loretta Lynn Concert" Trip
- Apr. 11 — Veterans meeting, 7 p.m.
- Apr. 22 — Ojibwa Sr. Citizen's Pasty Sale; Earth Day; KBTNRD 2nd Annual Environmental Fair @ 3 pm
- Apr. 23 — Ojibwa Sr. Center — Veterans Program Presentation
- Apr. 28 — 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 and click on calendar. For Youth events, see @ www.ojibwa.com, click on youth club, or contact 353-4643/Main Office at Youth Club, or 353-4644 for the facility attendants or the Kitchen/craft rooms.

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

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

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

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