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Susan LaFernier Receives Taimi Lynne Hoag Award in Recognition of Environmental Stewardship Efforts

On March 23, 2010, Susan LaFernier received the Taimi Lynne Hoag Award in Chicago, from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 5 Tribal Caucus in recognition of her Environmental Stewardship efforts related to protection of water, efforts to oppose sulfide mining, protection of natural resources, and other such efforts. Her acceptance speech follows:

“Good Morning, ANIN! I honor the greatness in you, and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community sends you greetings. It is an honor and a privilege to be here this day with you, and I thank you so much for this award in Taimi’s memory. It is exciting to visit your city, but I feel a little like a fish out of the water....I live by one of the greatest lakes in the world-Lake Superior-and always have.

To receive this award brings feelings that I can not begin to express. I do what I do because it is who I am, it is how I was raised, it is what I believe is my purpose, and it is enough to know that rewards are waiting in heaven. There are also many, many people to thank. This award belongs to them, my Tribe, Tribal Council, and my Community. Thank you to our Tribal President Chris Swartz for nominating me which was a surprise and a special thank you to Todd Warner, our Tribe’s Natural Resource Director. He is great to work with, and he takes the time to listen to my requests.



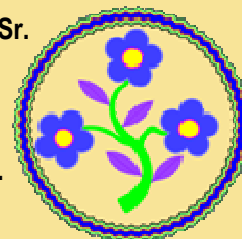
Photo Credit: Ed Fairbanks, EPA Indian Environmental Office, Minnesota Tribal Liaison and Leech Lake Band member. From left to right; Jeff Besougloff, Associate Director, EPA American Indian Environmental Office; Stan Ellison Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community & Region 5 Tribal Caucus Co-Chair; Willie Harris, soon to be Acting Director, EPA Region 5 Indian Environmental Office; Susan LaFernier, KBIC Council Secretary; Luke Jones Current Director, EPA Region 5 Indian Environmental Office (Luke will be leaving this position in the near future).

Remember we have been given the gift of our one Earth. This is our moment, go where you may, search where you will. There is no easy road, and sometimes it will be a long, steep road, but together, we can achieve success to allow our Earth, water, and creatures to fulfill their purpose. May you find peace and may God be with you until we meet again. MIIGWECH.”

Submitted by Todd Warner

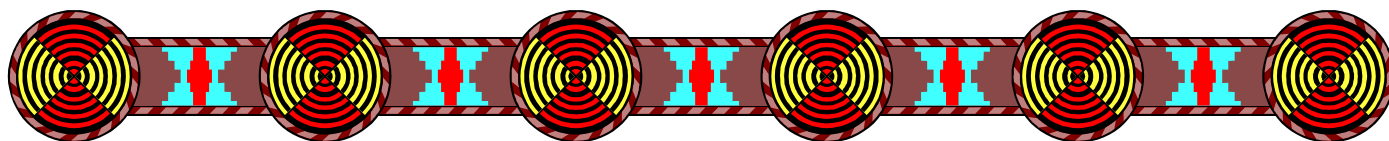
Tribal Council Members:

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:

- April 10, 2010, Tribal Council meeting
- LaFernier receives Taimi Lynne Hoag Award
- KBIC Inter-Tribal Youth Basketball Tournament held
- HeadStart Field Trip—to the Sugar Bush
- KBIC Aquaculture Program, looking forward and back
- Drug Conviction Report
- DHHS Superior Spirit Award Winner for April
- Deepest Sympathy
- New Employees



KBIC HOLDS INTER-TRIBAL YOUTH BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



KBIC Youth photo.

Boys 18 and under Division Champions, “Vikings”
L-R Back Row: Coach Auddie Connor, Alden Connor, Nick Killian, Brent Van Alstine, Gaven Picciano, Durwyn Chaudier. Front Row, L-R: LeRoy Gauthier, Justin Hartzog, and Dylan DeCota.



KBIC Youth photo.

Girls 18 and under Division Champions, “Lady Vikings 1”
L-R Andrea Heikkinen, Hailey Pelon, Paige Maskill, Gabby Mackey, Rebecca Larson, Katie Schjoth, Brittany Nieskes, Shannon Fish, and Rachel Sutherland.

The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on April 10, 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, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth D. Mayo, Toni Minton, and Isabelle Helene Welsh present. President Warren (Chris) Swartz, Jr. shared numerous *Thank You* and *For Your Information* items addressed to Council. Reports were given for March 2010, by Secretary Susan J. LaFerner (page four), Treasurer Eddy Edwards (page three), and CEO Larry Denomie III (page five). Council passed the Department Head Reports for February 2010.

Todd Warner of Keweenaw Bay Natural Resources introduced Jon Magnuson of the Cedar Tree Institute to the Council. Mr. Magnuson, with his assistant Rick Pietila gave a presentation of a greenhouse to be constructed on the Keweenaw Bay Reservation. The greenhouse will house native plants and be operative twelve months of the year. This endeavor, which has been granted to the Cedar Tree Institute in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service, NMU Dept. of Native American Studies, and with additional funding provided by KBIC, has been given the name of *'The Zaagkii Project.'* The 33' dome will be ordered and will be installed behind the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Natural Resource building, which Council voting by secret ballot, chose as the location for this endeavor (voting results were: six for the KBTNRD area, three for the Ojibwa Senior Citizen area, two for the Ojibwa Community College area). On August 31, 2010, there will be a dedication blessing ceremony, and a feast for *'The Zaagkii Project,'* and a staff training workshop will be held on September 1, 2010.

The 3rd Reading of the Title Ten Hunting, Fishing, Trapping, and Gathering Ordinance proposed amendment 2009-03 was held. **Motion by Frederick Dakota to adopt the Hunting, Fishing, Trapping, and Gathering Ordinance 2009-03, supported by William E. Emery, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried.** An Amendment, to the Hunting, Fishing, Trapping, and Gathering Ordinance 2009-03 was introduced. Raccoons will be removed from the small game definition and would then be in the definition of other wild animals (other wild animals may be hunted at any other time without bag limitation). As to trapping, raccoons remain in the fur bearing definition but may be trapped without any bag limitations; trapping raccoons will still be subject to Title Ten seasonal bag limitations providing raccoons have become a nuisance on residential property by causing damage of the property, can be trapped anytime by or without the permission of the property owner without a license. **Motion by Frederick Dakota to approve the amendment to the Hunting, Fishing, Trapping, and Gathering Ordinance 2009-003, supported by Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried.**

President Swartz on behalf of Loretta Hugo of the Ojibwa Senior Citizens presented the request to appoint two delegates (interim/alternate) with voting rights for a two year month term to the Michigan Indian Elder Association Board. The Ojibwa Senior Citizens had named Sandra Pittsley and Shirley McKasy to the MIEA Board and are requesting their appointment by Council at the April 2010 meeting. According to their by-laws, the Tribe shall designate two delegates with voting rights for a two-year term. **Motion by Frederick Dakota to adopt the two resolutions for the MIEA voting memberships with Shirley McKasy being the interim delegate and Sandra Pittsley being the alternate delegate on the**

Michigan Indian Education Board, supported by Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried.

Judy Heath, Tribal Social Services Director presented a resolution authorizing the Director of the Tribal Social Services Department to submit applications to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for payments from Title IV-E grant monies as defined under sections 470 through 479B of the Social Security Act and to submit applications to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for payments from Title IV-B Subpart 1 and Subpart 2 grant monies as defined under sections 421 through 439 of the Social Security Act. **Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo authorizing resolution KB-1743-2010, supported by Toni Minton, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried.**

Secretary Susan LaFerner requested a date be scheduled for a governmental employee grievance (#002-10). April 15, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. was scheduled.

Motion by Eddy Edwards to introduce and schedule a second reading for Proposed Land Assignment Ordinance 2010-02 and Proposed Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Ordinance 2010-03, supported by Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried. **Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to waive the first reading of the Proposed Land Assignment Ordinance 2010-02 and the Proposed Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Ordinance 2010-03, supported by Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried.** Council scheduled the 2nd reading for both ordinances on May 1, 2010.

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

- **Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to deny the request of Sarah Garver for the financial assistance in any amount to attend the Main Street Cosmetology School, supported by Michael LaFerner, Sr., ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried.**
- **Motion by Isabelle Welsh to assist Dave Firestone with a \$1000 donation towards his request of \$7,236 which is the cost to install a solar heating powered system at his residence, supported by Elizabeth D. Mayo, eight supported (Emery, S. LaFerner, Matthews, Edwards, Dakota, M. LaFerner, Mayo, Welsh), two opposed (Loonsfoot, Minton), 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried.**
- **Motion by Eddy Edwards to donate \$200 to the ROTC NMU Military Ball by request of Cadet Paul Smith, supported by Michael LaFerner, Sr., nine supported (Emery, S. LaFerner, Matthews, Edwards, Dakota, M. LaFerner, Mayo, Minton, Welsh), one opposed (Loonsfoot), 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried.**
- **Motion by Toni Minton to approve \$300 to Rebecca Rasanen for her senior class trip to Europe, supported by Isabelle Welsh, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, one absent (Curtis), motion carried.**
- **Motion by Isabelle Welsh to reimburse Donald Stolp \$600.78 for expenses related to the funeral of his brother, as he had exhausted medical allocations previously, supported by Michael LaFerner, Sr., ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried.**
- **Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to deny Lisa Denomie's request for \$825 (minus**

a possible \$350 scholarship) to attend clown school, supported by Frederick Dakota, five supported (Welsh, M. LaFerner, Emery, Dakota, Mayo), five opposed (Minton, Matthews, Edwards, Loonsfoot, S. LaFerner), 0 abstaining, one absent (Curtis), President Swartz voted to support the motion to break the tie, motion carried.

- **Motion by Gary Loonsfoot, Sr. to approve a \$600 donation for the Baraga Cross Country Team for uniforms/sweats, supported by Michael LaFerner, Sr., ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried.**
- **Motion by Toni Minton to deny the request for donation to support their powwow by the All Nations Veteran Council in Livingston County (near Brighton, MI), supported by Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, eight supported (Emery, Matthews, Edwards, Dakota, Loonsfoot, mayo, Minton, Welsh), two opposed (S. LaFerner, M. LaFerner), 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motioned carried.**
- **Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to deny the request of Indian Health Center Red Shawl Gala to be held at the Milwaukee Potawatomi Bingo/Casino facility, Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried.**
- **Motion by William E. Emery to approve a donation of \$1000 (if one wasn't given this FY) to Congressman Dale Kildee's re-election campaign, supported by Eddy Edwards, nine supported, (Emery, S. LaFerner, Matthews, Edwards, Dakota, M. LaFerner, Loonsfoot, Mayo, Minton), one opposed (Welsh), 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried.**
- **Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to approve the donation of \$7000 for the Baraga County Lumberjack Days Celebration, supported by M. LaFerner, Sr., ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried.**
- **Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to deny the donation request of Superiorland Soccer to help pay off a debt that they borrowed from the City of Marquette, supported by Gary Loonsfoot, Sr., ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried.**
- **Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to deny the request by the Marquette County Fair for a \$10,000 donation to develop 4-H and Youth Projects, supported by Frederick Dakota, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried.**
- **Motion to deny the request of San Bernardino County for Safety Employee Benefit, supported by Gary Loonsfoot, Sr., ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried.**
- **Motion by Gary Loonsfoot, Sr., to deny the request for financial assistance for travel by Felica Van Dyke, supported by Eddy Edwards, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried.**
- **Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to deny the request of Marquette Junior Yacht Club 2000, supported by Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthew, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried.**
- **Motion by Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews to approve the donation of \$500 for the Four Thunders Drum for the Spring Feast for the Breaking of the Waters,**

supported by Michael LaFernier, Sr., ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried.

- **Motion by Gary Loonsfoot, Sr. to table the request of Great Lakes Recovery Center for \$349 to purchase one case of Red Road to Wellbriety Books, supported by Elizabeth D. Mayo, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried.**

- **Motion by Gary Loonsfoot, Sr., to donate \$500 to the American Legion Post 444 in Baraga, for brass markers and flags, supported by Elizabeth D. Mayo, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried.**

Total donations approved \$11,700.78.

Council went into closed session with KBIC members only for 2% requests review. Upon returning to open session a motion was made. **Motion by Eddy Edwards to direct the CEO and staff to seek all funding available for our Head Start and Early Head Start programs, supported by Michael LaFernier, Sr., ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried.**

~ submitted by newsletter editor

MARCH 2010 TREASURER'S REPORT.

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

Today, I put on the agenda the donations that came in throughout the month of March. The donations for the month of February came to a total of \$16,384, and those are all in the minutes and in the Secretary's report if you want to look for the specifics. Today, I also put on the agenda the 2% distributions. I know normally the 2% distributions go through the end of March, and this is only early April, and the March financial statements aren't ready yet, but I wanted to put this on the agenda to get a discussion going. I wanted to take the opportunity to get all of the Council to review all of the information that comes in from both Baraga and Marquette as sometimes it is extensive, and it is a lot of money. I also included on that summary a copy of the statement from the stipulation for entry of consent judgment that we agreed to along with other Tribes about what are the minimum guidelines for distribution of 2% funds. I included a copy of each request, a summary of the request. I did not include every single piece of paper that they submitted, but I submitted the primary information that each individual or group had submitted. I wanted to get the discussion going whether or not we approve some amounts today, or we approve the final amount at a later meeting. I also wanted to remind Council members to pay attention to their financial statements. One particular area is the trust funds and the value of those trust funds, with the economy and how those are being affected. Another one would be the financial statements for the Casinos and services and their house profits and how those are doing in relation to projections.

The one thing that will be coming up soon is the review of the audit for 2009. I know the crew had been here from Egghart and associates, and I know one thing I am looking forward to is the successful completion of those audits. When that audit comes back, I expect the council will review it. The results of the audit will tell us if the financial statements are reliable.

This is the basis of my report, just to tell you what we have on the agenda, why I put some of this stuff on the agenda, and what we hope to do.

Respectfully given,
Eddy Edwards, Treasurer

KBOCC to Honor Three Graduates

On Saturday, May 1, 2010, beginning at 2 pm in the Niiwin Akeaa Center Gymnasium, Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College will honor three graduates at KBOCC's annual Honors Convocation and Commencement Ceremony. During this program, KBOCC will also honor students who have achieved Dean's List, Honor's List, or Scholastic Achievement Recognition during the 2009-2010 academic year. Please join us in celebrating the accomplishments of each and every student. The public is welcome!

Chris Chosa – Fall 2009 Graduate
Chris graduated from KBOCC with his Associate of Arts degree in Liberal Studies with an emphasis in Native American Studies. During his tenure with KBOCC, he was an active participant in student government and also participated in the MICUP (Michigan College and University Partnership) program. Chris is currently attending Michigan Technological University pursuing his degree in anthropology.

Betti Szaroletta – Spring 2010 Graduate

Betti is graduating with her Associate of Applied Science degree in Early Childhood Education. She previously acquired an associate's degree in elementary education from Gogebic Community College but attended KBOCC to further her educational background in working with pre-school aged children. Betti has three children ages eleven, seven, and four. She hopes she has set an example for and inspired them to pursue their dreams. Betti is currently employed at KBIC Head Start.



Ryan Koski – Summer 2010 Graduate

Ryan is graduating with his Associate of Arts degree in Liberal Studies. He was named Freshman of the Year during the 2008-2009 academic year, and he was recently named Student of the Year for the 2009-2010 academic year. Ryan has participated in the MICUP program, student government, and SNOWS (Student and Native Organization of Writers and Storytellers). He is currently employed at the Ojibwa Casino in Baraga. Ryan's future plans are to attend Michigan Technological University beginning this summer.



~ submitted by Megan Shanahan

KBOCC student's visit Washington DC



KBOCC students, Ronald Brunk and Chalsea Smith, recently visited Washington DC as part of the College's student leadership program. The students were accompanied by KBOCC President Debbie Parrish and board member Robin Chosa. The trip is

made annually to meet with Michigan's representatives to discuss the key priorities for the American Indian Higher Education Consortium.

The KBOCC delegation met with Congressman Bart Stupak's assistant, Ernesto Falcon; Senator Carl Levin's senior adviser, Jackie

Parker; Debbie Stabenow's assistant, Patty Readinger; Congressman Dale Kildee and his assistant, Paxton Myers. This year Ojibwa Community College's shortlist included 1) full operational funding as appropriated from the Bureau of Indian Education, 2) PATH (Promoting the Advancement of Tribal Health) legislation to establish health programs at the post-secondary level at the tribal colleges, 3) increased funding for Land Grant institutions, and 4) establishment of a Tribal college specific student services program and native language program.

KBOCC students Ron Brunk and Chalsea Smith both spoke about their experiences and the opportunities available to them at a Tribal college and how it is positively impacting their lives. In his trip report, Ron Brunk "encourages any students reading this to stay in school, study hard, and be the best person you can be. You never know where life will take you." Brunk said he will never forget this trip, and it will always be a great memory in his life.

In her trip report, Chalsea Smith talked about how she was able to tour our nation's capitol and experience what she read in history books and saw in the movies. Smith reported of her visit with Congressman Dale Kildee, "That was the best visit overall. He really listened and showed interest in us. He wanted to talk to us. He really loves the Anishinabe people. It was like we were old friends and not an appointment."

Chosa, Brunk and Smith visited the Senate hearing room and listened to them talk about Billy's law. From there they visited the Smithsonian Museum of the Native Americans. Other popular visits included the Washington Memorial, White House, Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam Veterans Memorial and a sculpture garden near the national mall. Smith enjoyed a few minutes ice skating there.

KBOCC President Debbie Parrish also attended the executive branch presentations which included guest speakers Larry Echo Hawk, Assistant Secretary Indian Affairs, Dept. of Interior; Jane Oates, Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training, Dept. of Labor; Charles Rose, General Counsel, Dept. of Education; Kim Teehee, Senior Policy Advisor for Native American Affairs, White House; and Daniel Madzellan, Acting Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, Dept. of Education.

Parrish also requested support from the Michigan representatives to add Ojibwa Community College to the land grant legislation in order to obtain funding provided to other Tribal colleges and universities. Parrish said, "This funding will provide us with additional resources for construction and operations."

~ submitted by Debbie Parrish



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"Catch Your Dream Through A Superior Education"

College Update

Since Ojibwa Community College has received initial candidacy status from the Higher Learning Commission on October 1, 2009, several doors have been opened for the growing institution. KBOCC is now listed on the Commission's site and is authorized to utilize it's mark of affiliation. The Commission's annual meeting will be held April 10-13 in Chicago.

On October 13, 2009, KBOCC was approved as a full voting member of the American Indian Higher Education. AIHEC is comprised of 35 Tribal colleges and universities across the nation. AIHEC membership allows

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SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2010.

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

I pray that everyone had a "Blessed Easter Holiday."

We all need to commit to do our part 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. 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.

April 22nd is Earth Day! Remember to attend the 2nd Annual Environmental Fair at the Ojibwa Community College on Thursday, April 22, 2010, from 3-6 p.m. It is sponsored by our Natural Resources Department.

We have been working on the completion of the comprehensive plan, the updated personnel policies, and other policy concerns. I attended the Department Head meeting on March 16, and it was very informative with many issues being discussed. Other Council members and I also attended two of the meetings with Custom Chassis, Inc. with various other Baraga County businesses to promote economic development in our area that have been reported on in the L'Anse Sentinel.

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. On March 25, the Task Force and volunteers sponsored a "Nutritious Pot Luck Luncheon" at the Ojibwa Conference Room for the government and enterprise employees which promoted March as Nutritious Month. Employees were given additional time at lunch to attend. Also they were asked to bring their recipes to be included in an "Employee Nutritious Recipe Cookbook" and prizes were also given. A similar event will be held at the Marquette Casino. Thank you to everyone who prepared, setup, and cooked for the luncheon. Be watching for special events/healthful information every month.

Comments were sent to the Michigan De-

partment 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 Creek, Dead River, Middle Branch Escanaba River, Wildcat Canyon, and more. According to the company, thirty-eight acres of wetlands will be removed. The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the Army Corps of Engineers sent letters recommending that EPA deny the approval of the permit for this road. EPA did issue a federal objection to the issuance of the permit. The MDNRE now has 90 days to either deny the permit or work with the applicant to resolve the issues that have been raised.

On March 11 and 12, 2010, KBIC, Huron Mountain Club, National Wildlife Federation, and the Yellow Dog Watershed Environmental Preserve, Inc. filed Petitions for Review of Final Determination and Order of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Concerning Part 31 Groundwater Discharge Permit No. GW1810162 and Part 632 Nonferrous Metallic Mineral Mining No. MP01 2007 in the Circuit Court for the County of Washtenaw.

Chuck Brumleve and I attended the public informational meeting on March 11, 2010, at 7 p.m. at the Westwood High School in Ishpeming with the MDNRE that discussed a request by the Kennecott Eagle Minerals Company to modify the groundwater discharge permit for the infiltration design for the Eagle Rock Mine project that is related to the UIC (underground injection control) permit that requires approval by the EPA. Kennecott then announced that they no longer needed the permit from EPA. KBIC has submitted a letter to EPA officials explaining our concern and the numerous reasons that this modification would still require Kennecott to acquire a UIC permit.

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."

April 1 was CENSUS DAY and if you were not contacted, there is still time to fill out a census form. On March 24, Robin Chosa reported that 35-40% of our Tribal members have responded. Great Job! Remember — "Indian Country Counts, Our People, Our Nations, Our Future!"

Finally, I had the distinct pleasure of attending the 2010 EPA Indian General Assistance (GAP) Program Conference on March 23, in Chicago, Illinois, with Todd Warner where I received the 2009 Taimi Lynne Hoag Environmental Stewardship Award that President Swartz nominated me for. I told them that this award belongs to you, my Tribe, Tribal Council, and my Community for all of your continued hard work with taking care of our gift—our one earth. We all have a purpose, this is our moment, go where you may, search where you will, and together we can achieve success to allow our earth, water, and creatures to fulfill their purpose. Miigwech. Todd, George Beck for LVD, and I, also met with Tinka Hyde and her staff regarding water monitoring around the proposed mine sites.

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

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

- Approved the meeting minutes of October 8, 22, 23, and 29, 2009;
- Approved Resolution KB 1736-2010 Access to Recovery (ATR) ITC Grant Application;
- Approved the site at Sand Point for the wind power feasibility study;
- Defeated a motion to hire the two gaming commissioners who met the qualifications and decided to interview six applicants;
- Approved Resolution KB1735-2010 Weed & Seed Year Four program Funding Application;
- Approved the Ojibwa Community College's Board of Regent's applications (two);
- Approved Colleen DeRoche's request for vehicle repairs in the amount of \$1,124.15;
- Approved the services agreement with Eco Hatchery and KBIC;
- Approved the course offerings from BSA (3 tracks-Building Science Academy on how to conserve energy);
- Offered the position of Project Manager to Bruce LaPointe and offered the wage of \$58,000.

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

- Approved changing the Health Insurance for the Enterprises to CB15 with \$30/\$30 office visits/chiropractic and emergency services to \$150 co-pay;
- Approved changing the Health Insurance for the Government to CB15 with \$30/\$30 office visits/chiropractic and emergency services to \$150 co-pay;
- Approved all 21 commercial fishing applications pending boat safety inspection, outstanding catch reports, HAACP training, and payment of violations/fines;
- Approved IDI from Marquette as the architect for the Early Childhood Education Center project and the KBIC agreement between owner and architect as presented;
- Approved additional funds/budget modification for Fund #545 Special Projects for \$49,649;
- Approved the service quotation from the Ceridian Corporation (Employee Assistance Program Services) and the agreement for products and services pending the attorney review for \$17,634.84;
- Approved the Women's Retreat Contract;
- Approved the use of the field behind the Casino by the Baraga Volunteer Fire Department for the Mud Drag races on May 22;
- Approved Nanette Beck's request for \$1,329.17 for moving expenses;
- Defeated a motion for additional funds for vehicle repairs for Colleen DeRoche in the amount of \$295.54;
- Approved moving the regular Tribal Coun-

cil meeting date from April 3, to April 10, due to the Easter holiday;

- Tabled a request from Turtle Island Cultural Services, Inc. until more information is received.

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

- Approved Resolution KB 1737-2010 ARRA Cooperative Agreement with the Baraga County Road Commission (paving project);
- Approved the ATSDR (Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry) of the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services License Agreement for publication of the Sand Point Brownfield Cleanup information;
- Approved the Confidentiality Agreement between KBIC and Custom Chassis, Inc.;
- Approved Jennifer Misegan and David Rantanen as Gaming Commissioners;
- Enterprise Grievance Hearing #001-10. Approved to overturn the decision of the General Manager, remove the suspension from his record and return his back pay;
- Sales Tax Case: Approved the stipulation to entry of consent judgment and order the dismissal with prejudice between KBIC and the State of Michigan and all listed and authorize the President to sign.

At the council meeting held March 19, 2010, Council attended a Business Development Workshop at the Chippewa Room—Ojibwa Casino with speaker Lance Morgan, CEO from Ho-Chunk, Inc. and presented/sponsored by Tracey Fischer First Nations Oweesta Corporation and the U.S. Department of Justice, Community Capacity Development Office.

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

- Approved the proposed KBIC newsletter guidelines;
- Approved the 2010-2011 Blue Cross employee portion rates;
- Approved to direct the President and CEO/Staff to pursue and negotiate a compact extension with the Governor/State of Michigan;
- Approved the authorization of a cash match of \$16,000 and authorize the President to sign the grant and a letter of support for the ANA/GIS (Geographic Information System) application;
- Approved the low bid of Haataja Truck'n for the Commodity Foods Center sewer line project;
- Approved funding for Toni Minton and Brenda Brunk, immersion class students with Bay Mills Community College for \$298.83 because they are not eligible for the Pell Grant;
- Approved interviewing Dale Shalfoe and Michael Cardinal for the Executive Director of the Gaming Commission;
- Approved that the Tribal Council waive the reading of the minutes of the Tribal Council meeting held on March 18, 2010, regarding the adoption of the motion by the Tribal Council which approved the Stipulation To Entry of Consent Judgment and Order of Dismissal with Prejudice in KBIC v. Robert J. Kleine, Treasurer of the State of Michigan; et. al., United States District Court, Western District of Michigan, Civil File No. 2:05-CV-0224;
- Approved budgets #09.70.755 and #09.70.630 for the Child Development Center;

Gaming Commission—

- Approved the Baraga Fire Department's Class I Social Gaming License Action #020-2010;
- Approved Actions #021 through #027-2010 Game Removals and Installations, renewal of Higgins Bingo Supplies, Inc., Spielo

Manufacturing, ULC, and WMS Gaming, Inc. manufacturer/distributor licenses;

- Approved the denial of employee gaming license KB-007-10 Action #027-2010.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan J. LaFernier, Secretary

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 call 906-201-0263.

CEO REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2010.

On March 9, an option for Employee Assistance Program services was presented. The Tribe was under contract with North Star Employee Assistance Program & Life Counseling Center through the end of March. On March 11, Council approved moving forward with contracting services for an Employee Assistance Program with Ceridian Corporation. Contract negotiations are ongoing and EAP services to employees are suspended pending finalization of a contract. This matter will be further discussed later today.

Plans continue to be developed for the construction of the solid waste transfer station which will be located at KBIC's industrial park. Preliminary design and site selection is nearly completed and bidding for the project is estimated to take place within the next 60 days. Indian Health Services is providing design and engineering services for the project. Options for moving the solid waste to a landfill are also being worked on. Once the options are formalized the matter will be brought before Council for consideration.

A bi-monthly governmental department head meeting took place on March 16, and provided staff the opportunity to discuss relevant issues. President Swartz attended the meeting and provided updates relating to Council activities. The next meeting will occur in May.

On March 17, Sarah Smith, Assistant CEO, and I traveled to Sault Ste. Marie to meet with Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan staff to further discuss the transitioning of the Head Start and Early Head Start Programs to KBIC. Based on the information gathered at the meeting and correspondences since, Sarah and I need to further discuss the issue, and we are on the agenda today in closed session. We will provide an update and seek direction in moving forward with the project.

On March 25, a Nutritious Pot Luck Luncheon was held in the Ojibwa Resort Conference Rooms. Employees were encouraged to participate by bringing in a nutritious dish and, if they were willing, their recipe. The food was very good and many positive comments were given regarding the event. The recipes that were provided will eventually become part of a cookbook that will be distributed to employees. The Ojibwa Casino Marquette staff has planned their pot luck event for April 9. Prize drawings were conducted for those who provided a dish.

The WHIPP Task Force is finalizing plans for the April event which is in conjunction with Cancer Awareness. The details of that event which should prove to be quite fun will be out very soon.

Council approved the hiring of Bruce LaPointe to serve as the Tribe's Project Manager. He began in the position on March 15 and has settled in to his crowded quarters nicely. He is currently in an office with his employee, Clayton Ekdahl, Special Projects and Safety Coordinator. Within the next few weeks some relocation of staff will take place. Gregg Nominelli, Economic Developer, will be moving out of the Planning and Development building and moving into the Anokii Center located at the industrial park. Gregg and his staff will continue to provide business services as well as lead economic development opportunities for the Tribe. Bruce and Clayton will move from their current office site located at the Tribal Center to the Planning and Development building located on US41 in Baraga where Jason Ayres, Realty Officer and Roads Specialist, and Ken Marshall, GIS Specialist are located. The offices will continue to be referred to as Planning and Development. The Anokii Center will become the Economic Development and Business Resources Center.

The Tribal Police and Conservation departments have relocated. The former KBIC Tire facility located on US41 just north of the Pines Convenience Center is their new home. The Tribal Maintenance Department renovated the facility and has done an outstanding job, such that it wouldn't be recognized. Dale Dakota, Chief of Police, is satisfied with the facility for the most part and likes the change in location. There are some additional renovations which need to take place and Arlan Friisvall will be bringing that issue forward in the near future.

The offices where the police and conservation were located at the Tribal Center will become the Community Assistance Program offices. Debbie Picciano, Director of the program, will be enhancing the services she currently offers to include a food pantry, weatherization materials, job skills building opportunities, and seasonal clothing for the needy. It will take a little while to build the services but once completed will offer needed services in our community.

The THPO staff will be relocating in the next few weeks. Summer Cohen and Joe Jacker who are currently located in tiny office at the Cultural Center will relocate to the office space currently used by the Community Assistance Program.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Larry J. Denomie, III, CEO

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We will begin to clean our cemeteries and please help as we prepare to remember our veterans and loved ones on Memorial Day. There will be a service and ceremony/picnic feast on Memorial Day—May 31st. Please continue to help clean our roadsides and everywhere. Miigwech everyone!

Remember all of the special women in your lives on Mother's Day—May 9th. They are special!

PROTECTING YOUR SKIN THIS SUMMER

With beach and camping weather just around the corner it's time to look into products which would enhance your enjoyment of the outdoors. Two items commonly used in summer activities are: sunscreen and insect repellent. Now would be a good time to find some ecologically friendly products which would benefit your health and our environment.

The Department of Health and Human Services Report lists solar ultraviolet radiation as a "known human carcinogen." A few facts from The Skin Cancer Foundation: Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United

New Employees



Newsletter photo.



Newsletter photo.

Bruce LaPointe, Sr. has been hired as the Tribe's Project Manager. Bruce's background includes Construction/Project Management, Grant Writing/Administration, Strategic Planning, Budgeting, Procurement/Purchasing, Negotiated Rule Making (HAHASDA), and Infrastructure: Water & Sewer Distribution. Bruce is a licensed Michigan Residential Builder and a certified Journeyman Carpenter & Hazardous Waste. He has twenty-nine years of business experience in management, supervision, construction, maintenance and modernization operations of residential and commercial projects. His background includes the coordination and execution of management activities, including strategic planning, budgeting, scheduling, training, inventory, record keeping, project analysis and financial reporting.

Bruce is the son of Marjorie and Donald A. LaPointe and was raised on the reservation with his sister, Carole. He graduated from Baraga High in 1974. Bruce is a single father of three children, Matt, who is an 18-year-old senior at Sault Ste. Marie High School, and has been recently accepted at Michigan Tech for the fall, Bruce Jr. is 14-years old, and Courtney is 12-years old.

Karin Andrus has been hired as the KBIC, OVW, Survivor Advocate. Karin states, "I am happy to be here and look forward to learning and growing with this program. My husband, Bill and I reside in Bruce Crossing where we have raised four children. We have five grandchildren. Prior to this position, I was employed by Gogebic Community Mental Health at the drop in center and as a home based social worker. I have earned two degrees from NMU, a bachelor of science in psychology and a bachelor of social work. I enjoy exploring the outdoors with my dog Dweeb and reading. I am teaching myself to crochet. I also enjoy learning and am interested in taking an Ojibwa language course. I look forward to providing services to and educating the community on survivor issues."

May 2010 Calendars Events

- May 1** — Regular Saturday Council Meeting, 10 a.m.; KBOCC Graduation
- May 7** — Deadline to apply for Interim Program
- May 9** — Mother's Day
- May 12** — Nurse's Day
- May 15** — Armed Forces Day
- May 19** — Veterans meeting, 7 p.m.
- May 31** — Memorial Day, Tribal Gov't Offices closed

~ 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.



KBIC FOSTER HOME RECRUITMENT DINNER

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2010
TIME: 6-8 p.m.
WHERE: KBIC BINGO HALL

Please RSVP by Friday, May 7, 2010. Call Nancy at KBIC Tribal Social Services at 353-4201.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

COMMUNITY MEMBERS INTERESTED IN FINDING OUT MORE ABOUT FOSTER PARENTING.

SPONSORED BY: KBIC INDIAN CHILD WELFARE-JUSTICE COMMITTEE AND TRIBAL SOCIAL SERVICES

The DHHS Superior Spirit Award Winner for April.

Angela Kelly is the DHHS Superior Spirit Award winner for April. Angela was nominated by a co-worker who stated, "Angela works very hard completing her duties and is always ready to help out her co-workers. She has done a great job training and implementing Electronic Health Records."

Angela 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, Angela Kelly!!



DHHS photo.

HEAD START FIELD TRIP TO THE SUGAR BUSH



KBIC Tribal Head Start's field trip on March 22, 2010, brought them to Ron Spruce's sugar bush. Two separate groups visited Spruce's sugar bush where they learned about the process.

Mr. Spruce showed them how to tap a tree and explained how the sap runs up a tree rather than down the tree. He brought them down to the sugar bush where he had some sap boiling where he explained how syrup was made. Each child received some maple sugar candy that Mr. Spruce had made.

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A Poem by Adam Lussier

"I am frightened," she said.
 "I get so close, my heart quickens, my palms get wet.
 It is so intense, then it's over.
 Suddenly, it starts over again.
 It's an excitement, this anticipation of something about to happen.
 I take a deep breath, I can't look.
 My mind starts to race faster and faster,
 I can't hear anything, but my heart beating loud.
 Once again it's over.
 Somebody hollered BINGO,
 bummer."



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KBIC INTER-TRIBAL YOUTH BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT continued:

The KBIC Youth Programs held an Inter-Tribal Youth Basketball Tournament the weekend of April 9—11. The double elimination tournament was broken down into two divisions — Boys 18 & under and Girls 18 & under. There were a total of eleven teams competing. Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe sponsored four teams, Lac Vieux Desert sponsored two teams, Baraga High School sponsored two girls' teams and one boy's team, and Keweenaw Bay sponsored two Rez Runner Teams.

The games began Friday evening, April 9th and continued throughout the day on Saturday. Sunday closed the tournament with Championship games being held Sunday morning. All participants received Tournament T-shirts and trophies were awarded to the Runner-up and Champion teams. Cheryne Clement, KBIC's Youth Coordinator stated, "Everything went really well this weekend. We had a lot of people from the Community come to watch, and it was great to see the kids compete against youth from other Michigan tribes. Hopefully, we can make this an annual event!"



KBIC Youth photo.

Category — 16-18 year old girls team, KBIC Rez Runners vs. LVD. Point guard Gabrielle Picciano looks for a pass against an LVD player, as teammates Paige Chosa, #54, and Jade Chaudier, #35, position to get open.

The KBIC Girls lost in the Third Place game against LVD early Sunday Morning. Members of the KBIC Rez Runners Girls team includes Jade Chaudier, Brooke Chaudier, Deanna Varline, Ginger Shelfoe, Gabrielle Picciano, Tashina Emery, Angelica Bogda, and Paige Chosa. They were coached by Danika Strong.

**Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's
32nd Annual Powwow**
Logo Contest
Prize Money \$150
Honoring Our Legacy



Open to KBIC members and descendants.
Deadline: Friday, May 14, 2010, 4:50 p.m.

Entry drop-off is to the KBIC Tribal Center Receptionist Desk or mail to: KBIC Powwow Committee
16429 Bear Town Road
Baraga, MI 49908

All entries become the property of the Powwow Committee. Our theme this year is: Honoring Our Legacy.

Artwork must be:

1. Drawn on white paper, no smaller than 5"x 5" and no larger than 8.5"x 11".
2. Drawn in black ink.
3. Artwork must be reproducible quality for copying, scanning and imaging purposes.
4. Artwork must be signed by the artist.
5. Contest is open to KBIC members and descendants.

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 2010-2011.

Eligible Young Women:

- Must complete application;
- Must be an enrolled KBIC member (enrollment card required);
- 13-18 years of age;
- A good role model (socially and academically);
- A traditional, jingle, or fancy shawl dancer;
- Alcohol 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 do/can 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 or addressed to the Pow Wow Committee.

**Deadline extended to
May 14, 2010, 4:30 p.m.**

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May—National Foster Care Month

Have you ever seen the ad in the L'Anse Sentinel, "Looking for a few good people to become foster parents." If you have, then have you ever wondered why a Social Service Agency would advertise for foster parents?

Foster care is a service provided to the entire community by good caring people who desire to make the lives of a single child or group of children better so that they can continue to grow and mature and eventually become productive citizens. It is a service provided to the entire community because it benefits our entire community.

When a child is taken into care there are underlying reasons for that happening. It usually happens when the Court makes a finding that a child has been neglected or abused. By far the majority of neglect and abuse cases we see in our Court system involve substance abuse. This comes as no surprise because the majority of the Court's criminal caseload also involves some form of substance abuse. A child can also come into foster care when the child's parents are unable to care for them or cannot meet their needs. These cases are considered "child in need of care" cases. Under either situation, the foster care system is called upon to provide these children with a home where they can feel safe, secure, and most of all loved.

I have always had great respect for foster parents, and over the years, I have met many of them. It takes a special person to open the door to their home and ultimately their heart to a child from another family. It is this particular act of kindness that impresses me the most about foster parents.

Once in the foster care system, the Social Services Department monitors the foster placement and reports back to the Court on a regular basis. The Court conducts review hearings regarding the child every 90 days. At these hearings, the Court is informed about the child's mental and physical health, their behavior, academic performance, and their social skills. Relationships between the foster child and each person in the foster family are also issues that are considered.

It is very common for grandparents to become foster care providers to their grandchildren. While it is still unfortunate for foster children to have to endure, it does lessen the emotional trauma of having to deal with strangers. It also follows along with our traditional ways of utilizing extended family for the care of our children. This is something that has been going on for generations in Tribal communities and is now being recognized in the State of Michigan as a practical and fundable placement option.

Foster care is meant to be a temporary fix. The purpose is to provide the child with immediate protection from their home environment. During the child's stay out of the home, Protective Services works with the parents to address the issues that led to the removal of their child or children. Reunification of the family is always the goal. Sometimes that goal cannot be achieved for different reasons. By law the Court cannot terminate parental rights to a child for two years. Once all parental rights are terminated, a child can become eligible for adoption.

Studies have shown that children need to feel safe, secure, loved, and have sense of permanency in their everyday lives in order to properly develop. Right now foster care is the best option for that.

Foster care does not always live up to everyone's expectations. If you consider only food, shelter, safety, and proving the opportunity for schooling, foster care does work. The total package, however, as far as personal growth and overall happiness sometimes falls short.

Being raised as a foster child is far from an ideal experience. It is a band-aid at best. Of-

tentimes foster children, especially those who were fostered later in life, become angry with their situation and act out. They often times become adjudicated delinquent juveniles. They have, in my opinion, become bitter about their situation because they understand that it is not normal. They have memories of their parents and do not understand why they cannot be with them. This is really no fault of the foster care system; it is merely an outcome of certain circumstances. Not all foster care placements turn out this way. I would have to say that the majority do not. Most foster parents find their work very rewarding. They come away with the feeling that they made a difference in the life of a child. It is not for everyone though.

May is National Foster Care Month. Our community, also with all of Baraga County, is always in need of foster parents. Hopefully, I have helped to explain to you why they are "looking for a few good people to become foster parents."

~ submitted by Bradley T. Dakota, Chief Judge

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.

Dave Varline, case # 10-038, controlled substance (possession - marijuana) – 3rd offense

Sentenced on 04/06/2010 to:

1. \$1500 fine.
2. 12 - 24 months probation with a \$10 monthly probation fee. Probation is to run concurrent with other case #10-039.
3. 180 days jail, 150 days suspended and the Defendant is to serve 30 days jail, with credit for 17 days served. The Defendant will be responsible for the costs of any lodging. Jail time is to run concurrent with case #10-039.
4. The Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and follow the recommendations of that screening until successfully completed.
5. The Defendant is to obtain a mental health assessment and follow the recommendations of that assessment until successfully completed.
6. The Defendant is subject to random drug and alcohol testing and will be responsible for the costs of those tests.
7. The Defendant is to report daily to the Probation Officer upon release from jail.
8. The Defendant may be released from jail to work with the Beartown Firefighters if he is called out on a fire.

Annette Emery, case # 10-016, controlled substance (possession - Hydrocodone) – 2nd offense

Sentenced on 04/13/2010 to:

1. \$1,000 fine.
2. Defendant is to be reassessed by her substance abuse counselor and is to comply with the recommendations of that screening/assessment until successfully discharged. Defendant is to sign a release of information with the provider for the probation officer to monitor compliance.
3. Defendant is to attend two AA, NA, or Smart Recovery meetings weekly and is to provide proof of attendance to the probation officer. Defendant is to attend for a period of two months, after which it will be the discretion of the probation officer when this requirement is lifted.
4. Defendant is to obtain a mental health as-

essment or be actively in counseling through the health clinic. Defendant is to sign a release of information with the provider for the probation officer to monitor compliance.

5. 90 days jail, 60 days suspended pending completion of all terms of probation, 30 days jail. Defendant will be financially responsible for the costs of tether/lodging and any expenses incurred while lodged.
6. 12-18 months of standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10 monthly fee. Defendant will be tested randomly for alcohol and drug use, and the Defendant will be financially responsible for the costs associated with drug and alcohol testing.
7. Defendant is banned from the Pressbox Lanes & Lounge and the Casino throughout her term of probation.

KBOCC Update continued:

the institution to be eligible for funding from the American Indian College Fund. To date, KBOCC has received operational funds to assist with accreditation, professional development, and student scholarships.

To be eligible for funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, KBOCC has to undergo a feasibility study from the Bureau of Indian Education office. The thirty page application was submitted to the BIE in January and a review visit is scheduled for April 27, 2010. Funding is anticipated for 2011 which is approximately \$5800 per Indian Student.

The Department of Education application process for Title IV funding has begun for participation in the Federal Student Financial Aid Program. It is anticipated that federal student aid will be available Fall 2010. This will expand scholarships for all students. KBOCC staff will be attending the mandatory training conducted by the Dept. of Education in Philadelphia at the end of May.

The next step is to seek Land Grant Status for the College. While in Washington D.C. recently, this request by Tribal Council resolution was made to initiate a senate bill adding Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College to the list of eligible institutions. Michigan representatives supported the request and language will be developed to sponsor the bill. KBOCC President Debbie Parrish met recently with Congressman Bart Stupak at the L'Anse Village Hall to discuss the matter.

Three students, Cynthia Knapp, Ethan Smith, and Raymond Cadreaus attended the annual AIHEC conference in Phoenix, Arizona, on March 20-23. Knapp received the Coca Cola Scholarship from the American Indian College Fund. Ryan Koski was nominated as this year's Student of the Year and will receive a monetary award.

With a grant from the USDA Rural Development, KBOCC is setting up a woodshop at the Ojibwa Industrial Park. Training will be offered in basic woodshop, finished carpentry, cabinetry, and special projects. The 120 hour course will begin May 3, and will be held Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

~ submitted by Debbie Parrish



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

Health Board – 1 seat

Cultural Committee – 3 seats

Application due date is May 14, 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

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Aquaculture Program Looking Forward and Back

With winter apparently gone, and spring coming early this year, planning efforts are ramping up for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Natural Resource Department. While looking ahead, we also find ourselves looking back at past accomplishments of the Tribe's aquaculture programs, of which there are many.

Fish Health: Every year the Tribe's hatchery facility, located in Pequaming, receives a full disease screening by the Fish and Wildlife Service-LaCrosse Fish Health Center, and since inception in 1993, the facility has been certified as disease free. Quality fish health is critical to putting out a quality fish stock, and good fish health is a direct result of staff performance. The recent discovery of VHS virus in this area of Lake Superior has increased everyone's general awareness about the threat and potential impact of wildlife diseases, but disease and cleanliness are always concerns in a hatchery.



Newly hatched brook trout fry (above left) and yearling brook trout (above right) at the KBIC Hatchery.



USFWS Staff work with KBIC in testing hatchery fish for disease on a regular basis.



A typical Jumbo River brook trout brood stock held at the KBIC Hatchery.



A very large lake trout captured in Keweenaw Bay that is fin-clipped, indicating it came from the KBIC Hatchery Program.

Brook Trout: The brook trout strain reared at the Pequaming hatchery originates from brook trout populations in the Jumbo River system in the Ottawa National Forest. This Jumbo River brook trout is one of the few native Lake Superior basin brook trout strains being reared and stocked in the Lake Superior basin. Ottawa National Forest worked with the hatchery to develop this strain.

Brook trout brood stock are held in the hatchery in Pequaming, and spawning is completed each year to develop the following year's brook trout stock. Maintaining genetic integrity of the stock is important, and the brood stock are supplemented periodically with wild fish collected from within the Jumbo River system. Moving wild fish into a hatchery system creates some risk as disease or parasites can be brought into a hatchery with the wild fish. In 2009, instead of collecting wild fish, spawn was collected from spawning fish in the Jumbo River. Collected eggs were treated and hatched in the hatchery, and a portion of the resulting fish will be kept as brood stock. This was a unique venture, and the apparent success is a credit both to both the Tribe's Natural Resource Department staff and the Ottawa National Forest staff who assisted.

In 2009, about 29,000 Jumbo River brook trout were stocked into area rivers and streams including Dault's Creek, Denomie Creek, Fall's River, Menge Creek, Ontonagon River, Perch River, Ravine River, Silver River, Slate River, and the Upper Sturgeon. A portion of the surplus brood were stocked into Keweenaw Bay last July. Currently the tribe's hatchery is holding about 71,000 Jumbo River brook trout stock.

Coaster Brook Trout: Since 1999, the Tribe's Natural Resource Department has worked cooperatively with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to stock coaster brook trout in the local area. Each year, as part of a cooperative arrangement, the Fish and Wildlife Service stocks approximately 30,000 fingerling coasters into two local stream systems. Over the past several years, the Pequaming Hatchery has also been rearing coaster brook trout for stocking and has an annual target number of 6,000 six-inch coasters reared and stocked into area waters. The current stocking target locations include near-shore areas within Keweenaw Bay where suitable habitat for rehabilitation of coaster brook trout has been identified. Currently the tribe's hatchery is holding about 13,000 Siskiwit Bay strain coaster brook trout stock.

Lake Trout: Lake Trout have been a focus of the Tribe's aquaculture program since 1993. The current target is an annual production of 50,000-100,000 Lake Trout, about 6-inches in size, for stocking into Keweenaw Bay. Considering that Baraga County is the Lake Trout capital of Michigan the Tribe's Lake Trout program is obviously successful. The Lake Trout eggs for rearing are acquired each year from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Iron River National Fish Hatchery. In 2009, the Natural Resource Department staff also collected eggs from Lake Trout spawning around the Huron Islands, and the fish hatched from these eggs are currently being reared in the hatchery. Currently, the

tribe's hatchery is holding about 103,000 Apostle Island and Huron Island strain Lake Trout stock.

Walleye; A long term goal of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community was to develop a Walleye rearing and stocking program. After a very long and occasionally frustrating planning process, the Tribe started construction of a Walleye rearing facility in 2007. Tony Burcar Construction was the prime contractor for the work, and the ponds were designed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Funding for the Walleye rearing ponds was provided by the KBIC Tribal Council, U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resource Conservation Service and Rural Develop offices, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Tribal Wildlife program. The facility construction was completed in 2008, and in 2009, the Tribe's Natural Resource Department began rearing Walleye in the two Walleye rearing ponds. The first year's Walleye stock were obtained as fry that were reared from spawning fish captured in the Back Bay area of Lake Superior, generously provided by the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority. Despite all the challenges with controlling oxygen levels, water quality, water levels, predators, and the seemingly hundreds of other details and concerns when pond rearing Walleye, Natural Resource Department staff managed to produce about 16,450 Walleye between 3-6 inches in size for stocking. The Walleye were then stocked into Keweenaw and Huron Bays to supplement existing Walleye populations. Production will begin again soon. It is estimated that the two ponds are probably capable of producing about 25,000 Walleye fingerlings in a good year, and the Natural Resource Department is looking forward to continued success.

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Stocking Summary: According to Natural Resource Department staff, in 2010, they will pass the 1.5 million milestone for total Lake Trout stocked since the Lake Trout program started. Conservatively, since 1993, a total of well over 2.5 million fish (Lake Trout, Brook Trout, Coaster Brook Trout, and Walleye) have been stocked into western Upper Peninsula waters and Lake Superior by the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

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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

Matthew H. Whetung

July 5, 1923—March 20, 2010

Matthew H. Whetung, age 86, of Zeba, MI, passed away on Saturday, March 20, 2010, at Baraga County Memorial Hospital with family and friends at his side.

Matt was born on July 5, 1923, in Curve Lake, Ontario, Canada, a son of Joseph and Charlotte (Blaker) Whetung. He was raised in Zeba and lived there his entire life until the past two years when he resided at Bayside Village in L'Anse. Matt worked in the woods with his brother Ted until retiring in 1953.

Matt was a member of United Methodist Church in Zeba, KBIC, and Ojibwa Senior Citizens. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and taught many of his nieces and nephews how to hunt and fish. He loved doing puzzles and was a loyal fan of the Detroit Lions and Tigers, and all Michigan sports.

Surviving are his brother Amos Whetung of Marysville, WA, Albert (Elsie) Matthews of Athelstane, WI; sisters Myrtle Tolonen of Baraga, Elizabeth Matthews of Zeba; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death are his parents; brothers: Glen Matthews, Theodore Whetung, Donald Whetung, and sister Sarah Shelifoe.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, March 24th at the Jacobson Funeral Home with Rev. John Henry officiating. The Jacobson Funeral Home in L'Anse assisted the family.

The KBIC Head Start and Early Head Start will begin accepting applications for the 2010-2011 school year beginning March 1, 2010 thru June 25, 2010. Applications will be available at the KBIC Tribal Center, KBIC Health Clinic, and KBIC Head Start and & Early Head Start Center, or by calling 524-6626 and asking for Barb.

KBIC Aquaculture Program Looking Forward and Back continued:

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Walleye Rearing Operation



Layout of the KBIC Walleye Rearing Ponds (Top photo), and a product of KBIC Walleye rearing efforts in 2009, (Lower photo).

If you have any questions, or would like a tour of the Tribe's hatchery facility, you can call them at (906) 524-5757.

Article and pictures submitted by Todd Warner.



Lyndon Ekdahl (right) presented Keweenaw Bay Indian Community with award plaques from the KB PeeWee B Hockey Team he coaches where they secured second place in the State Tournament recently held in Escanaba. KBIC financially assisted the team after they were undefeated in the playdowns held in Baraga, and then subsequently placed first in the U.P. Tournament held in L'Anse. Ekdahl, a KBIC member, coached unassisted throughout this season. His team includes three KBIC members, Isaac Ekdahl, Casey Chagnon, and Davan Ravindaran, and a number of descendants.

William "Gene" Emery, Vice President, (left) is pictured with Coach Ekdahl.

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Employment Opportunities



On Call positions:

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

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

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

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.

The Earth Shows Us the Way: A Curriculum for the Modern World

Twine from the bark of the basswood. A delicious snack from the stalk of a cattail. Red dye from the bloodroot. Lessons like these and others based on Ojibwe traditional ecological knowledge are found in "Kinomaage (The Earth Shows Us the Way)," a two-week intensive summer course offered by the Northern Michigan University Center for Native American Studies.

The course focuses on traditional Ojibwe usage of wild plants. Guided by the instructor, course participants follow their own research interests, sharing the information they find with the rest of the class during their field trips into the wilds of the north woods. NMU's location, in Michigan's Upper Peninsula and surrounded by the northern Great Lakes, national forests, waterfalls, and botanically rich wetlands, provides an excellent setting for these field trips and offers a prime experiential learning opportunity to those interested in traditional Indigenous ecological knowledge.

The term "kinomaage" is the Ojibwe term for "education." However, it translates most literally as "the earth shows us the way." Following that philosophy, the "Kinomaage" course not only provides a chance to learn traditional Ojibwe uses of wild plants but also offers lessons in ecology derived from the teachings of Ojibwe traditional ecological knowledge, knowledge that comes from millennia of living in the northern Great Lakes area. For example, traditional teachings in Ojibwe culture, such as taking only what you need from the land and being sure to give back, teach personal restraint and respect for the land. In addition, learning about other members of this northern community, such as animals and insects, helps "Kinomaage" participants develop a fuller understanding of the north's ecology.

Environmental concerns impacting the north woods are also discussed, and a field trip is taken to observe industrialism's impact on the region. In this way, the lessons in "Kinomaage" heighten environmental awareness and increase understanding of how we impact our environment and what it means to be a member of the community of the land.

Educators and others who work or live with children may find the course of particular value. Learning from the earth is an essential skill to pass on to the younger generations, and above all, "Kinomaage" is about coming to respect and appreciate Mother Earth and all our relations with whom we share this planet. Educators will find the course enriches their ongoing professional development by giving them a greater understanding of this traditional Indigenous cultural paradigm.

"Kinomaage" participants looking to find material for their own classrooms will be gratified to learn that youth who have participated in kinomaage-based youth programs through area camps have enjoyed learning about Ojibwe traditional ecological knowledge. Kinomaage-based activities in a K-12 curriculum, such as offering asemaa before entering the forest to show respect for those who call it home, help strengthen the cultural identification of Ojibwe children while fostering a respect for cultural diversity in students who are not Ojibwe.

The practical applications of plants, as taught in NMU's "Kinomaage" course, also translate well into educational activities for children. Nibbling young spruce buds while tromping through the schoolyard, using plantain to soothe an insect bite, or observing seedpods from spotted-touch-me-not hurtling through the air introduces children to the wonders waiting outdoors.

While some people take the "Kinomaage" course to pick up knowledge to impart to the younger generations, all "Kinomaage" participants have the opportunity to enjoy the wilds of Michigan's Upper Peninsula, one of the

most unique geographical features on the North American continent. The peninsula offers a land rich in wilderness and the forest-based Ojibwe culture and provides students a classroom unparalleled in which to learn just how the earth can show us the way. In an era of escalating environmental crises, courses like "Kinomaage" are an antidote to the industrial way of life, offering generations-old ecological lessons for living in respectful relationship with the land.

More information on the "Kinomaage" course, including photos of past classes, can be found by visiting the NMU Center for Native American Studies website at www.nmu.edu/nativeamericans.

~ submitted by Aimée Cree Dunn



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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 and continuing during the 2010-11 academic year, must have a minimum GPA of 2.00 and must 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

PROTECTING YOUR SKIN continued:

States. About 90 percent of non-melanoma skin cancers are associated with exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun. Up to 90 percent of the visible changes commonly attributed to aging are caused by the sun.

Sun protection information is provided by many agencies and foundations; such as the National Weather Service, Environmental Working Group, and The Skin Cancer Foundation. Safety tips include: seeking shade as much as possible mid-day and using protective wear while in the sun (sun protection clothing, sunglasses, hats, and sunscreen).

Sunscreens when applied to skin help prevent ultraviolet radiation from reaching the skin. Sunscreens give a SPF (Sun Protection Factor), a guideline on how long the product will protect you from UVB rays which cause sunburn. If it takes ten minutes for your skin to redden in the sun a SPF 15 sunscreen will give protection for 15 times longer (150 minutes) depending on intensity of rays and sweating/water exposure. The American Cancer Society recommends at least a SPF 15 (blocks around 93 percent of UVB rays), the Environmental Working Group suggest a SPF 30 (blocks around 97 percent of UVB rays) or

higher is best if in the sun for extended time. SPF 50 blocks approximately 98 percent of UVB rays. SPF doesn't indicate UVA blockage. UVA rays penetrate deeper into the skin and are associated with premature aging of skin (wrinkling, leathery) and seen more and more as a cause of skin cancer. Therefore, it is important to check the broad spectrum protection offered by the sunscreen.

The Environmental Working Group (EWG) has a sunscreen guide, <http://www.ewg.org/cosmetics/report/sunscreen09> which ranks many sunscreens from best to worse. They found zinc oxide or titanium dioxide lotions to provide good broad spectrum protection as "physical blockers" since they reflect and scatter UV rays. However, they recognize not everyone likes the feel of mineral sunscreens or the residue it leaves and they have suggestions for non-mineral sunscreens. They caution consumers on oxybenzone (high absorption thru skin, high rates of allergic reactions, and growing concerns about hormone disruption) and fragrance. The American Cancer Society recommends applying one ounce at least 30 minutes before going into the sun, and at least every two hours (more if sweating or swimming) after going into the sun.

The EWG and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) do not recommend using a combined sunscreen and insect repellent. General recommendations are that sunscreen is applied frequently and insect repellent is applied only as needed (insects start biting again). The CDC recommends applying sunscreen first, followed by repellent. The CDC recommends the use of products containing active ingredients which have been registered with the U.S. EPA for use as repellents applied to skin and clothing, and the use of insect repellents in areas with insect borne diseases such as lyme disease, west nile disease, and encephalitis.

Based on its review EPA has determined that DEET, if used as directed, will not pose significant health risks to consumers. Safe use of product includes using just enough to cover exposed skin and/or clothing, not using on cuts, and washing skin when back indoors. All DEET-based repellents work the same, the difference is in how long they keep insects away. It's best to select one based on how long you will be outside. Low concentration (7-10%) lasts around 90 minutes, and high (100%) lasts 10-12 hours. For tick protection you need at least a 20% concentration. A product with an EPA registered number on the label has been evaluated for safety.

An alternative to using DEET is to use essential plant based oil repellents. Oil of lemon eucalyptus is one which is registered with EPA and has performed well in testing. Oil of citronella, has been used since 1948, and shown to have little or no toxicity for humans, wildlife, and environment. Exposure limitation is another way to cut back on the use of pesticides. Generally, the peak insect biting periods occur around sunset and dawn; shaded and wooded areas tend to have higher numbers of biting insects.

<http://www.sunprotection.net/>

<http://www.skincancer.org/>

<http://www.ewg.org/cosmetics/report/sunscreen09>

<http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/factsheets/chemicals/deet.htm>

http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/biopesticides/ingredients/factsheets/factsheet_021901.htm

http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/biopesticides/ingredients/factsheets/factsheet_plant-oils.htm

<http://www.deet.com/faqs.html>

~ submitted by Evelyn Ravindran



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- Become licensed to provide short-term ("respite") child care for a day or weekend for other foster parents.
- Say thank you and support those families who are foster parents or kinship/relative caregivers.
- Volunteer for youth activities, after-school programs, tutoring, mentoring, etc.
- Donate money or goods, such as car seats, toys and games, sleeping bags and pillows, luggage, musical instruments, books or a computer.

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