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## KIDS' FISHING DERBY A BIG SUCCESS



Newsletter photo.

Parents registered their children with Keweenaw Bay Natural Resource's staff to participate in the activities.

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual KBIC Kids Fishing Derby (in honor of Edward Holzman and Jim Emery Sr.) was held at Lighthouse Pond, Sand Point, June 26, 2010. Over 350 children were entertained, and a record 328 "Fisher-Kids" were registered to participate in all aspects of the event.

Each year as the event grows, it becomes more difficult to make certain each child leaves the event with a prize. Yet this goal was again achieved, thanks to generous contributions from the KBIC Tribal Council, other KBIC businesses, committees, individuals, and the local community. Volunteer support was equally vital to pulling off the day's festivities, and many people contributed time, money and/or effort to the derby.

Thank you to all who made the 2010 KBIC Kids' Fishing Derby the most successful one yet!

~ submitted by Gene Mensch



Newsletter photo.

Smokey the Bear, stopped by to visit with the huge crowd this event drew.



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Children young and old, with their families enjoyed the annual event. (left to right) Aimee Emery, Cody Owens, Jeff Owens, Darren Tolonen.



Newsletter photo.

Reese Waara with his prize catch Bass.

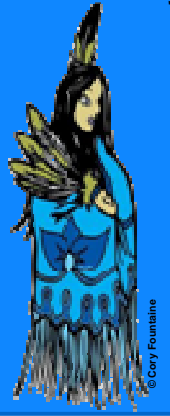


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Carsyn Osterman with her catch from the pond.

## 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



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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- July 3, 2010 Tribal Council meeting
- Kids' Fishing Derby 2010
- KBIC Community Need Assistance Program Adopted
- KBIC Youth Conservation Corps (YCC)
- Tree Planting in Pinery
- KBOCC Receives USDA Funding
- KBIC Graduates
- KBIC Participates in 4th of July Celebrations
- New Employees
- Deepest Sympathy



2010 KBIC Derby Champion, eleven-year old Teal Sackett (KBNRD picture).

## JULY 3, 2010 — TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on July 3, 2010, at the Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room. Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. presided over the meeting with William E. "Gene" Emery, Susan J. LaFernier, Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Eddy Edwards, Jerry Lee Curtis, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFernier, 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. A President's Report was given for June 2010, by President Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr., (page four), and the Secretary's Report was given for June 2010, by Secretary Susan J. LaFernier (page two). Council passed the Department Head Reports for May 2010.

Under old business, Council held the 3rd Reading for the Proposed Amendment the

Tribal Code Title 7 Domestic Relations Custody of Minor Children, Child Support, and Visitation Ordinance 2010-05. **Motion by Eddy Edwards to approve Proposed Amendment the Tribal Code Title 7 Domestic Relations Custody of Minor Children, Child Support, and Visitation Ordinance 2010-05, supported by Gary Loonsfoot, Sr., eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried after the next motion was introduced. Motion by Isabelle H. Welsh to introduce a substitution amendment to the Tribal Code Title 7 Domestic Relations Custody of Minor Children, Child Support, and Visitation Ordinance 2010-05, supported by Elizabeth D. Mayo, eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**

Council scheduled the 2nd Reading for Proposed Ordinance 2010-01 to Amend Sections 18B.305 of Title 18 Chapter B (gaming regulatory ordinance) for July 15, 2010.

Treasurer Eddy Edwards brought the following two donation requests to Council for the month of July.

**Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to approve Jeanne Kauppila up to \$500 as she chaperones the International trip, supported by Toni Minton, ten supported (Emery, Matthews, Edwards, Curtis, Dakota, M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot, Mayo, Minton, Welsh), one opposed (S. LaFernier), 0 abstained, motion carried.**

**Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to deny the request of Baghi Sandman for \$1390 to pay back his Pell Grant, supported by Fred Dakota, eight supported (Emery, S. LaFernier, Matthews, Curtis, Dakota, Mayo, Minton, Welsh), three opposed (Edwards, Loonsfoot, M. LaFernier), 0 abstained, motion carried.**

Council adjourned with no further action.

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

Activities reported by the Secretary, Susan J. LaFernier, for the month of June 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 doing. 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. We encourage 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.

Litter gets blown, it gets thrown, and it gets dumped. PLEASE DON'T LITTER—PICK UP LITTER AND REPORT LITTERING.

In honor of Lake Superior Day, Sunday July 18, 2010, our Natural Resources Department will be having the summer youth crews conduct a beach cleanup during the week of July 19th.

On June 4th, Greg Nominelli, Jerry Lee Curtis, Mike LaFernier, Sr., and I toured the Stamp Sand Area in Gay, Michigan, for a possible business venture. We were amazed with the miles and miles of nothing but stamp sand that borders the lake.

Another Spring Cleanup has been completed during June and thanks to our National Resource Department, and Tribal Construction for the coordination of the cleanup.

On June 10th, Council members and staff attended the retirement luncheon for John Bussey, Executive Director of the Gaming Commission.

On June 15th, Todd Warner, Chris, Gene, Larry, and I met with Jan Schultz, Chief Botanist for the U.S. Forest Service, and Sue Rabbittaille, Manager for the Hiawatha National Forest greenhouse, regarding the recent completion of one of the first native plant greenhouses on an American Indian Reservation in North America that was erected at our hatchery. They gave assistance on the native plant planning/growing of seedlings. This is very exciting as the department begins to grow native plants. A dedication will be held on Au-

gust 31, 2010, at the hatchery Greenhouse.

There were also two meetings in June discussing the Supportive Housing concept once again. We will continue to meet and will have recommendations in the near future.

We continue to have monthly meetings with our employee W.H.I.P.P. (Wellness, Health, Intervention, Prevention Program) Task Force, volunteers and our Blue Cross representative/Employee Benefits Agency. The members of the task force 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." For the summer months, the Task Force and volunteers are promoting the "Walk Your Way To Wellness" Walking Challenge May 2—August 7, 2010, with prizes awarded during each of the five segments and two grand prize winners. The 3rd segment prize winners were announced on June 30th with Kit Laux (Natural Resources Department) and Robert Ouellette, Jr. (Marquette Casino Housekeeping) winning Schwinn Coronado bikes, and the prizes keep getting bigger and better. There is also still time to submit a nutritious recipe to Barb Mayo at the Baraga Casino for the "Employee Nutritious Recipe Cookbook." Thank you to the WHIPP Task Force and great job walkers! There are approximately 170 Baraga/Marquette and Tribal Government employees participating! Remember to attend the "5th Annual Denise Marth Memorial Fun Run" on July 10th from 9 a.m.-noon, which the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community sponsors. The Task Force will be paying the registration fee for the first 25 employees who wish to participate. Be watching for special events/healthful information every month.

On March 11th and 12th, 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. MP 01 2007" in the circuit court for the County of Washtenaw in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The oral arguments/briefs were heard on June 2, 2010, regarding the request for a motion to

dismiss/and a change of venue by Kennecott. A decision for these requests should be made in the coming month by the judge.

The MIDNRE received a request from 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 submitted a letter to EPA officials explaining our concern and the numerous reasons why this modification would still require Kennecott to acquire a UIC permit. On May 13th, we met with four EPA Region 5 representatives from Chicago who included the Acting Regional Administrator and the Water Division Director. We visited Eagle Rock, the Salmon Trout River, and the seeps where waste water from the mine will drain. We also had a consultation meeting with them on the next day and further explained our concerns on the need for the EPA/Underground Injection Control (UIC) permit. On June 22-23, 2010, we traveled to Chicago to meet with these same four EPA representatives and the new Regional Administrator, Susan Hedman, to further discuss our concerns about the permit requirement and another meeting was scheduled for July 16th. I am saddened to report that on July 1st, Susan Hedman informed us that they will not require Kennecott to obtain a UIC permit. Of course we are very disappointed that the EPA did not wait to make this decision until after our meetings were completed. Also as of May 7th, the Woodland Road LLC requested a withdrawal of their road permit application to the MIDNRE.

Miigwech and our appreciation to all of our brave and courageous members and friends who have been taking care of Migi zii wa sin throughout the ages.

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, wood 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."

Approximately 17 people attended the Community meeting at the Pinery Cemetery on June 23rd regarding the Protection and Preservation of the cemetery. The topics discussed regarded erosion control, the cemetery mapping-burial identification, cleaning and removal of debris, replacement of the spirit houses, and a memorial wall. A survey was also distributed for alternatives for the preservation of the cemetery road loop. There will

be many landscape changes at the Pinery because of last year's fire, and please be helpful by abiding with the directions to protect this sacred place.

We wish all a happy and safe Fourth of July weekend. Remember to continue to pray for, honor, and remember all of our special fathers and men in our lives, our veterans, service men and women, and their families. Remember those who are ill, all who have lost loved ones in the last year, and our economy struggles. Let us be thankful for our beautiful area, and we pray for peace in the world, good health, and happiness.

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 "Indian Country Counts—Our People, Our Nations, Our Future!"

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. The Drug Task Force holds monthly meetings. On June 16th, members prepared and served a hotdog luncheon at the KBOCC for approximately 75 of our summer youth workers and an awareness "Meth" video was shown. Thank you to all who volunteered for this informational event. The Drug Task Force Mission statement: "To promote education through public awareness with the specific objective to eliminate the use of illegal drugs for the betterment of the health, welfare, and safety of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and our neighboring Communities."

During June 2010, the Tribal Council had one Regular Tribal Council Meeting on June 12, 2010. This meeting is covered in the July 2010 Newsletter. Tribal Council held four Special Council Meetings. Following are the motions from June.

At the council meeting held June 3, 2010, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the meeting minutes of February 6 and 11, 2010;
- Approved the change orders that totaled \$2,410.84 for the police department's partial roof repair;
- Approved the Native Wetland Vegetation Sand Point Pond Project with MTU School of Forest Resources and Environmental Science (to restore vegetation);
- Approved \$5,700 for a transfer switch from Cummins NPower LLC for the hatchery backup generator;
- Approved the Sand point additional cover plan review pending THPO clearance of the work;
- Approved Resolution KB1759-2010 Sand Point Prescribed Burn;
- Approved Resolution KB1757-2010 Sally B. Michaelson residential lease;
- Approved two Baraga Casino roof top air conditioners for \$22,700;
- Approved the 2010-11 WIC Dietician Contracts with Hannahville Indian Community;
- Approved five contracts with the Handel Information Technologies, Inc. and KBIC for computer consulting services;
- Approved the Gaming Market Advisors to conduct a feasibility study for \$39,500;

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- Approved a Class I Social Gaming License for the Baraga Lumberjack Committee and waived the fee.

At the council meeting held June 10, 2010, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the meeting minutes of February 18 and 25, 2010;
- Approved to table the Donations Policy for one week for more review;
- Approved to table the IDA (Individual Development Account) Policy for one week

for review and additional guidelines;

- Approved a donation of \$700 for MacKenzie Seymour's orthodontic care;
- Motion to introduce the proposed ordinance 2010-06 Business Corporate Code and waive the first reading;
- Motion to prioritize the I.H.S. SDS (Sanitation Deficiency System) list for 2010 as listed for the top four projects and approved 25% match for the top two projects;
- Approved the bid from the American Wind & Energy Group for \$133,000 and Energy.3 for \$38,446 to perform services related to installing, monitoring, and evaluating the wind capacity on the reservation;
- Approved Shirley McKasy and Philomena Ekdahl as the two voting delegates on the MI Indian Elders Association Board and Sandra Pittsley as an alternate for two year terms effective on May 10th;
- Approved the amendments to the KBIC Personnel Policy/Enterprise Policy regarding the grievance procedure and appeal of dismissal;
- Tabled the Tribal Council Grievance/Appeal of Dismissal Hearing Procedure for more review;
- Approved promoting Joe Jacker (THPO Department) from part-time to full-time;
- Approved amending the KBIC Personnel Policy 4.2 Promotion Policy to read that the CEO can promote from part-time to full-time with the Department Head's concurrence when grant funding permits.

At the council meeting held June 17, 2010, the following actions were taken:

- Motion to table the Donations Policy for more information;
- Motion to table the Department of Transportation Director job description until Council discusses the position with Bruce LaPointe and Mike LaFerner;
- Approved to waive the commercial fishing license payment deadline and approve a five day grace period for the license fee payment;
- Approved the payment of \$185 to Dr. Davenport for Patti Maki pending the CHS process for payment;
- Approved the payment of \$750 to Aspirus Keweenaw Hospital for R.D. Curtis pending a denial letter (per the CHS process for payment);
- Approved \$500 for Logan Roe, Sierra Ayres, and Savannah Dakota for their International travel trip;
- Defeated the approval of the Ojibwa Housing Authority Indian Housing Plan;
- Approved the 3rd Reading for the proposed amendment to the Motor Vehicle Code for the Purpose of Titling-Ordinance 2010-04 for August 7th;
- Approved the 3rd Reading for proposed amendment to the Title 7 Domestic Relations Custody of Minor Children, Child Support, and Visitation-Ordinance 2010-05 for July 3rd;
- Approved Pete O'Dovero's request to use the road running from his property through our property to Snowfield Road at the Old Negaunee Airport to haul sand;
- Approved the business license renewal for the Ojibwa BP Gas Station;
- Approved the liquor license renewal for the Ojibwa BP Gas Station;
- Approved the (taxed) tobacco license renewal for the Ojibwa BP Gas Station;
- Approved the bid from Mathews Floor Fashions, Inc. for \$50,360 for new carpeting for the Marquette Casino;
- Approved Resolution KB1763-2010 which reinstates the Gaming Commission with the appointed commissioners: Michael Duschene, Jennifer Misegan, and David Rantanen;

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- Approved Action #040-2010 New Employee Gaming License;
- Approved Action #041-2010 New Employee Gaming License;
- Approved Action #042-2010 New Employee Gaming License;
- Approved Action #043-2010 Employee Gaming License Transfer;
- Approved Action #044-2010 to remove six IGT slot machines and install six new IGT participation slot machines at the Baraga and Marquette Casinos;
- Approved Action #045-2010 Slot Machine Proposal for the Baraga Casino;
- Approved the purchase proposal for ten machines from Bally for the Marquette Casino;
- Approved to reinstate the random drug testing 22.0 Drug Free Workplace that was suspended.

At the council meeting held June 24, 2010, the following actions were taken:

- Tabled the donation policy for one week;
- Approved the Ojibwa Housing Authority Indian Housing Plan
- Approved Resolution KB1764-2010 O-PREVENT Project and MOU with the John Hopkins University for the development, implementation and evaluation of an intervention project entitled, *Obesity Prevention Research and Evaluation of Intervention Effectiveness in native North Americans*;
- Approved changing the name of the newsletter to "The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwe";
- Approved moving forward with the Baraga Casino's 25th Anniversary Celebration Extravaganza (in November);
- Tabled the opportunity to apply for funding from USDA-NRCS for a seasonal high Tunnel Hoop House one week.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan J. LaFerner, Secretary



#### **KBIC – Community Needs Assistance Program, (adopted 07/08/2010)**

[FORMERLY THE EMERGENCY FUNDING POLICY]

**Purpose:** The purpose of this policy is to govern the funding assistance associated with supporting the basic essential needs of Tribal members in order to promote the self-sufficiency of our members by ensuring quality of life and the general health and welfare of our members.

**This program does not assist with;** legal fees; any taxes – personal, business or real estate; vehicle purchases/monthly payments, scheduled vehicle maintenance as identified in owner's manual; any type of insurance payments; any licenses or reinstatement fees, fines, restitution, or court costs; television cable, dish, or satellite expenses/bills, telephone or cell/track phone bills, credit card or internet/computer bills or any other luxury or non-emergency items. **Braces and relocation requests are no longer funded.**

**Service Area – Eligible Applicants must reside in one of the following counties:** Baraga, Houghton, Ontonagon, Marquette, Keweenaw or Dickinson.

**Eligible Applicants:** Enrolled KBIC members must be at least 18 years of age – **EXCEPTIONS:** Non-enrolled parent/custodian may apply for emergency medical travel for an enrolled tribal member under the age of 18 residing in their household. Tribal members may also apply for emergency medical travel assistance if spouse is a Non-Tribal member.

**Applications:** all completed applications must be submitted with the following:

- A signed request form - with brief explanation and advance agreement;

## MAY/JUNE 2010 PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The following is a list of activities that occurred in the office of the President during the months of May and June 2010.

- Met with the Titling Task Force. They requested additional time to review the draft of the code regarding titling. They also travelled to Kansas to look at how they do their own titling of vehicles.
- Attended a mandatory EAP meeting.
- Met with Kennecott to discuss permanent access to Eagle Rock
- Met with officials from EPA Region 5 Acting Regional Administrator Bharat Mathur, Water Division Director Tinka Hyde, and Regional Counsel Robert Kaplan. They visited the Kennecott Eagle project site and discussed with us the proposed project from the Tribe's perspective.
- Met with Susan Hedman regional administrator of the EPA. We discussed with her the community's concerns regarding permanent access to Eagle Rock and our position on the need to have EPA regulate the injection of a possible 5,000,000 gallons/day of contaminated water injected into the ground, which requires an underground injection control permit. EPA retains authority under the Safe Drinking Water act to take any necessary actions to address contamination that endanger underground sources of drinking water regardless of the design.
- We talked to Congressman Stupak regarding the issuance of a required underground injection control permit that should be regulated by the EPA.
- Attended a bi-monthly department head meeting.
- Authorized Tribal council members to attend a Tribal leaders summit in Bay Mills, they met with Assistant Secretary Echohawk.
- Approved draft resolutions by United Tribes of Michigan supporting for Passage of the Tribal Law and Order Act. HR 1924, Expressing Opposition to the Use of Native American Mascots by Public Schools and Sports Teams and Combating the Threat

of Asian Carp to the Great Lakes Ecosystem.

- Provided input to the Director of the U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), on regulations ATF must develop under the Prevent All Cigarette Trafficking (PACT) Act, which was enacted on March 31, 2010. Councilman Dakota and I attended a consultation session in Washington D.C.
- We heard from the President of Green-Sand Corporation, Domenic Popko. He presented to us a business opportunity for utilizing the copper bearing rock stamp-sands in an economically sound venture. We are continuing to evaluate this venture.
- Yvette Friisvall is continuing to review the Tribal code and is making significant progress in her review.
- We were informed by Lizana Pierce from the DOE's Tribal Energy Program, that we received a grant award for a feasibility study. Our economic developer is working on the feasibility study.
- The community was informed by Pam Queoff of 3M insurance, our liability carrier, that we would be receiving a profit sharing check in the amount of \$11,546.00. The results are a testament to our safety and loss control efforts.
- The Cedar Tree Institute informed us that that Phase I of the greenhouse project (a joint project of KBIC, the Forest Service, and the Cedar Tree Institute) is now completed. The actual structure (33' in diameter) was finished according to schedule. On June 15th, I met with Jan Schultz from the United States Forest Service at the natural resources building. We looked at the building. It's a beautiful building and I look forward to seeing the building being used.

This concludes my report for the months of May and June.

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

## CEO REPORT FOR THE MONTHS OF MAY/JUNE 2010.

On May 4<sup>th</sup>, employees of the Tribe attended the introduction of the new Employee Assistance Program being provided by Ceridian Corporation. The program has expanded offerings and is available to every employee and their families 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The program also has information accessible on-line for employees to review. Managers and supervisors will also have access to separate information in dealing with issues related to the supervision and directing of their staff.

The Casino Projects Task Force met to review quotes from entities for the preparation of feasibility studies for casino plans under consideration by Council. Gaming Market Advisors of Las Vegas was recommended by the task force and later approved by Council. The final report will be presented to Council around August of this year.

The General Manager position for the Ojibwa Casino & Resort has been tentatively offered to Robert Mudd. Pre-employment requirements and contract development are taking place and will be presented to Council for finalization.

The vacancy created by Dr. Dennis Beaufait, Psychologist, has been filled by Dr. Schimelfenig who began working on May 19<sup>th</sup>. The new doctor has ties to the area and is settling in nicely at the Health Department.

Sarah Smith, Assistant CEO, has been working hard on tracking and trying to get the Tribe's rightful portion of Indirect Contract Support dollars from the Department of Health and Human Services. Effective March 30, 2010, her work paid off, and the Tribe has been awarded an additional \$518,725 for the contract shortfalls for prior years.

The KBIC Even Start Program was awarded nearly \$60,000 from the Barbara Bush Literacy Foundation. The funds will be used for the "Dream Catcher Chronicles" program which will be providing learning opportunities through an oral history preservation project. Content will be integrated with adult education, intergenerational ready activities, and family activities, resulting in cultural connections between Even Start participants and the community through oral history interviews and gatherings. Congratulations to Gail Juntunen, Even Start Director, and her staff.

The Summer Youth Work Program is well underway. Approximately 75 youth have been hired this year working various locations and establishments throughout the community. Youth have also been placed with the Ojibwa Housing Authority in Harvey this year. Last year we were unable to secure a supervisor for the youth there.

Our office has begun exploring the formation of a new department within the Tribe. Jason Ayres, Realty Officer, has been overseeing the Bureau of Indian Affairs Indian Reservation Roads Programs along with the realty needs of the Tribe. The roads programs have become quite large and need more attention than he is able to provide. The concept being worked on is the formation of a Tribal Department of Transportation. The department will take over the roads funding programs and further develop them which would sustain jobs currently funded by the program and could create new jobs. The formation of a Tribal Road Commission or Committee would also be part of the concept which would provide support and direction to the department. Research and development of the concept continues to be worked on and presentation to Council for consideration and approval will take place in July.

The Sand Point Recreation area continues to be part of development plans being worked on by multiple departments within the Tribe. The Parks and Recreation Committee have been developing site layout plans in conjunc-

### WHIPP WALKING CHALLENGE WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Congratulations to Kit Laux from the Natural Resources Department and Robert Ouellette, Jr., from Marquette Casino House-keeping who were selected as the WHIPP Walking Challenge segment three winners. They each received a Schwinn Coronado bike. Great job to our winners and all of our participants! Keep up the good work everyone, there are more drawings to come. Remember it's not too late to join.

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

**Economic Development Committee** – seven (7) seats

**Youth Committee** – six (6) seats

Application due date is August 20, 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

### Attention all Community Members!

Effective Monday, June 14, 2010, the Donald A. LaPointe Health & Education Center will change business hours to:

**Monday through Thursday,  
7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

This change is temporary through the construction phase of the medical center building. Regular business hours will resume on Tuesday, September 7, 2010.

Call **353-8700** for medical appts.

Call **353-8787** for dental appts.

Call **353-4532** for behavior health appts.

Call **353-4510** for community health appts.

### KBIC Medical Clinic Service Update

The KBIC Medical Clinic now has expanded hours for the pediatrician, Dr. Rebecca Schultz who is available to see infants and children (up to age 18) on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Bring your child in today to get a well child exam, sports physical, immunizations, or same day sick visit. Call the medical clinic at 353-8700 to schedule your child today.

### WOODWORKING COURSE

5:00pm-8:00pm

Two (2) days per week for four (4) weeks beginning the week of August 2nd. More information will be provided when it becomes available. Please contact Megan at 353-4604 with questions.

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

**All Tribal Veterans Welcome!**

tion with infrastructure projects slated for the area. The roads program will be covering costs associated with paving the roads around the Sand Point area, marina and leading to parking area adjacent to Lake Superior. In an effort to avoid cutting into the new blacktop at the Sand Point area for future installation of sewer lines, a proposal to extend the current sewer line which ends at the dumping station to the marina area will be considered by Council in early July.

The Tribes Natural Resources Department is putting in a request to the Army Corps of Engineers to dredge the marina. The decreasing water levels have made it very difficult for boaters to navigate the shallow waters entering the marina from Lake Superior. The department has also received funding to add additional vegetation coverage to stamp sand located north of Sand Point similar to the covering that took place a couple of years ago.

The Green House project approved by Council and placed near the NRD fish hatchery operation in Pequaming is moving forward quite quickly. The department, with help from volunteers, has the structure up, and soon plants will be propagated this year.

An amendment to the Emergency Fund was approved by Council and adds Great and Great Great relations to the immediate family qualification. The amendment also changed the medical assistance to allow funding to individuals' versus households.

On June 4<sup>th</sup>, the Education Committee held its annual Senior Banquet at the Big Bucks Bingo hall. Graduates were honored for their achievement and scholarships and gifts were presented. The committee is commended for organizing and putting the event on. The Migizi Wadiswan also did a great job in putting the meal on which was enjoyed by all.

The new Early Childhood Education Center project is progressing. Meetings continued through June on the design and budget for the building. The anticipated July timeline for getting the project out to bid appears to be doable and Bruce LaPointe, Project Manager, is leading that project.

We continue to run into problems with transitioning the funding for the Head Start and Early Head Start Programs from the Inter Tribal Council of MI to KBIC. We are currently waiting to receive a response to a request we sent to the Office of Head Start regarding a formal written process to follow. We will be following up on that request in the coming weeks.

The Annual Governmental Employee Picnic planning is underway. The event will take place at the L'Anse Golf Course on August 6<sup>th</sup>. Specific details are being worked on and will be forwarded to Council in the next week or so.

The Tribal Newsletter will be looking a little different. The first change will be the name. Earl Otchingwanigan has provided suggested names and Council has selected *Wiikwedong Dazhi-Ojibwe* which translates in English to *The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwe*. The June 2010 edition will have the new name. Also changing with the July issue will be the paper it is printed on. The new paper will be similar to the local newspaper and will be printed by The Pioneer Group out of Grand Rapids, MI. The change will result in a annual savings of just over \$16,000. Lauri Denomie, Editor, did the leg work and is commended for her efforts.

Planning for the Ojibwa Casino Resorts 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is underway. Staff at the resort is planning a week long slate of events to offer patrons many ways to have some fun and join them in the celebration. It will also provide a means for the Tribe to give back to those who have supported them and say thank you for 25 years of success.

The annual Kids Day Fishing Derby took place at the Sand Point Recreation area on June 26<sup>th</sup>. Nearly 350 kids enjoyed the event put on by the Tribe's Natural Resources De-

partment. A big thank you goes out to all of the NRD staff, volunteers and businesses that donate and work hard at making the event a huge success.

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

#### **KBIC – Community Needs Assistance Pro-**

- Verification of address – current utility bill, or signed lease;
- Verification of enrollment – if not in enrollment book;
- Other documents as required for individual request.

**Program Duration:** applicants are eligible each **fiscal year [Oct 1<sup>st</sup> – Sept 30<sup>th</sup>]**.

**Fraud:** funding obtained through false information will be prosecuted.

**Fire Assistance:** Limited 'Fire Assistance' up to \$1,000.00 for a Tribal members family experiencing fire damage involving their primary residence. Funds given under this section do not count toward the yearly household maximum.

**Funeral Family Allowance:** If the Tribal members funeral is local, the family may request \$250 to distribute to out of service area immediate family traveling here to attend funeral **OR** the family may request up to three hotel rooms for up to three days to out of area immediate family members traveling here for the funeral. Applicants must submit verification of funeral with completed application.

**Non-Medical Emergency Assistance:** is limited to households experiencing financial hardships during a situation where an individual/family's home or personal possessions are either destroyed or damaged through forces beyond their control. Requests will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis – **This is not an entitlement program.** All applicants must meet the established criteria to ensure fairness and equity to all Tribal members.

**Non-medical emergencies funding:** – **Amount available per fiscal year [October 1<sup>st</sup> - September 30<sup>th</sup>] is \$500 per household effective 07/08/2010 – Requests, repairs or purchases prior 07/08/2010 – will be handled at the old rate of \$300 – request, repairs or purchases after 07/08/2010 will be handled accordingly. This funding is separate from Section 2.**

#### **SECTION 1: FUNDED NON-MEDICAL EMERGENCY CATEGORIES:**

**[Maximum \$500 per Fiscal Year – beginning 7/8/2010 – includes all funds approved under old policy]**

I. **Repair/Replacement – Homeowners Only** - assistance to replace or repair necessary equipment - stove, furnace, refrigerator, water heater, repair or replacement assistance for plumbing, well, septic – including cleaning, or electrical problems – Verification of home ownership [may be required] and an estimate or bill must be submitted with completed application.

II. **Vehicle Repair or Tire Replacement** - to be eligible for assistance all of the following conditions must be met:

1. Vehicle must be needed to go to and from work; or have minor children living in the household full-time; or are a disabled Tribal person or Tribal member over age 54; or have a Tribal member over age 54; or if Tribal member residing in the household has a medical condition that requires the vehicle for

medical travel to appointments or medical treatment associated with a medical condition/illness; and

2. The vehicle is not running or a mechanic certifies the vehicle is unsafe and repairs are necessary to prevent injury, death or dismemberment; and
3. The vehicle is in applicant's name, with valid insurance and registration.

**NOTE:** The program does not assist with any deductibles for insurance claims – windshields, body damage, etc. The applicant is ineligible for assistance if the vehicle was not working/running properly when purchased, or if the vehicle is not legally registered and insured. **An estimate or bill for repair, proof of insurance and ownership of vehicle must be submitted with completed application.**

III. **Homeless [Stability] Assistance** – homeless is defined as having no residence, or living on the streets and/or having no roof over one's head.

Limited assistance if applicant is homeless – due to circumstances not of own making – at the time of application. Two [2] Program Administrators must approve requests under this category prior to any assistance given. Payment will go directly to

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### **FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS**

#### **NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS\* FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS UNITED STATES AND ALASKA**

**(Effective October 1, 2009)**

<b>Household Size</b>	<b>48 Contiguous United States</b>	<b>Alaska</b>
	<b>Income Limits</b>	<b>Income Limits</b>
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 additional member	+ \$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.

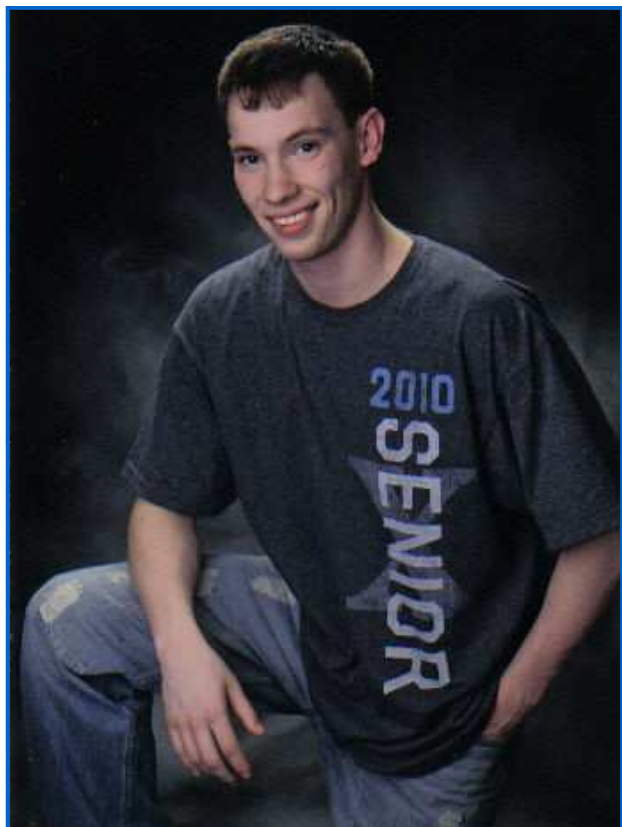
**Medicare Part B Medical Insurance and Part D Prescription Drug Coverage Premiums** — Households that incur the cost of Medicare Part B medical insurance and/or Part D prescription drug coverage premiums are allowed a deduction for the monthly cost of the premiums.

**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...**

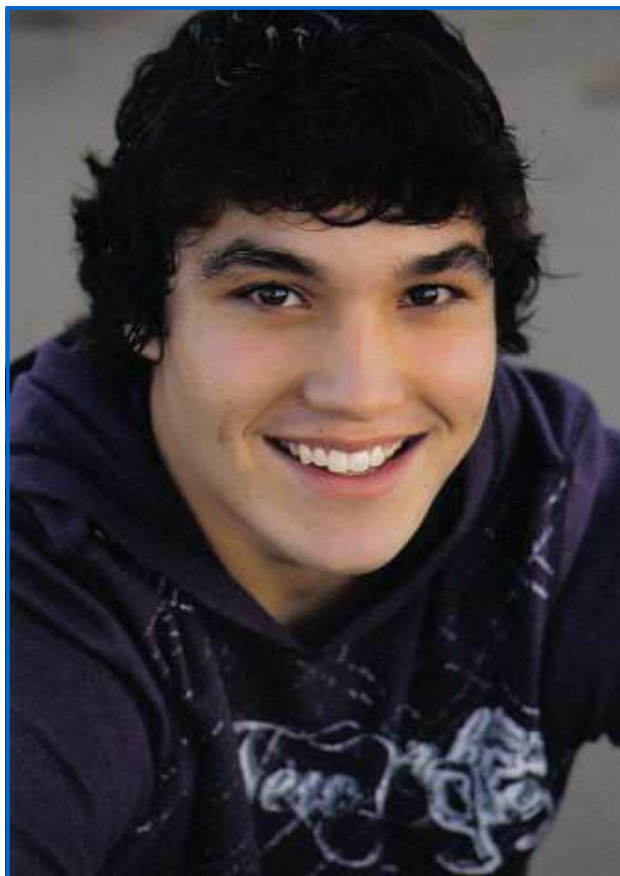
# L'ANSE AND BARAGA GRADUATES



**Wesley Curtis** is the son of Yvonne Hansen. During his high school years he participated in Students Training on Mentoring Peers (STOMP), played basketball his junior year, was Student of the Month during his sophomore year and was on the honor roll. His hobbies are basketball, hunting and fishing. Wesley's plans are to attend Gogebic Community College in the fall majoring in Criminal Justice.



**Jacob Misegan** is the son of Jennifer and Duane Misegan. While at L'Anse schools, Jake has been the Treasurer of his class, a Camp Nesbitt counselor, a member of the Student Council and involved in Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA). He participated in the Weed and Seed Paintball team. Jake has traveled to Tok, Alaska for the last four summers on missionary trips and has served as a counselor at Shen Bible Camp there. His interests include shooting, driving, writing and paintball. Jake is currently employed for the summer as the Cadet for the Tribal Police Department. He previously worked for the Summer Youth Program stationed at Bayshore BP for two summers and has also worked at Pat's Foods. Jake has enlisted in the Marine Corps.



**Thomas Wiideman** is the son of Janet and Mike Franti. During his high school years he participated in track, football, and basketball. He has worked for the Summer Youth Program and Michigan Works during the summer months. Tom has been on the Honor Roll many times and has had perfect attendance. His hobbies are playing video games, basketball, football and spending time with family and friends. Tom's plans are to attend Finlandia University and major in Physical Therapy/Sports Medicine.



**Robert Dylan Duschaine** is the son of Darlene and Robert Duschaine. While in high school, Dylan participated in football, track and field, basketball and the Copper Country weightlifting tournaments. He has taken the Vocational Construction class at Baraga High School for the past two years. Dylan's hobbies include weightlifting, sports and doing woodwork. Dylan currently works at Larry's Market and will be attending Northern Michigan University in the fall majoring in Building Technology.

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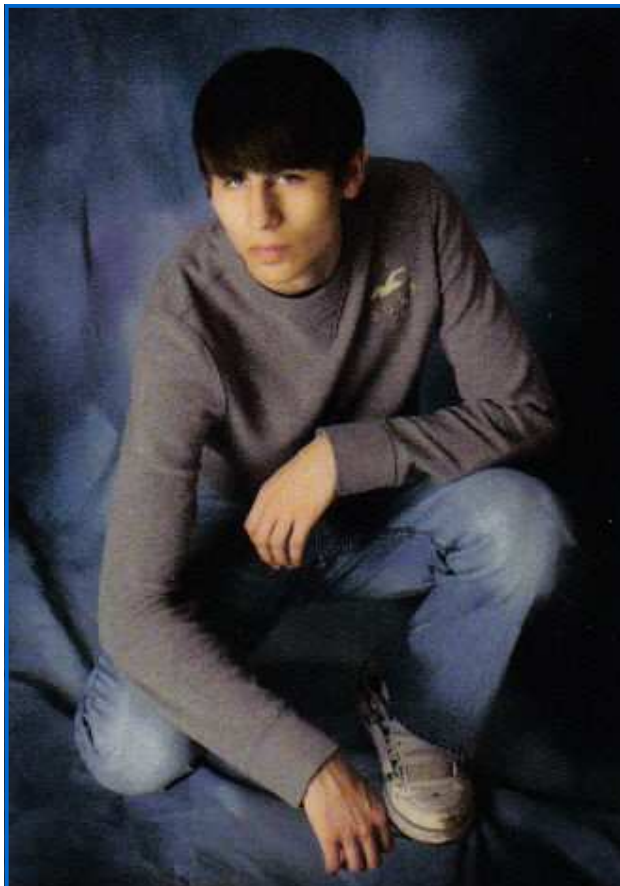


**Jared Gauthier** is the son of Kelly Carlson. He played basketball with the KBIC Rez Runners and was employed by the KBIC Summer Youth Program for several years. He is currently a Beartown Fire Fighter.



**Ariel Gougeon** is the daughter of Dianne Gougeon. While in high school, Ariel has been on

the Yearbook Committee, High School Bowl Team, SADD, International Club and the L'Anse/Baraga High School Bowling team. Ariel is also on the Youth Advisory Committee, the local history Smack Down team and is the President of the Class of 2010. She is currently employed by the BHK Great Explorations Program. Her hobbies include drawing, reading, bowling and spending time with family and friends. Ariel will be attending Grand Valley State University this fall to pursue a degree in Elementary Education.



**Patrick LaPointe, Jr.** is the son of Christine and Patrick LaPointe. He played football for four years and basketball since the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Patrick has been a KBIC Summer Youth worker, Camp Nesbitt Counselor and is currently employed by Ojibwa BP. In his spare time, he loves to be outdoors. He enjoys fishing, hunting and camping. Patrick's plans are to attend Gogebic Community College to become a DNR Officer.



**Janelle Paquin** is the daughter of Pam Loonsfoot and Thomas Paquin, Sr. While in high school, Janelle was a High Five mentor and has been on the honor roll numerous times. She was a member of the KBIC Rez Runners for three years. For the past three years she has been employed by the Summer Youth Program. She loves to read, walk and spend time with friends. She has traveled to New York City as a youth entrepreneur and she received the Administrator's Award of Merit. Her plans after graduation are to attend Gogebic Community College majoring in general education.

**Rebecca Rasanen** is the daughter of Julie and Carl Rasanen. Rebecca has participated in track, basketball and volleyball. She received All-Conference 2<sup>nd</sup> team and all UP Honors for basketball. She was a member of the Student Council for three years, both as secretary and representative, was a member of the National Honor Society, and served as Secretary and Vice-President of her class. She enjoys hunting, fishing, four-wheeling, snowmobiling, playing sports, camping, reading and many outdoor activities. Rebecca received the Russell J. Osterman scholarship, the Buckland-Marvin Memorial Book Scholarship and is the alternate for the Pepsi Cola Bottling of Houghton scholarship. She also received the Principal's choice

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

award for student of the year. Her plans are to attend The University of Michigan in the fall majoring in Kinesiology.



**David Seppanen** is the son of Patti Paavola and William Seppanen. During high school, David played football for two years and coached flag football for two years. His interests include watching sports, playing football and playing basketball. His plans after graduation are to attend Northern Michigan University majoring in Criminal Justice.

**Kyle Seppanen** is the son of Patti Paavola and William Seppanen. In high school Kyle played football for four years, basketball for two years and track for one year. He has been on the Honor Roll numerous times and has had perfect attendance. Kyle's hobbies are playing games, hunting, fishing and playing basketball. Kyle plans to attend Northern Michigan University in the fall and will major in Criminal Justice.

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### KBIC PARTICIPATES IN FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATIONS



Miss Keweenaw Bay Candidate, Sierra Ayres, with a crowd's favorite, Smokey the Bear. Photo compliments of L'Anse Sentinel. [More Fourth of July pictures on page twelve.]

### Tree Planting in Pinery

David Osmak, Bureau of Indian Affairs Michigan Agency Forester, supervised six Beartown Firefighters who hand-planted six thousand Red and White Pine trees (native species to our area) to supplement natural regeneration in a burned and logged area of the Catherine Valentine Allotment in the Pinery during May 2010. The planted trees should mature within 75 years to provide a future pine stand for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. The Firefighters who planted trees were: Adam Forcia, Linda LaFreniere, Robert Lamson, Jerry Jondreau, Josh Robinson, and Dave Varline.

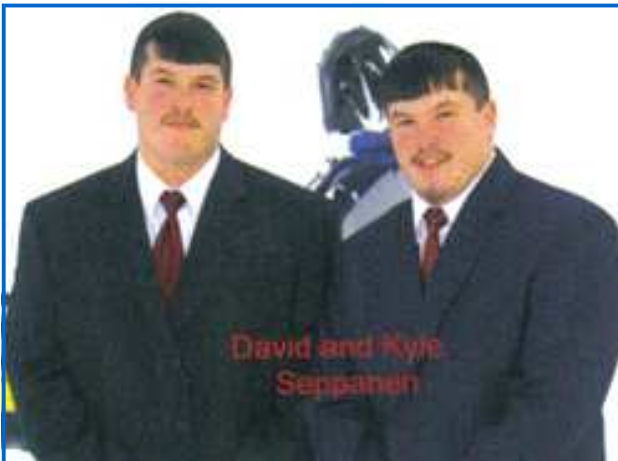
The Pinery Fire started on May 20, 2009, and burned 685 acres. The fire was driven by strong winds over flat to rolling land with some steep terrain around area lakes, and burned KBIC Trust, KBIC Fee, County, Timber Company, and private land in Baraga County, MI.

~ Photo and article submitted by David Osmak.



Josh Robinson, Linda LaFreniere, and Adam Forcia planting trees.

Grilling and Food Demonstration: August 12, 2010, 10 AM – 12 PM and 1PM – 3PM; Gas grill and charcoal cooking 15-minute presentation. Must call before August 6<sup>th</sup> to sign up. Please call the Michigan Extension Office and ask for Marie 524-6300.



David and Kyle Seppanen

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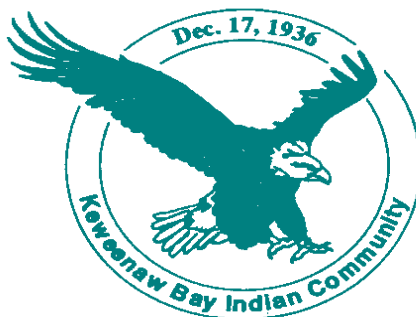
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# Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Natural Resources Department



**THANK YOU!**



**The Keweenaw Bay Natural Resource Department (KBNRD) would like to thank all of the following businesses and volunteers who made the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Kids Fishing Derby a tremendous success.**

24 hr. Bait - Northwood Guide Services American Legion Post 444 Ameriprise Financial/Debra A. Stouffer Applebee's Arby's  Artley's Greenhouse Auto Pro Glass & Tire Auto Value Backroom Bookstore Baraga County 4-H Baraga County Chamber of Commerce Baraga County Convention and Visitors Bureau Baraga County Federal Credit Union Baraga County Memorial Hospital Baraga State Park, Michigan DNR Baraga Telephone Company Baraga Township Lions Club Bay Ambulance Baysshore Veterinary Clinic Bayview Vision Clinic Best Western Lakeside Inn BIA Forestry and BIA Fire Control (Smokey the Bear) Bianco Plumbing & Heating Big Lots Store Marquette Bishop Baraga Shrine Gift Shop Bookworm Bookstore Border Grill Canteen Bar & Grill Carla's Restaurant Casualties of Marquette Central Upper Peninsula Sport Fishing Association - Marquette Copper Country Ford of Houghton Copper Country Trout Unlimited Countyside Farm & Garden Culver's Restaurant Da Shack  Dairy Queen Darkhorse Saddlery Dave & Marcy Cella Dick's Pump & Munch Disney Bait and Tackle Downwind Sports Dr. Ronald P. D'Agostino, D.O., P.C. Eagle Radio Erickson's Tru-Value Family Video of Houghton  Feed Mill Café'  Festival Foods Framed by Kathy Fran Chapman Consulting Jerry Jondreau Joe Jacker Dave Merk Marcy Cella Dave Cella Keith Rolof Dave Dillman Will Wiggins Dave Osmak Roxanne Carlson Pam Nankervis Val Gagnon Dan Dowdy Shawn Seppanen Superior Watershed Partnership Arlan Friisvall BIA KBIC Conservation Law Keweenaw Sportsman's Club Staff Tim Tilson	Frostie Freeze Gambles Gander Mountain Genoa National Fish Hatchery U.S.F.W.S. Goodreau Construction Grandchamp, McBride & Prophet CPA's PC  Hardee's Hilltop Restaurant Holiday Homestead Graphics Huron Bay Trading Post  Huron Earth Deli Indian Country Sports  Irene's Pizza J & J Repair Jacobsen Funeral Home Joey's Only Seafood and Grill Johnson's Sport Shop Karvako's Market KBIC Child Development/ Terri Denomie KBIC Culture Committee  KBIC Natural Resources Committee KBIC Tribal Construction KBIC Tribal Council KBIC Tribal Maintenance KBIC Youth Committee Keweenaw Automotive Kissel Chevrolet Inc. Kurt's Korner L'Anse Family Dentistry  L'Anse Furniture Mart L'Anse Golf Club LaCourt Bottled Gas Lake Superior Tree Farms & Nursery Lambert's Auto Service L'Anse Hardware  L'Anse Sentinel Larry's Market Larson Well Drilling and Pump Co Lute's Corner Store MacDonald's Music Store Maggie's Massage Spa Massie Manufacturing Maurices Clothing Store McDonald's Michigan DNRE and State Park Staff Michigan Tech Employees Federal Credit Union Mine Shaft and Rock House Hardware Grille  Mitch's Trading Post Morin Fireworks Emily Schwartz Matt Friisvall Lyndon Ekdahl Ben Chapman Katie Kruse Jen Merk Kit Laux Dale Shalfoe Lisa Denomie Isabelle Welsh Ken Spruce Char Spruce Micah Petoskey Evelyn Hebert KBIC Youth Crews Tim Friisvall U.S. Coast Guard Genoa National Fish Hatchery Everett Ekdahl Jim Wilson	Northern Orthotics & Prosthetics Ojibwa BP Ojibwa Building Supply Ojibwa Casino Resort Ojibwa Community College  Orbit Video Games Ottawa National Forest Ottawa Sportsmen Club Otter Lake Sportsman Club  Pamida Pat's IGA  Pelkie Outdoor Pepsi Cola of Houghton Perkins Family Restaurant Peterlin Distributing Pilgrim River Steakhouse Pines Convenience Center Pizza Hut Pizza Shack Plum Creek Portage Lake Golf Course  Pressbox Sports Bar & Grill Range Auto Red Lobster Reid Funeral Service and Chapel Reliance Insurance Agency Riverside Auto Roy's Pasties Scott & Lori Nicklas Shopko  Subway Superior Video of Baraga Superior Watershed Partnership T.C. Electric Taco Bell Tapedeck The Upper Peninsula Children's Museum Tikky's Tree Service Togo's (Marquette branch) Tony's Steak House Unique Images UP Engineers & Architects Inc. Usimaki Auto Repair Inc. VFW Club L'Anse Village of Baraga Village of L'Anse whitetailgear.com  Wilkinson's Wyandotte Hills Golf Course A-1 Toylets Deanna Hadden Dan Marino Gene Mensch Heidi Mensch Jacob Haapapuro Jerry Lampila Kimberly Hilton Ian Diffenderfer Evelyn Ravindran Todd Warner Jennifer Mleko Kelly Mathes Tracey Barrett Ottawa National Forest Staff Ted Shalfoe Baraga State Park Staff Bay Ambulance U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Dale Goodreau Steve Koski
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**The entire staff of the KBNRD would like to thank Gene Mensch for his efforts to make the KBIC Kids Fishing Derby a huge success year after year!**



Each year hundreds of children gather for a morning of fishing and fun at the annual KBIC Kid's Fishing Derby. The day is filled with excitement, chaos, and contentment, as no one can help but smile as a child's eyes light up when reeling in "a big one" or their number is being called to come pick a prize. The many smiles and giggles to be had would not be possible without the tireless efforts of the KBNRD Fish and Wildlife Biologist – Gene Mensch. Gene has been a vital part of the event since the first KBIC Kid's Fishing Derby in 2003. He is involved with every aspect of the Derby from coordination to clean-up! Gene's motto for this event is, "It's for the Kids!"

Preparation for the Derby usually begins in March. One of the beginning steps is a mass mailing soliciting local businesses for donations. While some donations come through the mail, the majority of the donations are sought out in person, mainly by Gene. Gene tries his hardest year after year to make it possible for each child to receive *something*. Even if it is small, the smiles are just as big!

There are numerous preparations to be made for this event. From ordering hot dogs to stuffing goodie bags, there are too many tasks to be named. Gene somehow makes it all pull together while also making each year even better than the last!

Again, thank you Gene. Your hard work does not go unnoticed!

**With the great number of businesses that donated and the volunteers who gave their time, we may have forgot to mention everyone. If we have, we would like to thank everyone who was not listed, and we greatly appreciate everyone helping to make the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Kids Fishing Derby possible.**

## KBIC Drug Education For Youth — 2010 DEFY Summer Camp

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual KBIC Drug Education For Youth (DEFY) Summer Camp will be held at the Ojibwa Community College August 16-20. Applications and invite letters were mailed to all 2009 participants that are eligible to attend the 2010 summer camp and invite letters have also been placed in all department mail boxes.

If you are interested in attending the 2010 DEFY summer camp, please contact Chris Gerard at (906) 353-4646 or e-mail [cgerard@kbic-nsn.gov](mailto:cgerard@kbic-nsn.gov) immediately. **Participants must be between the ages of 9-12.** The application deadline was July 28, in order to leave enough time to order T-shirts. You may sign up late; however, you may not receive the right size T-shirt.

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### Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Employment Opportunities

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

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

**On Call positions:**

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

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

### Ojibwa Community Library News

New CD audio books available at the library: *Family Ties* by Danielle Steel, *Three Sisters Island Collection* by Nora Roberts, *My Sister's Keeper* by Jodi Picoult, *The Spy* by Clive Cussler, *The Bourne Objective* by Robert Ludlum, and *Swimsuit* by James Paterson.

New book titles in the library: *Blood Struggle, the Rise of Modern Indian Nations* by Charles Wilkinson, *Empire of the Summer Moon, Quanah Parker and the Rise and Fall of the Comanches* by S.C. Gwynne, *Where The Broken Heart Still Beats* by Carolyn Meyer, and *The Last Stand, Custer, Sitting Bull, and The Battle of the Little Bighorn* by Nathaniel Philbrick.

Mary Bergerson, Library Director  
Ojibwa Community Library



## Deepest Sympathy

**CAROL MARIE (KEMPPAINEN) BARRIGER**  
November 29, 1945 — June 8, 2010

Carol Marie (Kemppainen) Barriger, 64, of Fort Worth, TX, died June 8, 2010, at Baylor Hospice in Fort Worth. Carol fought and has now won a courageous battle with cancer for over 28 years.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, July 3, 2010, at Holy Name Church in Assinins, with Father John Longbucco officiated.

Carol was born Nov. 29, 1945, in L'Anse, MI, the daughter of Florence (Shelifoe) Uusitalo and Raymond Kemppainen. Carol grew up and attended school in Baraga.

On May 3, 1982, she married James Barriger in Las Vegas, NV. Carol was a homemaker. She loved to crochet, knit, spend time with grandkids, and walk her dogs. She absolutely did everything she could to make people's lives better and happy.

Carol was a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. Carol is survived by her husband, James; four children, Carrie (Kevin) VanBuskirk of Burgettstown, PA, Mark Powell of Alexander, VA, Tandy (Dean) Peterson of Plains, MT, and Steven (Rachel Ortiz) Barriger of Arlington, TX; grandchildren Devan, Jacob, Meredith, Nathan, Mark, Austyn and Alexis; brothers Thomas (Cheryl) Kemppainen of Columbia Falls, MT, Dr. David (Monica) Kemppainen of Reno, NV, Peter (Sue) Kemppainen of White Pine; and sisters Jennifer (William) Wilson of Petoskey, MI, Susan (Terry) Ludwig of Suring, WI, Anna (Patrick) Meissner of Morgan Hill, CA, and Janet (Michael) Franti of L'Anse.

Carol was preceded in death by her father Raymond; a brother, Jonathan Uusitalo; her father and mother-in-law, Francis and Albert Barriger.

Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.



## Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College

### Fall 2010 Schedule of Courses

*"Catch Your Dream Through A Superior Education"*

#### Fall Semester 2010

Semester begins  
September 7th

Semester ends  
December 17th

#### Orientation and Advising

Thursday,  
September 2nd  
9:00am-7:00pm

#### Locations/ Contacts:

**Main Campus**  
111 Beartown  
Baraga, MI 49908  
(906) 353-4600

**Library/Science Center**  
409 Superior  
Baraga, MI 49908  
(906) 353-8162

**KBOCC Annex**  
325 Superior  
Baraga, MI 49908  
(906) 353-8151

**Admissions Information**  
353-4604

**Registration Information**  
353-4605

**Student Advising**  
353-4602  
or 353-4628

**OCC Library**  
353-8163

**Website**  
[www.kbocc.org](http://www.kbocc.org)

#### Advising

**Early Childhood Education**  
Mary DeLine  
353-4608

**Environmental Science**  
Erin Johnston  
353-8162

**Liberal Studies**  
Penny Olson  
353-4609

**Undeclared**  
Cherie Dakota  
353-4628 or  
Kristin Tepsa  
353-4602



Course Number and Name	Instructor	Day	Time	Place
<b>Fine Arts</b>				
AR107 Ojibwa Garments (3 credits) <i>Course fee \$120 Limit 10</i> <i>Native American Awareness elective</i>	J. Racette	Wed	5:30 pm-8:20 pm	Rm 113
AR204 Native American Art Forms (4 credits) <i>Native American Awareness elective</i> <i>Humanities Elective</i> <i>Course fee TBA</i>	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
<b>Early Childhood Education</b>				
CE237 Children with Special Needs (3 credits) <i>Prerequisite: CE101 or instructor's permission</i>	M. DeLine	Thurs	5:00pm-7:50pm	Rm 115
CE110 Developmentally Appropriate Curriculum and Practice (3 credits) <i>Prerequisite: CE101 or instructor's permission</i>	M. DeLine	Mon	5:00pm-7:50pm	Rm 113
CE115 Preschool Classroom Management & Child Guidance (3 credits) <i>Prerequisite: CE110 or instructor's permission</i>	M. DeLine	Tues	5:00pm-7:50pm	Rm 1 Lib/Sci Center
CE119 CDA Preparation Seminar (2 credits) <i>Prerequisite: Instructor's permission</i>	M. DeLine	arranged	arranged	arranged
CE278 Health, Safety and Nutrition (3 credits)	M. DeLine	Mon, Wed	2:00pm-3:20pm	Rm 113
<b>English and Composition</b>				
EN095 Basic Composition (4 credits) <i>Prerequisite: Placement</i> <i>Does NOT satisfy composition requirement</i>	TBA	Mon, Wed	1:00pm-2:50pm	Rm 113
EN102 College Composition I (3 credits) <i>Composition requirement</i>	TBA	Tues, Thurs	5:00pm-6:20pm	Rm 113
EN205 Research and Report Comp (3 credits) <i>Prerequisite: EN102</i> <i>Composition elective</i>	TBA	Tues, Thurs	1:00pm-2:20pm	Rm 113
<b>Humanities</b>				
HU110 World Cultures (4 credits) <i>Humanities elective</i>	TBA	Mon, Wed	5:00pm-6:50pm	Rm 115
<b>Information Systems</b>				
IS105 Computer Concepts (2 credits)	M. Shanahan	Tues	2:00pm-3:50pm	Rm 112
<b>Liberal Studies</b>				
LS102 Study Skills (1 credit)	P. Olson	Tues	11:00am-11:50am	Rm 113
<b>Mathematics</b>				
MA097 Introductory Algebra (4 credits) <i>Does not fulfill mathematics requirement</i>	C. Anderson	Tues, Thurs	5:00pm-6:20pm	Rm 111
MA105 College Algebra (4 credits) <i>Prerequisite: MA104, placement, or instructor's permission</i> <i>Math elective</i>	C. Anderson	Tues, Thurs	1:00pm-3:20pm	Rm 111
<b>Native American Awareness</b>				
OS110 Ojibwa Language and Culture I (4 credits) <i>Institutional Requirement</i>	J. Racette	Fri	9:00am-12:50pm	Rm 113
<b>Science</b>				
ES110 Introduction to Environmental Science (4 credits) <i>Lab fee: \$75 Lab Science elective</i>	E. Johnston	Mon, Wed	1:00pm-3:50pm	Science Lab Lib/Sci Center
ES202 Writing for Science (2 credits) <i>Prerequisite: EN 102 and sophomore standing</i>	E. Johnston	Tues	6:00pm-7:50pm	Science Lab Lib/Sci Center
ES242 Wetlands (4 credits) <i>Lab fee: \$75</i> <i>Lab Science elective Limit 6</i> <i>Prerequisite: MA096 or higher</i>	E. Johnston	Tues, Thurs	2:00pm-4:50pm	Science Lab Lib/Sci Center
GS215 Environmental Geology (4 credits) <i>Lab Science elective Limit 6</i> <i>Prerequisite: EN 102</i>	TBA	Tues, Thurs	10:00am-12:50pm	Science Lab Lib/Sci Center
<b>Social Science</b>				
OS232 Tribal Government (4 credits) <i>Social Science elective</i> <i>Native American Awareness elective</i>	D. Shalifoe	Mon	5:00pm-8:50pm	Rm 111
OS200 History of Michigan Tribes (4 credits) <i>Social Science elective</i> <i>Native American Awareness elective</i>	J. Loonsfoot	Mon, Wed	6:00pm-7:50pm	Rm 1 Lib/Sci Center
PY101 Psychology (4 credits) <i>Social Science elective</i>	F. Tadduecci	Wed	5:00pm-8:50pm	Rm 111

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## New Employees



Newsletter photo.

Sylvia Murray, daughter of Barbara and the late Edward Mantila, has joined the Tribe's Department of Health and Human Services Behavioral Health Program. Sylvia will serve as the Survivor Wellness Specialist providing therapeutic counseling services and assistance to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking. A KBIC member, Sylvia earned a Master of Social Work degree from Michigan State University in East Lansing and has served Michigan Tribal governments as an employee of the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan for 20 years. Prior to returning home, Sylvia was employed with the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe's Department of Social Services. To arrange an appointment or request her assistance, Sylvia can be reached at Behavioral Health 353-4532.



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Stacey Somero has been hired as a new Preschool Teacher for the Pre-Primary Program. Stacey has an Associate's degree in Early Childhood Development. She has many years of experience working with children and oper-

ated her own family home day care. For the last four-and-a-half years she has worked with the Ontonagon County Michigan State University Extension Office as a Snap-Ed Program Associate where she worked with preschoolers through third grade and with senior citizens to help promote a healthier lifestyle.

Stacey lives in Rockland with her husband, Scott, and their three children, Aundrea, age 15; Zachary, age 13; and Aidan, age 3. Stacey states, "I am honored and excited to have this opportunity to work for the Keweenaw Indian Community."

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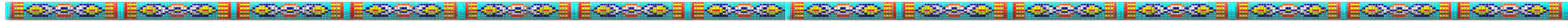
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### Programs and Services provided by the KBOHA:

- Low income rental homes and apartments
  1. 158 Homes/apartments in Baraga
  2. 50 Homes in Zeba
  3. 40 Homes in Marquette/Harvey;
- Supportive housing/transitional housing to help address family issues;
- New, custom built, super-insulated homes for homeownership on Bear Town Road;
- Home buyer training to prepare members for home ownership;
- Financial literacy training to improve members' financial skills;
- Home maintenance training to improve members' ability to maintain homes;
- Home rehabilitation program to improve the condition of member-owned homes;
- Home emergency assistance program to remedy negative conditions in the home;
- Individual development account program – a 4:1 matched savings program for member goals that include:
  1. Down payment assistance for home purchase;
  2. Business expansion/start-up expenses.
- Low cost home improvement loan program for qualifying Tribal members;
- Low cost tax preparation program for residents and Tribal members;
- Surplus FEMA mobile home program for Tribal members;
- Affordable curbside trash service for residents and members;
- Ojibwa Building Supply Do It Best—providing Tribal employment, quality affordable building supplies and profits for housing programs;
- Ojibwa Builders Construction Company—providing Tribal employment, quality affordable construction, and profits for housing programs;
- Market rate rentals—five rental properties in Baraga and one in Negaunee- providing profits for housing programs;
- Ojibwa BP, Car Wash and Laundry- providing Tribal employment, superior products and service, and profits for housing programs.



## L'ANSE/BARAGA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS GRADUATES

**Melanie Durant** is the daughter of Tracy Emery. Her hobbies are shopping, going to the movies, and spending time with family and friends. She was previously employed at the Migizi Wadiswan restaurant. Her future plans are to attend either Northern Michigan University or Bay de Noc Community College for cosmetology.

**Mariah Furaiter** is the daughter of Julie Furaiter and Charlie Gauthier. While she was in high school she played basketball until her sophomore year. She was employed by the Summer Youth Program for the past three years and will be working there again this summer. Her hobbies are fishing, hunting, shopping, the computer, and spending time with family and friends. Mariah's plans for the future are to take classes at Ojibwa Community College this fall and then transfer to Northern Michigan University next fall.

**Jacqueline Jossens** is the daughter of Mary Lou Jossens. Her hobbies are drawing, basketball, movies, swimming, going for walks, and spending time with family and friends. She was on the Honor Roll for all four marking periods of her senior year. She is currently employed at Big Bucks Bingo. Her future plans are to attend college and major in Art.

**Melinda Roberts** is the daughter of Doris and Raymond Roberts. Her hobbies are shopping, cooking, going to bingo and the casino, and spending time with her granddaughter. Melinda has worked as a cook at Northern Michigan University and at the Ford Forestry Center of Michigan Technological University in Alberta. Her plans are to attend a cooking school in the near future.

**Troy Roberts** is the son of Melinda Roberts. During his high school years, he played football. His hobbies are snowboarding, golf, and being with friends. Troy's future plans are to attend Ojibwa Community College and to become a fire fighter.

**Amber Soli** is the daughter of Michelle Soli

and Mark Soli. Her hobbies are camping, boating, badminton, shopping, walking, and being with friends. She is currently employed by Superior Pizza. Amber's plans are to attend Northern Michigan University in the fall, and her major will be Health Information Processing.

The Education Department is pleased to announce the following eight KBIC college graduates for the 2009-10 academic year:

Laurie Champagne, Monroe County Community College, Culinary Arts A.A.

Bryan Hill, Northern Michigan University, Climate Control Technology A.A.

Joseph Paavola, Northern Michigan University, Climate Control Technology A.A.

Jolene Aho, Lake Superior State University, Business, B.A.

Jessica Chandler, Michigan Technological University, Biology, B.S.

Christopher Hill, Michigan Technological University, Chemical Engineering, B.S.

Steven Loonsfoot, Central Michigan University, Education, B.S.

John Varline, Northern Michigan University, Criminal Justice, B.S.

Congratulations to all of our graduates. We are very proud of you and your accomplishments!

## KBOCC RECEIVES USDA FUNDING

Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College has received a grant in the amount of \$27,000 from USDA Rural Development for an evening child care center. The grant requires matching funds in the amount of \$23,000 from the College for a total project cost of \$50,000. The funds will be used for equipment, playground equipment, and minor renovation costs for the child care center. The KBOCC Child Care Center will be housed in the KBOCC Annex building at 325 Superior Avenue, Baraga.

The center is expected to open for the 2010 Fall semester to provide child care services for those students attending late afternoon/evening courses. According to KBOCC President Debbie Parrish, "Early evening child care is needed for working adults and other stu-

dents attending evening courses. The center will also provide child care for college employees who don't have access to other child care." Parrish said, "Currently, the KBIC Pre-Primary Program is open only until 5:00 p.m., the same time evening courses and other activities begin. The KBOCC Child Care Center will be open Monday through Thursday from 5:00-9:00 p.m. and on weekends as needed."

The KBOCC Child Care Center anticipates hiring one coordinator, and three part-time staff. Renovation and equipment purchase will begin when the College receives the signed contract from USDA. Childcare rates will be set comparable to other centers in the area. Financial aid will be available to eligible students to help offset the cost.

All students needing child care services are encouraged to register their children early for financial aid. Course registration for the Fall semester is open. For information, call the KBOCC Admissions Office at 353-4604 or the Dean of Student Services at 353-4628.

## Presenting the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Youth Conservation Corps

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) and the Superior Watershed Partnership (SWP) have teamed up for the second year in a row to offer a Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) program for Tribal youth. The KBIC YCC allows local youth to gain hands-on experience with environmental conservation and restoration work while earning a paycheck. The two five-person crews work daily on projects around the KBIC reservation in L'Anse and Baraga throughout the summer. Crew members also have an opportunity to work alongside employees of the KBIC Natural Resources Department (NRD). The crews are supervised by SWP employees Emily Pomeroy and Connor Dennis.

So far this summer, the crews have clipped fins at the fish hatchery, monitored the hatchery's walleye ponds, built hiking trails, cleaned up the area's beaches, built turtle platforms, worked at the new KBIC greenhouse, helped with assessments of the invasive sea lamprey, provided painting services to the KBIC Ojibwa Community College, and prepared for the KBIC's annual free kids' fishing derby. The members spent a week fishing and stocking the derby ponds, setting up the event area, and helping wherever needed during the fes-

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**KBIC – Community Needs Assistance Program continued:**

the vendor for security deposit, connection fee or as needed to ensure applicant is no longer without housing. This may include hotel accommodations pending housing along with limited emergency food assistance. **The program will not assist applicants who are homeless due to criminal activities.** An estimate or documentation from landlord and/or lease with rental amount, address verification and a denial from another agency must be submitted with complete application.

IV. **Eviction or Utility/Heating Disconnection Assistance** – limited assistance only if applicant was unable to pay regular payments caused by an emergency medical condition and the applicant was unable to work. The program will not assist with disconnections under any other circumstances. Limited assistance for evictions provided the applicant has been attempting to make regular payments, court proceedings for eviction have started and the amount of assistance given will satisfy the arrears to ensure applicant will not be facing the same or similar situation in the near future. Notices or disconnect/shutoffs, statement from treating physician and a denial from another agency must be included with the completed application. Notice of Eviction or similar legal document, rental payment history log and denial must be submitted with completed application.

V. **Funeral Allowance** – travel assistance to an immediate family member's funeral that is out of the defined service area. Assistance based on location of funeral. **Immediate family members are identified under travel assistance categories.**

VI. **Sobriety Travel** – travel assistance for Tribal members for admittance into an inpatient treatment facility intended to help the member attain sobriety. One-way transportation to a facility and upon **successfully** completing their program, return transportation will be funded. All requests must include a denial from KBIC's SAP [Substance Abuse Program] stating they are unable to provide any assistance. Verification of admittance into the facility's program must be provided and applicant must sign release of information at facility for KBIC for verification of arrival at facility and to verify successful completion of program.

**SECTION 2: FUNDED MEDICAL TRAVEL ASSISTANCE:**

***[Funding under these categories DO NOT count toward non-medical assistance maximum]***

For the purpose of this policy all immediate family members **[including Spouses relations]** are defined as:

**Mother/Father; Stepparents; Foster Parents; Brother/Sister; Son/Daughter; Half-Brother/Half-Sister; Nieces/Nephews; Grandmother/Grandfather, including Great and Great-Great; Uncle/Aunt, including Great and Great-Great; Grandchildren, including Great and Great-Great.**

I. **Medical Travel** – travel assistance up to **\$600** is authorized for each member to go to medically necessary appointments, surgery, or hospitalization for themselves or an immediate family member **(including an immediate family member participating in a substance abuse treatment program).**

'Fuel only' authorization is provided for appointments or surgery located at least 26 miles away but is less than 150 miles. Authorized amount is based on location of medical ap-

pointment. Travel expenses or advances for out of the area medical appointments/surgery or to stay with an immediate family member during their documented medical emergency are advanced at \$100 for the first day and \$75 for each additional day – up to maximum of \$600.

Verification of illness and/or appointments must be submitted with completed application

**Terminal or Continued Medical Care Applicants/spouses or parents of minor children** are eligible for up to an additional **\$600** to assist with continued medical travel related to treatment for related diagnosed illness/condition.

Documentation of diagnosis must be submitted for the continued medical care.

**Receipts:** receipts for travel advances must be submitted, within 15 days from return from travel – failure to do so will result in denial of any future advances and only reimbursements for expenses will be made in the future. Valid travel expenses include food, gas, and lodging receipts.



**ATTENTION OJIBWA SENIOR CITIZENS**

WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF PICTURES FOR THE 2010 DISPLAY AND PHOTO JOURNAL. PLEASE CONTACT LAURI DENOMIE AT 353-4561, SUSAN LAFERNIER AT 353-4168 OR DEBBIE PARRISH AT 353-4601 TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT AT THE TRIBAL CENTER, SENIOR CENTER, OR COLLEGE.



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**KBIC Youth Corps continued:**

activities. Rachel Sutherland is a YCC member and loves what she's doing this summer. "It was a fun time working the fishing derby. All the little kids get a great time from what the workers put into it," Rachel exclaimed.

Along with conservation-related jobs, the YCC has worked on some culturally-rich activities in the community. The Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) set up the crews to do test holes on a potential building site on the reservation. The test holes were dug to assess any cultural artifacts in the soil and to ensure that no construction would occur in a potentially culturally sensitive area. Some of the material found at this site dated 2000 years back! "It's like we were all little archaeologists looking for artifacts," said DeAnna Varline, YCC member. The crews also helped the

THPO clean up the Indian Pinery Cemetery that had been damaged during a forest fire last year and are currently painting a mural for the Community College.

The hard work these crews do is challenging but rewarding. "We do stuff to help our community and I'm proud to do that," stated Tasha Swartz another YCC member. Briar Nieskes is also excited about the YCC, in that his summer job is helping the environment. The hours of work are offset by recreation when the crew supervisors see fit. They have been to the local swimming spots around the Keweenaw Bay and have taken a nature hike up Silver Mountain. Even during the fun and relaxing parts of the day, there is never a time free of environmental education – including plant identification and journaling. Following a long day in the field, YCC member Richard Alexander said, "I like to learn the names of plants and trees and find out which ones are invasive species."

Todd Warner is the KBIC Natural Resources Director and oversees the KBIC end of the project. Mr. Warner and SWP Executive Director, Carl Lindquist worked together in 2009 to start the initial YCC pilot after many planning discussions. "For a number of years we've been trying to figure out how to provide more natural resource and environmental educational opportunities for youth in the area, but just couldn't with our workload," remarked Mr. Warner. Commenting on the potential for youth to be future stewards, Mr. Warner said "KBIC's summer youth program and the YCC concept seemed like a way to do this, and so far it has worked out great. These kids are the future stewards of this part of the world, so we're hoping to provide them with some education and experience, and maybe spark some interest in pursuing educational opportunities in a natural resource field."

Most of the crew members have said that they enjoy their job because they get to be outside, learn how to help the environment, and do something different every day. The program also provides a unique opportunity for these youth to get valuable experience in the natural resources field, something not often available to teens as a summer job.

For more information about the KBIC YCC or other programs contact the Superior Watershed Partnership at (906) 228-6095 or visit us on the web at [www.superiorwatersheds.org](http://www.superiorwatersheds.org).

~ Article and photo submitted by Natasha Koss



KBIC YCC members clipping fins at the KBIC Natural Resources Department Fish Hatchery. In photo from left to right: William Ross-Geroux, Travis Swartz, Cody Haataja, Seth Maki, Becky Genschow (NRD), Deanna Varline, Tasha Swartz, Rachel Sutherland.

**August 2010 Calendars Events**

**Aug. 6** — 12 noon, Gov't offices closed, Employee Picnic

**Aug. 7** — Regular Sat. Council Meeting, 10 am

**Aug. 18** — Veterans meeting, 7 pm

~ submitted by newsletter editor

Events occurring throughout KBIC are welcome to be listed on the Calendar of Events. Contact [newsletter@kbic.nsn.gov](mailto:newsletter@kbic.nsn.gov) to list your events. Some events are more detailed FYI within the newsletter. For up-to-date event listings, visit [www.ojibwa.com](http://www.ojibwa.com) and click on calendar. For Youth events, see @ [www.ojibwa.com](http://www.ojibwa.com), click on youth club, or contact 353-4643/Main Office at Youth Club, or 353-4644 for the facility attendants or the Kitchen/craft rooms.

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