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Susan J. LaFernier, Secretary
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Toni Minton
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Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.
Jerry Lee Curtis
Frederick Dakota
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.
Isabelle H. Welsh

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

KIDS’ FISHING DERBY A BIG SUCCESS

The 8th 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 Gara Mensch

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

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

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

Reese Waara with his prize catch Bass.

Carsyn Osterman with her catch from the pond.

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

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The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, 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 Chi, Matthews, Eddy Edward Loonsfoot, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth D. Mayo, Toni Minton, and Isabelle Helene Welsh present. The minutes for April, May, and June were read and approved. There were no new business 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 Health and Safety Committee’s report on June 18, 2010, for the month of June 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.

On June 15th, Todd Warner, Chris, Gene, Curtis, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth D. Mayo, Toni Minton, and Isabelle Helene Welsh presented an interesting report on the native plant Greenhouse. They gave assistance on the native plant greenhouses at the Tribal Council meeting on June 19th.

On June 4th, Greg Nominelli, Jeanne Kauppila, Toni Minton, ten supported (Emery, Matthews, Loonsfoot, Mayo, Minton, Welsh), one opposed (S. LaFernier), 0 abstained, motion carried.

Council scheduled the 2nd Reading for Proposed Amendment to Title 18B §305 of Title 18 Chapter B (gaming regulatory ordinance) for July 15, 2010.

Treasurer Eddy Edwards brought the following information to Council for the month of July.

Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to approve Jeanne Kauppila up to $500 so she can chaperone the International trip, supported by Eddy Edwards, Toni Minton, 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, Matthews, Curtis, Dakota, Minta, Loonsfoot, Mayo, Minton, Welsh), three opposed (Edwards, Loonsfoot, S. LaFernier), 0 abstained, motion carried.

Council adjourned with no further action.
the following actions were taken:

- Approved the 2010-11 WIC Dietician Concerns.
- Approved 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 amendment.
- Motion to prioritize the I.H.S. SDS (Sanitation Deficiency System) list for 2010 as listed for the top four projects and approve 25% match for the top two projects;
- Approved 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 turbine on the reservation.
- Approved Shirley McKasy and Philomena Ekdahl as the two voting delegates on the NI Indian Elders Association Board and Sandra Pittsley as an alternate for two years terms effective June 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 to require honesty in all dealings of 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.

- Approved the meeting minutes of February 6 and 11, 2010;
- Approved the change orders that totaled $2,410.84 for the police department’s part-time officer;
- Approved the Natural Wetland Vegetation Sand Point Pond Project with MTU School of Forest Resources and Environmental Science to restore vegetation;
- Approved Resolution KB1759-2010 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 computer consulting services;
- Approved the Gaming Commission to conduct a feasibility study for $39,500;
- Approved a Class I Social Gambling License for the Baraga Lumberjack Committee and card game fees.

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;
- Approved to table the IDA (Individual Development Account) Policy for one week;
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 Kasaan 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 to discuss the due date to: Peggy Minton or Janice Halverson's office) by 4:00 pm.
- Met with officials from the Tribal Law and Order Act. HR 1924, their meeting. They met with Assistant Secretary Schimelfenig who began working on May 19th.
- The new doctor has ties to the area and is settling in nicely at the Health Department.

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- 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 Sault 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 contaminated rock stamp sands in an economically sound venture. We are continuing to evaluate this venture.
- Yvette Frisvall 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, 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 national resources building. We looked at the building. It's a beautiful building and I look forward to seeing the building being utilized.
- This concludes my report for the months of May and June.

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

Attention Community Members!

Effective Monday, June 14, 2010, the Donald A. LaPointe Health and 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 353-4605 for community health appts.

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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 the Natural Resources Building) to Peggy Minton or Janice Halverson’s office) by the due date to:
Warren C. Swartz, Jr. – President
16429 Beatertown Rd.
Baraga, MI 49908

All Tribal Veterans Meeting at the Light House. Social hour 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 the L’Anse Golf Course on August 6.

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 trap 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 Grim Lake Watershed Management District to the Emergency Fund if approved by the immediate council.

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On June 4th 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 Wadswan also did a great job in putting the meal on which was enjoyed by all.

The new Early Childhood Education Center project, which is progressing 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 program. The committee is commended for contacting the Head Start Office of Head Start regarding a formal written process to follow. We are looking forward on that request in the coming weeks.

The Annual Governmental Employee Picnic planning is underway. The event will take place at the Laanse Golf Course on August 6th. 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 Wikwewidog Owji 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 provided by The Pioneer Group out of Grand Rapids, MI. The change will result in a annual savings of just over $16,000. Lauren Denomie, Editor, did the leg work and is commended for her efforts.

Planning for the Ojibwa Casino Resorts 25th Anniversary is underway. Staff at the resort is planning a long week of events to offer to new guests and 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 26th. Nearly 350 kids enjoyed the event put on by the Tribe’s Natural Resources Department. 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

KBCI – Community Needs Assistance Program
• 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 for each fiscal year [Oct 1st – Sept 30th];

Funding: funding obtained through false information will be prosecuted.

Fire Assistance: Limited ‘Fire Assistance’ up to $1,000.00 for a Tribal member(s) experience fire damage involving their primary residence. This includes the cost of legally required child support to or for a non- Tribal member(s) and is not counted toward the yearly household maximum.

Funeral Family Allowance: If the tribal member(s) are family members 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 household experiencing financial hardships during a situation where an individual’s family member(s) 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 1st – September 30th] is $500 per household. The limit for 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 separation of Section.

Vehicle Repair or Tire Replacement
• Only assistance to replace or repair necessary equipment – stove, 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 and is necessity to prevent injury, death or dismemberment; and

2. The vehicle is in working condition.

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 one’s making – at the time of application. Two [2] Program Administrators must approve requests under the temporary homeless 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)

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Each additional member + $312 + $390

*The net monthly income standard for each household size is the sum of the applicable Supplementary 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. This includes those households that incur the cost of Medicare Part B medical insurance and/or Part D prescription drug coverage premiums. These are allowed a deduction for the monthly cost of the premiums.

Child Support Deduction – Households that incur the cost 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 the same box.

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

Thomas Wildeman 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.

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.

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.

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 a member of the Yearbook Committee, High School Bowl Team, SADD, International Club and the L’Anse/Burage 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 7th 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 Rasame is the daughter of Julie and Carl Rasame. Rebecca has participated in track, basketball and volleyball. She received All-Conference 2nd 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. Osteman 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 for...
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 Kweeneway Candidate, Sierra Ayres, with a crowd’s favorite, Smokey the Bear. Photo compliments of L’Arse Sentinel. [More Fourth of July pictures on page twelve.]

Ojibwa Builders
Residential Building Specialists
353-7127

Ojibwa Building Supply
For all your building supplies
353-8850

Ojibwa Plumbing & Heating
For all your maintenance needs
353-6967

Ojibwa Car Wash & Laundromat

"Owned and operated by the Ojibwa Housing Authority. All proceeds go to affordable housing activities in our community."

KBIC Fee, County, Timber Company, and private land in Baraga County, MI.

Jerry Jondreau, Josh Robinson, and Dave Varlines.

David Osmak, Bureau of Indian Affairs Michigan Agency Forest, 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 Kweeneway 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.


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For all your maintenance needs

Ojibwa Car Wash & Laundromat

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Kweeneway Bay Ojibwa Housing Authority

Ojibwa BP & Deli
353-BP4U (2748)

ATM, Sporting Goods
Tribal Gas Discounts Honored
Local Pay-at-Pump features for your convenience
Lotto & Lottery Tickets New Available.

Daily Lunch Specials
Business Deliveries Available (call for details)

Daily Soup Specials
Owned & Operated by Ojibwa Housing Authority; all proceeds go to Affordable Housing Activities.

HAVE A SAFE BUT FUN SUMMER!!!

Ojibwa

Newsletter designed by

(7) Niizhwaasi
Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2010 Kids Fishing Derby! We are grateful to all of the businesses and volunteers who made the event a huge success. Each year, hundreds of children gather for a day of fishing at the annual KIC Kids 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 KIC Kids 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 just a smile, 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 making each year even better than the last. Again, thank you Gene. Your hard work does not go unnoticed!

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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 Assinippi, with Father John Longbuoco officiating. 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, IL; grandchildren Devan, Jacob, Maredith, 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.

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Deepest Sympathy

Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College
Fall 2010 Schedule of Courses
"Catch Your Dream Through A Superior Education"

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New Employees

Sylvia Murray, daughter of Barbara and the late Edward Mantilla, has joined the Tribe’s Department of Health and Human Services Behavioral Health Program. Sylvia will serve as a 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.

Stacey Somero has been hired as a new Pre-school 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 operated 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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(Sturdy and Large Truck!)

Contact the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Natural Resources Department for further information, and/or to make an offer. (906) 524-5757 Ext 10, and ask for Lyndon.

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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. 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 Furalter is the daughter of Julie Furalter 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, bowling, 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 Ahoo, Lake Superior State University, Business, B.A.
- Jessica Chandler, Michigan Technological University, Biology, B.S.
- Christopher Hill, Michigan Technological University, Chemical Engineering, B.S.
- Joseph Loewen, 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 students attending evening classes. 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., so 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 two early childhood teaching 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, contact the KBOCC Admissions Office at 353-4804 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 Pomroy and Corey Travis.

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. This year the members spent a week fishing and stocking the derby ponds, setting up the event area, and helping wherever needed during the fes-
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 payment history log and denial must be submitted with completed 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 member attain sobriety. One-way rental payment history log and denial must be submitted with completed application. Notice of Eviction or similar legal document, rental payment history log and denial must be submitted with 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.

V. Sobriety Travel – travel assistance for Tribal members for admittance into an inpatient treatment facility intended to help the patient attain sobriety. One-way transportation to a facility 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 Parent; 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 and/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 appointment. 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/sponsors 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 21 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.

KBIC YCC 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. Brian Nieskes is also excited about the YCC because his summer job is helping the environment. The hours of work are offset by recreation when the crew supervisors see fit. They have been swimming in 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 on KBIC YCC or other programs contact the Superior Watershed Partnership at (906) 228-6095 or visit us on the web at www.superiorwatersheds.org.

August 2010 Calendars Events

Aug. 6 — 12 noon, Gov’t offices closed, Employee Picnic
Aug. 7 — Regular Sat. Council Meeting, 10 am
Aug. 9 — Veterans memorial service, 11 am
Aug. 18 — Veterans memorial service

Events occurring throughout KBIC are welcome to be listed on the Calendar of Events. Contact 464-2000 to list your event. 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 at www.ojibwa.com, click on youth club, or contact 353-4645/4643/Main Office at Youth Club, or 353-4644 for the facility attendants or the Kitchen/craft rooms.

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

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