34th ANNUAL KEWEENAW BAY MAAWANJI’IDING HELD

The KBIC 34th Annual Maawanji’iding was held the weekend of July 27-29, 2012, at the Ojibwa Powwow Campgrounds in Baraga, Michigan. “Honoring Our Fallen Ogichidaa” was chosen for this year’s theme. Records indicate there were 643 dancers and 21 drums registered. Admission sales totaled nearly $300 for participants and spectators who enjoyed a beautiful weekend of song and dance at Keweenaw Bay. Following Friday evening’s grand entry, the Powwow Committee honored four KBIC elders this year: Glen David Bressette, Sr., Carol Jean Heckroth, Janice Helene Shalifoe, and Mathew J. Shalifoe, Sr. Fifteen-year-old Samantha Tolonen was crowned as Keweenaw Bay’s Royalty for the 2012 term. Samantha is the daughter of Glenn Tolonen, Sr., and Raeanne Gauthier of Baraga. Standing Bull honored the Community as host drum, along with War Club as co-host drum and home drum Four Thunders. KBIC member Rodney Loonsfoot served as Head Veteran Dancer, Jason Dowd (KBIC) as Head Male Dancer, Cindy Curtis (KBIC) as Head Female Dancer, Henry Williams (LVD) as Head Youth Male Dancer, and Samantha Tolonen (KBIC) as Head Youth Female Dancer. Larry Smallwood and Pet Gabow served as emcees. Daniel Connor (KBIC) served as Arena Director and was assisted by Assistant Arena Director, Mitch Bolo (KBIC). Donald Stolp, Sr. (KBIC) served as Head Firekeeper. Cultural teachings were delivered by Dorothy Sam. ZaaZaa Edwards (age 11) of L’Anse, MI, won the junior fry bread championship, and Levi Rosebear, Circle Pines, MN, won the adult division fry bread championship. Friday evening, the “Small and Tall Foes,” Jailyn Shalifoe (age 11) and Logan Shalifoe (age 10), a cousin team, took first place in the youth two-step competition. The adult two-step competition was held Saturday evening. Saturday’s events included two specials in honor of KBIC’s Fallen Soldiers. The Lance Corporal Terrance Alan Picciano Honor Special was held at 4 p.m. and following the evening’s grand entry the Specialist Robert Lee Voakes, Jr. Honor Dance Special was held. Saturday’s events also included a drum competition, a hand-drum competition, a Veteran’s Honor Song, and a Feast.
The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on August 4, 2012, at the Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room in Baraga, Michigan. President Warren C. Swartz, Jr., presided over the meeting with Elizabeth D. Mayo, Susan J. LaFernier, Robert (RD) Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Eddy Edwards, Jean Jokinen, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Carole L. LaPointe, Judy Matthews, Robert Minton, and Jerri Lee Curtis and Toni J. Minton were present. Jerri Lee Curtis and Toni J. Minton were absent. Vice President Elizabeth D. Mayo shared numerous items on the agenda. For Your Information items addressed to Council. President Warren C. Swartz, Jr. gave the President’s Report (page two), Secretary Susan J. LaFernier’s Report (page four) and Larry Denomie III gave the CEO’s Report (page five). Council passed the Department Head Reports for June 2012.

Brenda Jackman addressed the Council on behalf of an Ontonagon County Tribal Members group with a request for consideration of the Tobacco Ordinance Amendment, the Elder’s and Disability Pension Trust Amendment, and voting privileges. Ms. Jackman believes there are 27 Tribal members residing in Ontonagon County and she would like to have a vote in the Council. They are asking for the right to vote to be allowed to participate in the Tribal elder’s assistance program, and to be allowed to have in the distribution of the benefits and other Tribal Ordinance functions. We were able to learn what social media is, how it works, and we were able to learn what social media is, how it works, and how we can use it. Donna LaPointe gave the first floor, second, and third awareness at Newday, supported by Elizabeth D. Mayo motioned to approve the Budget Modification. This fund provides $300 medical/mental benefits. The $200,000 which was budgeted is now depleted. He requested an additional $40,000 for this fiscal year. Jean Jokinen motioned to approve the 3rd contract amendment to the Tribal Council meeting.
Lansing, they met with me, and Nominelli was directed to contact the firm recommended by Irwin to make an inquiry.

On May 22, 2012, Greg Nominelli and I met with Scott Erbsch, Marquette County Administrator, Commissioner, Gerry Corkin and Paul Arsenault to discuss the districts where the gas station and casino will be located. We requested support for both projects in Marquette County. We met with Amy Clickner, the CEO of Lake Superior Community Partnership, and we asked for support on both of those projects. Clickner stated that her company would support the gas station over existing gas stations and that they must pay sales taxes. We met with Marquette Township Supervisor, Dan McCarthy, Manager, Randy Girard, and the Zoning Administrator, Jason McCarthy. The Township appeared supportive of the gas station and establishing an intergovernmental agreement. The Township also informed the Community that the U.P. Petroleum Association was scheduled to address the Township Board on June 22 in opposition to our gas station. We agreed that we wanted to attend that hearing to hear the U.P. Petroleum Association’s position on providing a response. Fred Dakota and a number of Community members attended the meeting.

On May 23, 2012, the gas station task force met to discuss the land in trust application. They conducted the environmental assessment and potential opposition to the project from the different business owners. Larry Denomy, CEO, informed the task force that the Community had hired Herb Nelson, formerly of the BIA, to conduct the environmental assessment. The CEO will work with Char Spruce to schedule a meeting to review the application and process with Herb Nelson.

On May 24, 2012, Greg Nominelli met with Council regarding the access of grant funds from the HUD Rural Initiative Fund. The task force had recommended establishing a bank account for the new corporation before the Board of Directors is appointed to allow HUD to transfer funds to the Community which would then transfer those funds to the Corporation. To accomplish this goal a Federal Employer Identification Number must be created for the bank to authorize the access. Greg Nominelli and I visited the bank as authorized by the Articles of Incorporation, and we established the account by placing fifty dollars in the account. A meeting will be held next week to discuss the movement of those funds.

On June 3, 2012, Marquette Supervisor Lemiama stated that U.P. Petroleum Association was scheduled to make a presentation to the Township Board, and he would allow the Township Board to make comments. Although we had previously planned to make comments, we decided not to comment.

On June 13, 2012, the gas station task force met with Herb Nelson, formerly of the BIA, who will be conducting the environmental assessment for the gas station land in trust application. He stated that the Community must prepare a bullet proof application due to potential opposi-
SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR JULY 2012

Activities reported by the Secretary, Susan J. LaFerrier, for the month of July 2012:

1. Planning meeting.
2. 30 minutes of physical activity, five times a week.

Remember: "Indian Country Counts" and "Our People, Our Nations, Our Future."

We 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.

NIIWIN: VOTE 2012—every vote and voice count. NCAI (National Congress of American Indians) President Jefferson Keel stated in his State of Indian Nations Address that our Native vote can have a significant impact on the upcoming 2012 elections. It is never too late to encourage others to register and vote. 5) With less than three months to go until Election Day, 3) Our Native Vote Community Coordinator is Jennifer Misegan, 4) Volunteer to make calls encouraging others to register and vote. 5) With less than three months to go until Election Day, remember to vote.

On July 13, 2012, Larry Denomie and I from the Tribe provided a healthy lunch for the Lake Superior Day beach cleanup crew. We grilled chicken breasts, and he prepared the salad and watermelon. Thanks to all who participated in the event. It was a beautiful day, and much garbage was collected. Remember to keep our roadsides and beaches clean.

On July 17th the Department Head meeting and on August 15th, 2012 the Tribal Council meeting and the following actions were taken:

- Approved the September 1, 3, 8, 9, 14, 15, and 16, 2011 Tribal Council meeting minutes.
- Approved $75,000.00 to the KBIC Tribal Health Fund which is for KB Tribal members.
- Approved to overturn the CEO’s decision in regards to a government employee grievance #008-12, take off of his record, and return his back pay.
- Approved the services agreement with Blackrock Geoscience for $10,000.00 for the KBIC Solid Waste Management Plan Update;
- Approved the budget modification for a $35,000.00 increase for the Fall Semesters for the 511 Sovereign Student Fund;
- Approved a donation request of $300.00 and tank of gas from the Pines for Eleanor Nieskes for medical travel for her grandson;
- Approved to apply for the “Let’s Play Community Construction” grant up to $15,000.00 with a minimum of $9,000.00 match from the THPC program (for the KBIC playground equipment per the Parks & Recreation Committee request);
- Approved a donation of $300.00 to Eric LaFerrier for gas from Chicago for his services with the playground grant;
- Approved OHM (Hancock) for $640.00 per day for the backfill nuclear density testing for the Gamanche Creek fish passages (culverts);
- Approved Resolution KB 1891-2012 for FY2013 Stefanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare Services-Title IV-B Subpart 1 Child Welfare Services grant (Tribal Social Services Department);
- Approved Friday, July 27, 2012, as a day off (closure) for government employees to attend the Powwow;
- Approved Friday, August 3, 2012, as a day off for the government employee picnic;
- Defeated a motion to interview Dawn Sturdevant, Todd Gravalle, Dean Antilla, and Damian Fischer for the attorney position;
- Approved to interview Dawn Sturdevant, Todd Gravalle, Dean Antilla, Damian Fischer, Heather Chapman, and Greg Normanni for the attorney position (on August 16, 2012);
- Approved Resolution KB 1892-2012 which cancels Randy S. Owens residential lease and transfers to Melvin J. DuRant;
- Approved to include a 3% employee raise in the upcoming 2012-13 budgets;
- Approved to file a request for investigation of the former Tribal attorney John Baker (with the Michigan Attorney Grievance Commission) and have the President sign the request;
- Approved the promotion of Lyndon Eckdahl to Systems and Facilities Coordinator at the Natural Resources Department;
- Approved to offer the OWV Programs and Services Team Lead position to Cherise Dakota;
- Approved the services agreement with U.P. Environmental Services, Inc. to provide services for the pumping-out, removal, and disposal of the underground storage tanks at the Commodity Food building for $42,500.00;
- Approved a provisional license for Jennifer Misegan for the ICWA Committee.

At a council meeting held July 26, 2012, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the video presentation (proposed agreement) with Charles Miller up to $4,500.00 and consensus for him to begin filming at the Powwow;
- Approved the Entertainment Agreement with SquidWheels, LLC to perform at the Inkumn Event at the Bingo Hall on August 11, 2012;
- Approved to appoint Michael Duschen to the Gaming Commission (three interviews—one declined);
- Approved to appoint Andrew Chosa, Roy Koski, Anthony Rabatille, and Paul Stark as the alternate to the Ainkoosning, Inc. Board of Directors;
- Approved to reconsider (from the July 19, 2012, meeting motion) to send the letter of recommendation to the former Tribal Attorney John Baker (with the Michigan Attorney Grievance Commission) after reviewing information;
- Defeated a motion to file a request for investigation of the former Tribal Attorney John Baker (with the Michigan Attorney Grievance Commission) and have the President sign the request.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. LaFerrier, Secretary
CEO REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE/JULY 2012

The months of June and July 2012 included the following activities and reportable items:

- It is with deep sadness that I report the passing of Todd Warner who served as our Natural Resources Director. Todd worked for the department for just over nine years. He began working in July of 2003 as the Environmental Response Program Specialist and as the director of the department in January of 2005 until his passing on July 18. Todd’s passing has deeply saddened and hurt all at the Center, by Council, as to the organizational goal of protecting Mother Earth. Todd will be missed and the work he has done at KBIC to further the goals of protecting the air, land, and water will long be remembered.

- We have received official notice that the Tribe will receive the HUD ICDBG grant in the amount of $600,000. The notice indicates that the funds are available, pending approved appropriations, this fall. The funds will be used to purchase equipment for the new Transfer Station project.

- Indian Health Services is providing $500,000 for the transfer station project also. In order to move forward with soliciting for RFPs for the project, they must give final approval of the work plan which has been submitted and is under review. The Northwest Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission is providing the funds for a hazardous waste collection area at the site. They have solicited bids for that portion of the project which includes a concrete slab where a self contained storage pod will be placed. Funds from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative will also be used in the construction of the road accessing the hazardous waste collection area. There are several ancillary tasks that need to be completed prior to operating the facility which includes the approval of a Solid Waste Ordinance which has been drafted, the water plan completed and approved, and final selection, by Council, as to the organizational structure and operation of the business. Options for operations will be presented to Council at the August 9, 2012 meeting.

- Cherie Dakota has officially accepted the position of OWV Team Lead which was formerly held by Sylvia Murray who resigned effective July 7. Cherie currently works for the Ojibwa Community College and will begin in the new position in early September.

- Development of the FY13 budgets is well underway. Budgets are due in from all departments August 1 and must be prepared and readyed for Council review the week of September 10.

- On July 13, 2012, the Natural Resources Department held the annual lake shore cleanup event in conjunction with Lake Superior Day. Approximately 30 bags of trash were collected by NRD staff, the Tribe’s Summer Youth workers and several community volunteers.

- Our Natural Resources Department became aware of a mercury spill that occurred on July 2, 2012, at a waterfront property on Portage Canal of Lake Superior in Chassell, MI. Two metal boxes were found by swimmers about 30 feet offshore. One of the containers seals was broken and resulted in the mercury being spilled onto the lakebed near the dock area. The US EPA On-Scene Coordinator Kathy Halbur and Steve Harrington of MDEQ arrived at the site later that afternoon. Due to pending weather issues, the containers were packaged and kept onsite. The following day, EPA and its START and ERRS contractors conducted an emergency removal action which removed the spill and the site was cleared that day. A comprehensive site assessment occurred the week of July 9.

- In a final note, the annual governmental employee picnic took place yesterday. Employees enjoyed a beautiful day of golfing, playing cribbage, bean bag toss, and bingo. A picnic style lunch was available, pending approved appropriations, this fall. The funds will be used to purchase equipment for the new Transfer Station project.

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Local Physician Earns Patient-Centered Medical Home Designation from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan

Nation’s largest PCMH program transforming primary care in Michigan

Baraga, Mich. — Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan has designated Dr. Chung Oh and Dr. Joseph Zobro from the KBIC Medical Clinic as a patient-centered medical home. The designation period runs from July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013.

This means that Dr. Oh and Dr. Zobro, among a select group of primary care physicians in Michigan who adopt the PCMH model of care to further improve primary care in Michigan.

“The patient-centered medical home is health care centered on the patient,” said Dr. Oh. “We take a holistic and comprehensive approach to patient care helping our patients meet their health goals and keeping track of all their specialist visits, test results, and prescriptions.”

The Blues have designated 994 primary care practices with 3,017 primary care doctors — as PCMH practices. The program is the largest of its kind in the country and has the potential to affect close to two million Michigan residents.

Health Director, Carole LaPointe, said, “With the PCMH model, we create care teams that work with patients to keep them healthy and monitor their care on an ongoing basis.”

We coordinate your health care, using registries to track your conditions and ensure that you receive the care you need. We will work with you more than ever to care coordinate complementary care (such as nutrition counseling) and help you to better manage conditions such as asthma, diabetes, and hypertension to name a few.

A recent analysis of Blue Cross claims data shows that PCMH-designated doctors are succeeding in more effectively managing patients’ care to keep them healthy and prevent complications.

KBIC Dept. of Health and Human Services is the first Tribal Health Center in the State of Michigan to receive the PCMH designation by Blue Cross Blue Shield.

“We are pleased to be your medical home and invite you to contact us at (906) 353-8700.”

NOTICE

The KBIC Head Start and Early Head Start will have their “OPEN HOUSE” on September 7, 2012, from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. First day of classes will be Monday, Sep. 10, 2012. Your child’s teacher will be in contact with you prior to the Open House. Any questions or volunteer opportunities will be available, pending approved appropriations, this fall. The funds will be used to purchase equipment for the new Transfer Station project.

KBIC Medical Physicians: Dr. Joseph Zobro (left) and Dr. Chung Oh (right).
A 2.5 hour daily Ojibwa Summer School Program was held June 25, through July 26, 2012, in both the L’Anse and Baraga School Districts. With 29 students enrolled between the two settings, participants learned about Ojibwa Native culture, plants, language, drumming, and other aspects of their culture. The Summer Program was staffed by teachers Mitzi Marcotte and JoAnn Pennock and aides Sheila Halverson and Savannah Dakota. Liz Julie, Erik Awonohopay and sons, Paul Halverson, Deb Williamson, Elizabeth “Popcorn” Mayo, and Mary Dee Shanahan were amongst the presenters who shared knowledge with these youngsters, ages 5-13. An introduction of the Ojibwa language was stressed daily and games were used to help with the learning retention. Student’s experiences included how to make moccasins, dream catchers, and braid sweet grass. A dance and singing session was provided by Awonohopay and sons in both locations on Wednesday, July 25, 2012. On the final day, students were guests at the Ojibwa Campgrounds where the 34th Annual Maawanji’iding ground blessing occurred, followed by a feast, and the princess dance competition.
Paige Chosa, a Northern Michigan freshman from Baraga, has been selected as the second recipient of the Tribe’s KBIC Forestry Scholarship. The Tribal Education Committee reviewed the applicants and selected Chosa to receive the scholarship.

Paige is the daughter of Brandy and Tom Chosa of Baraga. She graduated from Baraga High School in May 2012. She will be attending Northern Michigan University this fall majoring in Environmental Science.

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community has a vital interest in the preservation of the land and forests on and near the reservation. It has been a longstanding wish of the Tribe to employ a Tribal member as a forester to oversee the Tribal interests.

This scholarship amount is $2,500 twice per year for up to four years and will be awarded to a new student each fall. Applicants must meet the following criteria: be an enrolled Tribal member; attend an accredited college/university as a full-time student; pursue a degree in Forestry or related field as documented by their college; and be a resident of Michigan, Wisconsin, or Minnesota. Applications for the 2013-14 academic year will be available June 2013. For more information on this scholarship, please contact Amy St. Arnold, KBIC Education Director at 906-353-6623, ext. 4117.

Deena Misegan has been selected as the sixth recipient of the Tribe’s Ann Misegan Memorial Scholarship. The Tribal Education Committee, along with a member of the Health Board, selected Misegan to receive the scholarship.

Deena is the daughter of Jennifer and Duane Misegan of L’Anse. She is a graduate of L’Anse High School and will be attending Northern Michigan University this fall majoring in Nursing.

Ann Misegan was a long time Tribal Council member whose priority was the health of the Tribal membership. She was adamant that Tribal members be trained for as many positions as possible within the Tribe and also encouraged members to seek further education, especially in health fields. She was a member of the Tribe’s Health Board and was the Dental Assistant at the Tribal Clinic for many years. She held an LPN certificate from Northern Michigan University and worked as a nurse for Baraga County Memorial Hospital before coming to work for the Tribe. This scholarship seeks to reward members who have the same passion for health care that Ann did.

This scholarship amount is $1,000 twice per year for up to six years and will be awarded to a new student each fall. Applicants must meet the following criteria: be an enrolled Tribal member; attend an accredited college/university as a full-time student; pursue a degree in a Health Care field documented by their college (preference will be given to students either in a nursing or dental program); and be a resident of Baraga or Marquette County. Applications for the 2013-14 academic year will be available June 2013. For more information about this scholarship, please contact Amy St. Arnold, KBIC Education Director at 906-353-6623, ext. 4117.

LEGAL AID CLINIC

A legal aid clinic will be available to Tribal members on Tuesday, September 18, 2012, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in a conference room of the Ojibwa Casino Motel. The clinic is provided by Michigan Indian Legal Services, for questions call 1-800-988-5877.

Parade of Nations

Saturday • September 22, 2012

For more information visit our website www.mtu.edu/international/events-programs/parade-nations/ and follow our facebook link

For questions contact International Programs and Services @ 906.487.2160

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NEWS FROM OUR KBIC ELDERS

Elders volunteering for various functions are eligible to participate in the various activities which are approved at scheduled elder’s meetings.

Senior volunteers who signed up to attend the Daddy D Lost in the 50’s show, Wednesday, October 17, 2012, in Green Bay, Wi, will be receiving an itinerary. Sign up closed on August 8, 2012. Cancellation policy applies.

Senior volunteers may sign up to attend the Travis Tritt show at the Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie, on Saturday, October 12, 2012. Sign up will close on September 7, 2012.

Senior volunteers may sign up to attend A Brule’ Christmas Show, at the Black Bear Casino Resort, on Saturday, December 15, 2012. Sign up will close on November 16, 2012.

See Loretta for more information or call 353-7691. These trips are provided via the Senior Fund Raising Account.

CONTEST CAN GIVE CAREGIVERS GETAWAY

Family caregivers understand all too well the physical, psychological, emotional, and time-consuming nature of caring for an aging loved one... and how great it can be to have a break. That’s why residents of Michigan are invited to nominate deserving family caregivers, or caregivers themselves, for the opportunity to win a five-day, free cruise.

The Home Instead Senior Care Network is sponsoring the cruise for one lucky caregiver and guest. Nominations and votes can be submitted by September 15, 2012, at cruise.caregiverstress.com. The five-night, six-day Caregiver Cruise is scheduled for February 25 to March 2, 2013, on the Royal Caribbean’s Liberty of the Seas. The cruise will set sail from Fort Lauderdale, Fl., with stops in Labadee, Haiti and Falmouth, Jamaica. In addition to the cruise, the winning recipient and guest will receive 40 hours of free care from a Home Instead Senior Care professional CAREGiverSM for their senior loved one while they are away.

"The stress of caregiving eventually takes its toll on those looking after an aging family member," said President and Chief Operating Officer (COO) Jeff Huber of Home Instead Senior Care. "That’s why we are pleased to be sponsoring this tropical getaway for a deserving family caregiver.

For more information about Home Instead Senior Care, go to www.homeinstead.com.
Tribe Youth Conservation Program Celebrates another Successful Summer of Projects  

Memorial Fund Established For Program Founder

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) and the Superior Watershed Partnership (SWP) have teamed up for the fourth 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 real-life environmental conservation and restoration work.

This summer the crew has had the opportunity to work on numerous projects including releasing five-year-old Lake Trout into Lake Superior and over 10,000 Brook Trout into rivers and streams throughout the Lake Superior Watershed, as well as removing invasive species such as Spotted Knapweed and Marsh Thistle. In addition, the crew helped with native plant restoration at Sand Point, clipped fins at the fish hatchery’s Walleye ponds, built hiking trails, built turtle platforms, worked at the new KBIC greenhouse, prepared for the KBIC’s annual free kids’ fishing derby, and conducted a special clean up of the area’s beaches for Lake Superior Day.

Over the years the KBIC youth crews have also learned about the Anishinabe culture and language from Tribal elders. Also at the top of the list of things the crew enjoyed doing was to check on the wild rice beds that the KBIC Natural Resource Department has helped to start. In addition to checking on the wild rice beds, the crew also collected information and samples of aquatic invasive species.

The Youth Conservation Corps was originally conceived by Todd Warner, KBIC Natural Resource Director. Sadly, Warner died recently after a brief battle with cancer. In 2009, Warner worked with the SWP to design the youth program, so it included work on real environmental restoration projects, learning essential job skills, incorporating journaling and outdoor recreation. In 2010, he was named the SWP’s “Conservation Educator of the Year.”

Warner said, “These kids are the future stewards of this planet and 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.” The Warner family, in cooperation with the SWP, have established the Todd Warner Memorial Fund with proceeds going to the Youth Conservation Corps and college scholarships for youth corps members who pursue a college education in a conservation 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. For more information about the KBIC YCC or the Todd Warner Memorial Fund contact Superior Watershed Partnership at (906) 228-6095 or visit us on the web at www.superiorwatersheds.org or for more information about the Youth Conservation Corps: http://www.superiorwatersheds.org/youthconservation.php.

COLLEEN S. DEROCHE  
(April 13, 1960—August 3, 2012)

Colleen S. DeRoche, age 52, of Zeba, passed away Friday, August 3, 2012, at her residence following a lengthy illness. She was born in L’Anse, MI on April 13, 1960, the daughter of William “Gene” Emery and Georgianna Curtis. She graduated from L’Anse High School in 1978, and attended Bay Mills College. Colleen married John DeRoche in Marquette in 2004. She most recently was a dispatcher for the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Police. Colleen was a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Tribal Youth Program, Powwow Committee for three years, Friday Night Bowling League in Baraga, and coached for Zeba Rez Runners. Colleen enjoyed doing arts and crafts, bowling, softball, and was an avid Green Bay Packer and Detroit Tiger fan.

Mrs. DeRoche is survived by her loving husband John, children: Joshua (Tricia) Emery, Carmen Emery of Harvey, Janelle (Thomas) Hooper of Harvey, and Melissa McSawby (Arland Boland) of Green Bay, WI; grandchildren: Cassie, Jamie, Kara, Joshua, Eli, Draven, Xander, Kade, Peyton, and soon to be Declan: great grandson Tyson; father William “Gene” (Gretchen) Emery; and sister Tracy Emery of Zeba. Nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and other family members also survive. She was preceded in death by her mother, Georgianna, grandparents; George and Alice Curtis, William I. Emery, and Margaret Sipe; brother, William Emery Jr.; and granddaughter, Vanessa Gauthier.

Funeral services for Mrs. DeRoche were held on Monday, August 6, 2012, from the Ojibwa Ceremonial Room, Baraga, with Traditional Services and Pastor Steve Rhoades officiating. Interment assisted the family.

RICHARD (SMACK) L. SEMASKY, SR.  
(April 17, 1937—August 13, 2012)

Richard (Smack) L. Semasky, Sr, age 75, of Zeba, MI, walked peacefully at home surrounded by his close friends and family on Monday, August 13, 2012.

Smack was born April 17, 1937, in L’Anse, MI, son of John and Della (Santelline) Semasky. He grew up in L’Anse and joined the US Air Force in 1954. Smack was a long-time fisherman from Bay Mills, and was one of the first law enforcement officers for the Bay Mills Indian Community before moving back to L’Anse and taking a job with the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Conservation in the mid-60’s where he spent over 25 years on the job and ultimately retiring as the Supervisor of Law Enforcement for all Tribes surrounding the Great Lakes for the entire Western District of Michigan with offices as far as Moe Lake, WI, to Watersmeet and Bay Mills, Michigan.

He was a member of the VFW, KBIC, and the Ojibwa Seniors. Smack loved hunting, fishing, and enjoyed cooking and smoking fish; he also enjoyed spending time with his best friends Robbie and R.B., Nikki, and Rob. He is survived by his long-time very special friend, Gwen Loonsfoot of Zeba; five sons: Irving A. (Susan) Teeple of Ohio, Michael Semasky of Georgia, Richard (Lydia) Semasky, Jr, of Brimley, MI, John (Jodi) Semasky of Traverse City, MI, and Dale Semasky of Shingleton, MI; three daughters: Elaine (Elmer) Lehre of Sault Ste. Marie, MI, Irene (Ron) Semasky of Sault Ste. Marie, and Joy (Dave) Hunt of Brimley, MI; grandchildren: Christopher, Gisele, and Rob.

He was born in L’Anse, MI on April 13, 1960, the daughter of William and Mary Mills, and was one of the first law enforcement officers for the Bay Mills Indian Community before moving back to L’Anse and taking a job with the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Conservation in the mid-60’s where he spent over 25 years on the job and ultimately retiring as the Supervisor of Law Enforcement for all Tribes surrounding the Great Lakes for the entire Western District of Michigan with offices as far as Moe Lake, WI, to Watersmeet and Bay Mills, Michigan.

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Smack was born April 17, 1937, in L’Anse, MI, son of John and Della (Santelline) Semasky. He grew up in L’Anse and joined the US Air Force in 1954. Smack was a long-time fisherman from Bay Mills, and was one of the first law enforcement officers for the Bay Mills Indian Community before moving back to L’Anse and taking a job with the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Conservation in the mid-60’s where he spent over 25 years on the job and ultimately retiring as the Supervisor of Law Enforcement for all Tribes surrounding the Great Lakes for the entire Western District of Michigan with offices as far as Moe Lake, WI, to Watersmeet and Bay Mills, Michigan.

He was a member of the VFW, KBIC, and the Ojibwa Seniors. Smack loved hunting, fishing, and enjoyed cooking and smoking fish; he also enjoyed spending time with his best friends Robbie and R.B., Nikki, and Rob. He is survived by his long-time very special friend, Gwen Loonsfoot of Zeba; five sons: Irving A. (Susan) Teeple of Ohio, Michael Semasky of Georgia, Richard (Lydia) Semasky, Jr, of Brimley, MI, John (Jodi) Semasky of Traverse City, MI, and Dale Semasky of Shingleton, MI; three daughters: Elaine (Elmer) Lehre of Sault Ste. Marie, MI, Irene (Ron) Semasky of Sault Ste. Marie, and Joy (Dave) Hunt of Brimley, MI; grandchildren: Christopher, Gisele, and Rob.

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KEWEENAW BAY OJIBWA LIBRARY NEWS...  

The Ojibwa Community Library has added new items to its collection. New Native American books, children’s chapter books, and these movies: Despicable Me, Rio, Horton Hears A Who!, The Office, and The Incredibles.

A reminder for those who have overdue books, please return them as soon as possible. You are keeping them from being circulated to other patrons. As for the fines associated with the overdue items, I am willing to make payment arrangements with you.

— Mary Bergerson, Ojibwa Community Library Director
SEPTEMBER 2012 Calendar

- Sept 3: Gov’t offices closed, Labor Day;
- Sept 7: Head Start and Early Head Start OPEN HOUSE, 11 am, Constitutional Committee Meeting, 1 pm, Council Chambers;
- Sept 8: Reg. Sat. Council Meeting, 9 am, Ojibwa Resort Conference Room;
- Sept 14: DHHS’ Protect Yourself From Cancer Program, 9:30 am;
- Sept 18: Legal Clinic, 8 am;
- Sept 19: SORNA meeting, 2 pm, Veteran’s meeting, 7 pm;
- Sept 22: Parade of Nations, 12 pm;
- Sept 27: DHHS’ Donate Blood Clinic 9:30 am—3:30 pm, Ojibwa Senior Pasty Sale;
- Sept 28: Gov’t offices closed, Michigan Indian Day;
- Sept 29: Household Hazardous Waste & Electronic Waste Collection, 10 am.

~ submitted by newsletter editor

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

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
Employment Opportunities

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.

- Pharmacist—open continuously
- Unit Manager (OVW)—open continuously

On Call positions:
- Pre-Primary Teaching Assistant
- Cashier
- Receptionist/Doctor’s Secretary
- Worker
- Youth Program & Facility Aide
- Food Service Aide
- Van Driver
- Account Executive/Manager

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

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

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

- Economic Board – Seven (7) regular seats
- Constitutional Committee – Two (2) alternate seats
- Indian Child Welfare Committee – One (1) regular seat
- Substance Abuse Advisory Board – Two (2) regular seats

Please submit an application (located at the Tribal Center in Kim Kopstein or Peggy Minton’s office) by 4 p.m. on September 14, 2012, to:
Warren C. Swartz, Jr. – President
16429 Bear Town Rd.
Baraga, MI 49908

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• Cashier
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gile and lives in Florida. Altogether she has nine very active, wonderful grandchildren who are active in band, choir, dance, acting, cheerleading, and sports.

Matt has had a vast arrangement of employment. She began as a waitress when she was 16 at the historic Lindell Chocolate Shop in Lake Linden. She was employed at Michigan Tech as the Sports Information Secretary after she graduated from high school. In 1970, she moved to Port Huron and was employed as an Executive Secretary at the Diamond Crystal Salt Company, where she also attended the St. Clair Community College at the same time. Then she married and moved to Bay City where she worked as a Secretary, Hostess, and a Sales Associate. She then moved back to Lake Linden and took employment as a bank teller at First National Bank. Finally, Carol retired to tend to her daughter, Carpenter.

Carol said, “Living in Lake Linden has not allowed me to become as involved with the Tribe as I would have liked. Recently, I have joined the elders, and I am looking forward to activities and becoming more involved in helping preserve tribal traditions and values. I do appreciate the emotional support I have received from Tribal members who know me, to help me become a better caregiver for my daughter; and I am very grateful for all the services that have been provided to me throughout the years.”

Carol’s hobbies include: crafting, sewing, calligraphy, reading, decorating, and using her Nordic Trak. Carol has made large banners to be used at church services, and she enjoys decorating large store front windows in city competitions, where she won two! Carol’s reading includes culture, history, customs, and traditions of Native Americans. She has made pouches and done some beading, but is looking forward to doing more Native American crafting.

Carol has had health issues and is a breast cancer survivor of 13 years. Carol said, “I live my life in Thanksgiving.” Carol is 65 years Native American and has always been happy, joyful, and free today. Miigwech.”

Carol is proud to be an Anishinaabe Elder, Mom, Nokomis and Grandmother. She has four sisters, four brothers, and one sister, attended Mt. Pleasant School. They were not happy there and ran away.

Carol has attempted to walk the path of love, respect, and compassion by volunteering. She taught religious education for 20 years to elementary age children, has lectured at Mass as a Eucharistic Minister, and while assisting at different wake services, she saw that visits to shut-ins and seniors were done, food was provided to the body, clothing provided for those interviewing for employment, and that rides were provided to and from church or the doctors. She was also responsible for the Soup Kitchen through the Lenten months. Carol has also involved in many fund raising activities for: The March of Dimes, MS, Cancer Drive, United Way, Crop Walk, and Special Olympics.

Janice Helen Shalifoe (Migizimiigwaans)

Janice Helen Shalifoe (Migizimiigwaans) was born September 26, 1940. She is the daughter of Richard and Sarah Shalifoe; she has nine siblings. Her precious baby brother, Danny, walked on a few weeks ago. Janice has nine children: Angela, Emily, Helen, and Petey, Janice, Jean, Paul, Mike, Colin, and baby Sister. Janice has 12 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, two aunts, one uncle, numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Janice has worked as a factory worker, teacher’s aide in L’Anse and Behwet-Indian Outreach Worker, Unit Manager, Fitness Worker, Home Help Worker, and an Ojibwemowin Elder Mentor.

Janice has been associated with the Alcohol Advisory Board, Ojibwe Senior Citizens, Ojibwemowin Elder Advisory Board, MEA, Health Board, and as the President of the Native American Women’s Association.

Janice’s hobbies include: volunteering for her community, playing cards, walking, traveling, and exercising at the Fitness Center. She enjoys singing with the Four Thunders Drum. Traditional Dancing and attending powwows. And she is very excited that she will finally be visiting Elvis’s home this year.

Janice said, “Chi Miigwech to Gizzheewaans for everything and everyone in my life today. I am proud to be an Anishinaabe Elder, Mom, Nokomis and Grandmother. I have four sisters, four brothers, and four children: Janice, Myrtle, Jim, and Mary. My brother, Richard, married Nancy (Morin) Shalifoe. They have been married for 39 years and have three children: Emily, Mathew Jr., and Ashley; a son-in-law, Aaron; and four grandchildren: Logan, Tyler, Megan, and Mckayla.

Matt is employed for the State DNR prior to retiring in the Navy. After serving four years in the U.S. Navy, he received an honorable discharge. Matt then worked as a Tribal Police Officer for 25 years, one of the very first in the State of Michigan. He is now retired.

Matt is presently active with the KBIC Honor Guard. In the past he has been a member of the Indian Child Welfare Committee and the Hiring Committee. Matt is also a member of the American Legion Honor Guard and volunteer to personally take those who want to go... he continues to work hard for Veterans.

Matt’s hobbies include: bowling, golfing, hunting, fishing, staying at camp, and working in the Sugar Bush.

Matt plans on spending time with his grandchildren and plans on doing some traveling when Nancy retires.
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Zeba Indian Mission United Methodist Church

“We welcome each of you to our worship services, at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday.”
Pastor: Rev. Stephen Rhoades
Church office 524-7939
Parsonage 524-7936

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