KBIC Tribal Council Serve as Grand Marshall — Parade of Nations

The Annual Parade of the Nations was held Saturday, September 18, 2010, in Houghton County, with the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Council serving as Grand Marshall for the event. Two Tribal Council members, Secretary Susan J. LaFerrier, and Assistant Secretary Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, represented the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Council. Miss Keweenaw Bay, Gabrielle Picciano, along with KBIC Tribal Youth, Raymond Gauthier-Tolonen, participated with Michigan Tech’s AISES to represent Native American Nations in Michigan Tech’s annual event. Flags from over 70 countries were on display throughout the parade route which began in Hancock, marched over the bridge to Houghton, and ended at the final destination of Dee Stadium.

Following the parade, entertainment and fine food cuisine from many cultures were shared with participants and visitors at Dee Stadium.

Parade of Nations Co-Director, Lori Muhlig (a Keweenaw Bay Indian Community member), who is employed as the Assistant Director for the Center for Diversity and Inclusion and is the Native American & Women’s Outreach Coordinator for Michigan Technological University, organized the annual event. The Parade of Nations is a celebration of diversity in the community and on the Michigan Tech Campus. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community was asked to be this year’s Parade Marshall because of their support throughout the years of this event.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- September 11, 2010 Tribal Council meeting
- Parade of Nations
- Ground breaking, Early Childhood Education Center
- 2010 Summer Annual Youth Trip
- Weed & Seed donates to Baraga Youth Football
- Ojibwa Oral History Literacy Project
- Zaagkii Greenhouse Dedication
- Ojibwemowin
- New Employees
- Deepest Sympathy

Ground Breaking Of The Early Childhood Education Center

A Ground Breaking and Blessing of the Grounds Ceremony was held at the sight of the new Early Childhood Education Center, located behind the Niwin Akeaa Center in Baraga, on Monday, September 20, 2010. Project Manager Bruce LaPointe presented the dedication for the ground breaking. The new Early Childhood Education Center has been made possible through funding by the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, two HUD ICDBG (Indian Community Block Grants), and a USDA grant.

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The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on September 11, 2010, at the Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room. William “Gene” Emmery presided over the meeting with Susan J. LaFernier, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Eddy Edwards, Jerry Lee Curtis, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., G. Minton Welsh, D. Michael Minton, Tami Minton, and Isabelle Helene Welsh present. Vice President William “Gene” Emmery shared numerous Thank You and For Your Information items addressed to Council. The Secretary’s Report was given for August 2010, by Secretary Susan J. LaFernier (page two), the Treasurer’s Report for August 2010, was given by Treasurer Eddy Edwards (page two), and the CEO’s Report was given for August 2010, by CEO Larry Denomie III (page four). Council passed the Department Head Reports for August 2010.

Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo for the Ojibwa Housing Authority’s budget process to become Council’s budget process that was approved by the Council. Mayor Billie Jo Edwards, Minton, Welsh), three opposed (Matthews, Edwards, Loonsfoot), abstained, absent (Swarz), motion carried. Budget meetings are closed to non-tribal members (Tribal members are welcome to attend these sessions).

Motion by Fred Dakota to introduce the Substitute for Proposed Motor Vehicle Code supported by Michael LaFernier, Sr., twelve supported, 0 opposed, abstained, motion carried.

Motion by Eddy Edwards to postpone the 3rd Reading for Proposed Amendment to the Motor Vehicle Code, for the purpose of Titling, Ordinance 2010-04, until the first Saturday meeting in November 2010 supported by Michael LaFernier, Sr., ten supported, 0 opposed, abstained, motion carried.

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

In the United States, Patriot Day occurs on September 11 of each year, designated in memory of the 2,993 killed in the September 11, 2001 attacks, most Americans refer to the day as “nine eleven (9/11), ‘September Eleventh,’ or some variation thereof. U.S. House of Representatives Resolution 345, approved by a vote of 407-0 on October 25, 2001. It requests that the President designate September 11 of each year as “Patriot Day.” President George W. Bush signed the resolution into law on December 18, 2001 (as Public Law 107-89). It is a discretionary day of remembrance.

Today, the day was called the Day of Prayer and Remembrance for the Victims of the Terrorist Attacks on September 11, 2001. On September 4, 2002, President Bush allowed his authority created by the resolution and proclaimed September 11, 2002, as “Patriot Day.” On September 11, the President directed that the American Flag be flown at half-staff at individual American homes, at the White House, and on all U.S. government buildings and other public buildings, both on and abroad. The President also asks Americans to observe a moment of silence beginning at 8:46 a.m. (Eastern Daylight Time), the time when the plane struck the North Tower of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. Today, we are reminded that the world we live in continues to be fragile planting the seeds run high. There are not many of us who will ever forget where we were on that September morning nine years ago. We shall never forget those whose lives were taken away in the horror of just a few years. September 11 should be, for all of us, a day for quiet remembrance and reflections as we seek to find and live in the ways of peace. We urge all to remember September 11 in prayer and hope for peace in this world.

On August 3rd, I had the pleasure of beginning the day with prayer at our Donald A. LaPointe Health and Educational Facility with staff who hosted a two day meeting with the Public Health Accreditation Board and observers. We were one of thirty health departments nationwide and one of three Tribal Health Departments to participate in a beta test for public health accreditation. We were the first Tribal clinic that they visited. Members of the Health Board met with them for luncheon.

On August 27th, Gene, Larry, Nancy Bowers, and I met with Brian Hartzell and Charleen Aholaa, who are representatives from the Beacon House (Upper Michigan Hospitality House) located in Marquette. It has 34 rooms and 93% of all guests are residents of the U.P. Their mission is to operate a safe, supportive and compassionate hospitality house for patients receiving medical care and their loved ones. The day before, the Tribal Council approved a $1000 donation to the organization which we presented, and they were very grateful as they operate on a donation basis.

Finally on August 31st, many enjoyed the new KBC’s “Zaagki Greenhouse Dedication” held in the Fork Garden. The weather was beautiful, and we met Dr. Ugur Parsons who designed these types of greenhouses. The dedication was hosted by our guests: the U. S. Forest Service and the Cedar Tree Institute. The greenhouse concept dream began in 2008, and it will be used to grow and protect endangered Native plants that are a part of the natural ecologic of this region of Northern Michigan. The next day we also attended the “Native Plants in Restoration & Ethnobotany Workshop” also held at the Hatchery. Special thanks to Jan Schultz, U.S. Forest Service; Jon Magnuson, Cedar Tree; Todd Warner and employees of the Hatchery. There are already plants growing there that will be transplanted to the Sand Point cover project next year. The greenhouse is a great accomplishment to be very proud of.

We continue to have monthly meetings with different volunteer groups such as the “Walk Your Way To Wellness” Challenge May 2-August 7, 2010, with prizes awarded during each of the five segments and two grand prize winners. The fifth segment prize winners and grand prize winners were announced on August 12th. Congratulations to: Vicky Mieko, Tribal Center Receptionist; Amanda Savoula, Baraga Casino; George My, Tahitnine; Marquette Casino. Each received $2000 in Nike apparel. Our grand prize winners were: Kristyn Gabe, Baraga Casino and Matthew Matthews, Ojibwa Housing, who both received a health related prize valued up to $750! We had 176 total participants with 81 completing every single session (all single sessions). We hope the WHIPP Task Force. Great job walkers, keep up the good work! Be watching for special events/healthful information every month.

On March 11th and 12th, KBC, Huron Mountain Club, National Wildlife Federation, and the Yellow Dog Watershed Environmental Preserve, Inc. filed “Petitions for Review of Final Determination and Order of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Concerning Part 31 Groundwater Discharge Permit No. GW1810162 and Part 632 Non-Permitting GP-02-002 Mining No. MP 01 2007” in the circuit court for the County of Washtenaw in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The oral arguments/briefs were heard on June 2, 2010, and a motion to dismiss/and a change of venue by Keneecott. A decision for these requests has still not been made by the judge. The final briefs were received in the Circuit Court regarding the Part 632 Mining Permit Case (including Eagle Rock) and the Part 31 Groundwater Permit Case on July 20th.

Migwech and our appreciation to all of our brave and courageous brave and friends and friends who have been taking care of Migiizi wa sin throughout the ages.

Please continue to tell/write to your elected officials and everyone that the short term benefits of the proposed mine are not worth the harmful long term effects on our health, rivers, Great Lakes, wood and wild places because of the over exhaustion of the drainage. Also challenge your November election candidates to address issues of sulfide mining, sulfide and uranium exploration, mineral rights, and landowner rights. Please call me or write if you would like to review the National Wildlife Federation’s DVD “Mining Madness, Water Wars: The Great Lakes in the Balance.”

Remember to continue to pray for, honor, and remember all of our veterans, service men and women, and their families. Remember those who are ill, all who have lost loved ones, all who are facing economic struggles. Let us be thankful for our beautiful area, and we pray for peace in the world, good health, and happiness. We also continue to urge the richness of Native American contributions, accomplishments, and sacrifices to the political...
2010, the following actions were taken:
At the council meeting held August 5, 2010, the following actions were taken:
• Approved the minutes of April 10, 2010;
• Approved a donation of $1000 to the Baraga County Community Foundation Tony Selkey Memorial Golf sponsorship;
• Approved Resolution KB 1770-2010 DHHS/IHS FY11 Tribal Management Grant (for electronic health records and VOIP phone management);
• Approved $8008 for the Community Center/Youth Facility surveillance system equipment;
• Approved Ojibwa Builders bid for the Early Childhood Education Center;
• Approved the construction contract to Tribal Construction Company for the sewer work at the Marina/Campground;
• Approved interviewing five qualified applicants for the Commodity Foods Director position.

At the council meeting held August 12, 2010, the following actions were taken:
• Approved up to $35,000 from the roads funding for a front-end loader from a Marquette auction;
• Approved the minutes of April 15, 16, and 22, 2010;
• Approved to offer the Commodity Foods Director position to Darren Webb;
• Approved a loan from the Superior National Bank for $30,000 and to pledge the Trust Account assets as collateral on the loan and authorize the President to sign the loan documents for signature and purchase;
• Approved the continuation of Tim Shanahan’s sick leave hours until we hear from our insurance agent;
• Approved the Early Childhood Education Center standard agreement with the changes with Ojibwa Builders;
• Approved the services agreement with Ashlin Koski for a website development for the Community Assistance Program website.
• Approved the BSA Training proposal for air sealing/insulation and contractor installation/training for 15 students (CAP Office);
• Motion that the 15 students trained by BSA be Tribal members;
• Motion to schedule the three enterprise appeal of termination hearings for August 19, 2010;
• Approved the 3rd Reading for Ordinance 2010-01 to amend Sections 18B.303 through 18B.305 of Title 18 Chapter B of the Tribal Code to require the renewal of gaming establishment licenses every three years and waive the approval of the minutes and the policy.

At the council meeting held August 19, 2010, the following actions were taken:
• Approved a services agreement with Cory Foutaine to paint a mural on the north side of the Library/Science Center building;
• Approved the August donations: Linda Krampainen for a wheelchair ramp, $500 for the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run, $64 additional to Jessica Koski for gas for the “Protect the Elder” walk, $447.53 for the Military Order of the Purple Heart Convention at the Baraga Casino, $1000 to the Yankton Sioux Tribe for the flash flood disaster, $1000 to the Beacon House in Marquette; $1000 to the Marine Corps League (H. Mattson for an enclosed trailer to store the war memorial), $1000 to the Cancer Society (Relay for Life), and $1000 to Cultures Survival (preserves native languages—website).

Respectfully submitted,
Susan J. LaFerriere, Secretary

EDUCATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM

The Keweenaw Bay Education Committee offers the Education Incentive Program to local KBIC Tribal students. Monetary incentives are awarded each year during one of the four marking periods of the academic year. Awards are given for Honor Roll and Perfect Attendance. Students must meet the following criteria:
1. Must be enrolled KBIC members.
2. Must reside in one of the following four counties: Baraga, Houghton, Ontonagon or Marquette.
3. Must attend a public or private school.
4. A student’s Honor Roll status is defined according to the regulations of their school district. Students in grades four through twelve are eligible to receive this award.

Perfect Attendance follows the school policy also but time for doctor or dental appointments must also be allowed. Please contact the following people for more information:
L’Anse Area Schools – Shellie Denomie 524-0367 shdenomi@laschools.k12.mi.us
Baraga Area Schools – Helen Jondreau 353-6661 hjondreau@up.net
All others contact Amy St. Arnold 353-4117 amy@kbic-nsn.gov

Houghton, Ontonagon and Marquette students must provide a copy of student report card. If attendance is not noted on the card, please have a school official document by signature. Report cards may be mailed to Keweenaw Bay Tribal Center, Education Office, 16419 Beartown Rd. Baraga MI 49908

Spiritual Message, from the National Indian Council on Aging

This Message to America is the result of the National Indian Council on Aging 2000 Conference in Duluth, Minnesota. More than 1,200 elders from 105 tribes across America attended and contributed to the message which resulted from the ways and wisdom we have lived this, think about our elders. They came together in a true spirit of cooperation, setting aside tribal and political differences so that we and our children might have words of wisdom to help throughout our lives. Please share this message to as many people as you can, both Native and non-Native. These are the words of Native American
Title: Deep Sympathy

Barbara Marie Mantila
March 31, 1921 - September 13, 2010

Barbara M. Mantila, 82 of Baraga, MI, passed away on Monday, September 13, 2010, at her home after a long battle with ovarian cancer. She was born March 31, 1921, in Zeba, MI, the daughter of Samuel Lightfoot and Margaret (Kipsoden) Spruce. Barbara graduated from Baraga High School in 1939. She was a community health representative and an Associate Tribal Judge for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

Surviving her in death are her parents: John (Gerry) Mantila of Zeba, James (Lisa) Mantila of Ishpeming, Carl Mantila of L’Anse; daugh- ters: Sylvia (Tim) Murray of Baraga, Mavis Mantila of Minneapolis, MN, Kathleen Mantil- lal, Karla Dowd both of Baraga; and sister, Mary (Rose) Dowd of Escanaba, Joe (Kelly) Dowd of L’Anse, husband Edward Mantila; and her brothers, Russell, William, Robert, Kenneth, Sam, infant son, Jonathan Evans, Sara Mantila Roosa, Emily Mantila, Kristin Brown, Cheyenne Holappa; five great grandchildren; Madison & Lauren Evans, Scott Michael Brown, Amber Dowd and Kyle Holappa.

Preceding her in death are her husband; infant Edward Mantila; and her brothers, Russell, William, Robert, Kenneth, Sam.

Funeral services will be held at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens Center, with a funeral service held on Fri- day, Sept. 17th with Rev. John Henry offici- ating. The Jacobson Funeral Home of L’Anse assisted the family.

Doris E. Roberts
November 14, 1928 - September 15, 2010

Doris E. Roberts, 66, of Baraga, MI, passed away Wednesday, September 15, 2010, at Marquette General Hospital, follow- ing a short illness. She was born in Assi- niboine, MI, on November 14, 1928, the daugh- ter of the late Francis and Sarah (Edwards) Dowd. Doris was a graduate of Baraga High School. She married Raymond Rob- erts in Zeba, MI on August 11, 1943. Doris is a member of Holy Name of Jesus Church, Assinibo, MI, the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, and various committees including the Tribal Enrollment Board. Doris enjoys going to fairs, playing bingo, computer games, being outside, playing cards, shopping at Walmart, cooking and baking. She loved spending time with her grandchil- dren.

Mrs. Roberts is survived by her loving husband, Raymond of Baraga, son, Michael Dowd of L’Anse; daughter, Melinda Roberts of Ishpeming, Carl Mantila of L’Anse; grandchildren, Troy, Davina, Allyson, Gregory, Michael, and Jonah; a great grandchild, Aubrey; brothers, Tom (Rose) Dowd of Escanaba, Joe (Kelly) Dowd of Zeba, and Larry Dowd both of Baraga; and sister, Mary Saunders of Sault Ste. Marie. Numerous nieces, nephews and cousins also survive. She is preceded in death by her sister Pat, and brother Bruce.

Funeral services for Mrs. Roberts were held on Friday, September 17, 2010, at the Reich Funeral Service and Chapel of L’Anse, with Pastor John Longo officiating. The Reich Funeral Home assisted the family.

Title: CEO REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2010

The month of August into September marks the beginning of planning for the review of FY11 Budgets. Enterprise and government department budgets were completed and turned in mid-August. Initial review of things upstream provided a snapshot of the inequity between revenue generation, grants, and Tribal support dollars needed. During the month of September, Council will be reviewing and meeting with departments to perform the annual balancing act.

The TERO Director position, which is currently vacant, has been approved by Council to be upgraded, made full-time and reporting to the Tribal President as designated in the TERO Ordinance. The changes will allow for the TERO office to become more involved in providing training and opportunities for our community to meet the needs. With the current economic condi- tions and job market, changes in future job opportunities in the area are imminent. Providing training and opportunities for members who meet the skills needed for upcoming labor force needs is critical. The posting for the new position closes on September 10, with interest and selection expected to take place by the 24th.

The Tribe is also seeking to fill the position of Parks Caretaker. The position has been changed slightly with supervision be- ing removed from the Parks and Recreation Director and placed with the CEO. With the growth and development of the Sand Point Recreation Area the position becomes more of a business related than maintenance related requirement. The position will be filled around the 24th of Septem- ber as well.

Our office, along with Project Manager, Bruce LaPointe, Realty Officer, Jason Ayres, and Tribal Construction GM, Mike LaFernier, will be developing a new depart- ment approved by Council. The Depart- ment of Public and Commercial Buildings will be lead by Barry LaPointe and be added to the CEO. The new department will be predominantly focused on Indian Reservation roads programs but will eventually incorporate func- tions of the current Tribal Construction Company which will be phased out completely in March of next year. Plans are un- derway to make this new department Chang- e the tribal government structure. The new department will be under the direction and guidance of Barry LaPointe and will provide a new position which will aid him in overseeing the new department. The department will initially focus on Indian Reservation roads programs but will eventually incorporate func- tions of the current Tribal Construction Company which will be phased out completely in March of next year. Plans are un- derway to make this new department Chang- e the tribal government structure. The new department will be under the direction and guidance of Barry LaPointe and will provide a new position which will aid him in overseeing the new department. The department will initially focus on Indian Reservation roads programs but will eventually incorporate func- tions of the current Tribal Construction Company which will be phased out completely in March of next year. Plans are un- derway to make this new department Chang- e the tribal government structure. The new department will be under the direction and guidance of Barry LaPointe and will provide a new position which will aid him in overseeing the new department. The department will initially focus on Indian Reservation roads programs but will eventually incorporate func- tions of the current Tribal Construction Company which will be phased out completely in March of next year. Plans are un- derway to make this new department Chang- e the tribal government structure. The new department will be under the direction and guidance of Barry LaPointe and will provide a new position which will aid him in overseeing the new department. The department will initially focus on Indian Reservation roads programs but will eventually incorporate func- tions of the current Tribal Construction Company which will be phased out completely in March of next year. Plans are un-derway to make this new department Chang- e the tribal government structure. The new department will be under the direction and guidance of Barry LaPointe and will provide a new position which will aid him in overseeing the new department. The department will initially focus on Indian Reservation roads programs but will eventually incorporate func- tions of the current Tribal Construction Company which will be phased out completely in March of next year. Plans are un-derway to make this new department Chang- e the tribal government structure. The new department will be under the direction and guidance of Barry LaPointe and will provide a new position which will aid him in overseeing the new department. The department will initially focus on Indian Reservation roads programs but will eventually incorporate func- tions of the current Tribal Construction Company which will be phased out completely in March of next year. Plans are un-derway to make this new department Chang- e the tribal government structure. The new department will be under the direction and guidance of Barry LaPointe and will provide a new position which will aid him in overseeing the new department. The department will initially focus on Indian Reservation roads programs but will eventually incorporate func- tions of the current Tribal Construction Company which will be phased out completely in March of next year. Plans are un-derway to make this new department Chang- e the tribal government structure. The new department will be under the direction and guidance of Barry LaPointe and will provide a new position which will aid him in overseeing the new department. The department will initially focus on Indian Reservation roads programs but will eventually incorporate func-

The Tribe has a very strong budget committee, and this new department will be very well supported by the Tribal Council and the Tribe’s Wellness Initiative. The new department will include a section for participants to provide their comments. Some lost weight, with one stat- ing that along with a balanced diet and tracking their steps, they lost a total of 53 lbs. Others got their members involved who never walked before talking about how much better they felt and energy they had. Many stated they were going to keep up with their walking program just because of the results they saw. The Septem- ber event promotes healthier food choices and every Wednesday fresh fruits and vege- tables will be provided to every department member. The fall in the TERO measures Your Way to Health” as the promotion is pitched, has already garnered positive feed back.

The Donald A. LaPointe Health Center renovation and expansion project is shaping up nicely. The exterior of the facility is nearly enclosed and the completion date of September 30th is on track. The hours of operation for the facility, that were adjusted early this summer to accommodate the completion date, have been extended to the end of the project completion. The facility is open Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., and is closed on Fridays.

Robert Mudd, General Manager of the Baraga Casino and Resort, has been approved to make a change to the existing tribal operation agreement. The Eagles Nest currently operated by the tribe will close the end of the business day on September 25th. On October 1st the new operator will reopen under new management and will have the opportunity to serve you with what is planned to be some exceptional food choices.

As a final note, the Tribe was recently awarded two new grants. The Tribal Court was awarded a $350,000 grant to operate a concept known as Drug Court. Brad Da- vina, Tribal Court Director and Chief Justice, will be the new operator the opportunity to serve you with what is planned to be some exceptional food choices.

The Tribe’s Community Library received a $133,000 IMLS grant which will provide a mobile library to extend its offerings within the community including the Headstart, Early Headstart and daycare operations. Amy St. Arnold, Education Director, over- sees the library and will provide more infor- mation during her budget meeting with Council next week as well. Congratulations to Jean Johkinen and Jim Stingle on writing the grant and will provide more details during his budget meeting with Council next week.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Larry J. Denomie, III, CEO

Ojibwa Community Library News

The library has also added the following titles:

• The Devil’s Bed by William Kent Krueger;
• Thunder Bay by William Kent Krueger;
• Children’s Cook Book, Quick and tasty recipes for young chefs.

~ Mary Bergerson, Library Director
Drugs Education For Youth (DEFY) is a self-esteem building program that provides kids with the tools they need to resist drugs, gangs, and alcohol.

DEFY focuses on building youngsters' self-image and setting goals. It stresses interpersonal relations, and emphasizes leadership and teamwork. Along the way it raises awareness of the harmful effects of alcohol and other drugs, as well as the dangerous effects of peer pressure to join gangs. The structured curriculum offers education, skill development and physical fitness. DEFY is all about creating positive experiences so that kids will choose healthy alternatives instead of substance abuse and gang involvement, and experience a lesson in apprehension.

“This year, 35 kids participated in the KBIC DEFY summer camp. The kids learned life skills that will help them make positive decisions when put into difficult situations. The kids also had an opportunity to participate in team competitions throughout the week, go bowling, take a boat ride on the KBIC Tribal Conservation Boat, experience a K-9 presentation, track, article search, and apprehension. We had five more kids attend camp this year which is great!”

I would like to thank the Drug Demand Reduction Division of the DEA and Michigan National Guard out of Grand Rapids, the U.S. Attorney’s Office (Grand Rapids and Marquette), the KBIC Tribal Police and Conservation Department, Ojibwa Lanes, Baraga Fire Department, Bay Ambulance, and the KBIC Youth Department for allowing members of their departments to take part in the DEFY camp experience.

submitted by Chris Garard, Weed & Seed Coordinator
Football Program Receives Donation From Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Weed & Seed Grant

To kick off the 2010 season, the Baraga Youth Football held a parent meeting at the Baraga Football Field. The Baraga Youth Football program has been funded by donations through the KBIC Weed & Seed program, GE program, and Baraga Booster Club. Entering into their fifth season of youth football, the program has now expanded into a padded program for the 2010 season. In 2009, the KBIC Weed & Seed Program and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community donated funds for the purchase of football equipment. Pictured above are players using the new equipment for this first time.

In 2010, the Baraga Youth Football program will continue with flag football for grades (k-6), and the padded program for grades (5-6) provide techniques, guidance and drills for the players. The program will continue to work with L’Arise for the 2010 season with dates/times for the home and away k-6 games. Schedule will be available at a later date.

The Baraga Youth Football program has established a committee of: Chris Gerard (KBIC Weed & Seed), Dean Osterman (coach/organizer) and Bill Jondreau (coach/organizer). A separate football committee (Baraga Football coaches and athletic director) was established to meet with the youth program to offer guidance and instruction. Parents/players can also find additional information on the Baraga Youth Football website @ weplay.com.

Save The Wild U.P To Host Musical Artist Claudia Schmidt

Save the Wild U.P will host musical artist Claudia Schmidt in concert on Friday, October 22, at the historic Thunder Bay Inn in beautiful uptown Big Bay, beginning with a social hour at 5:30 p.m.

Michigan native Claudia Schmidt describes herself as a "creative noisemaker," which has delighted many audiences who learn to expect anything at her concerts - hymn, poem, bawdy verse, torch song, satire, and the gamut of emotions. One critic has described a Claudia Schmidt concert as "...a lot like falling in love. You never know what's going to happen next; chances are it's going to be wonderful; every moment is burned into your memory; and you never want to see it end." Claudia Schmidt will entertain the audience with her songs and talent, which include, vocals, guitar, mandolin, dobro, and harmonica. The event is free and open to the public, but reservations are required. For reservations, call 482-4643.

2010 Summer—Annual Youth Trip

This year was an exciting year for the KBIC Youth Club. Seventeen youth attend the annual Summer Trip this year, which was held in Minneapolis, MN. The youth group enjoyed a Major League baseball game, the Mall of America, and Valley Fair amusement park. Six chaperones escorted the 17 youth on their trip. Chaperones included Cheryne Clements (Youth Director), Vicky Mieko (Youth Committee Member), Jeannine Kauppila (Youth Committee Member), Mariah Dunham (Youth Programs Employee), Angela Olson (Top Adult Volunteer for the 2010 year) and Brigitte LaPointe (Volunteer Chaperone).

In order for youth to attend the Summer Trip, they had to document 5 hours of volunteer time throughout the year where different events and opportunities were held for the youth to achieve these volunteer hours. These opportunities included, but weren't limited too, activities such as helping at the Powwow concession stand, setting up and cleaning up after youth dances, Youth Roadside clean up nights, assisting with the Tribal Youth Basketball Tournament, attending Youth Club meetings, decorating for Holiday Parties, Little Caesars Pizza Kit Fundraiser, Youth Carwash, and being a Mentor for the Youth Programs Summer Days program or the DEFY Camp.

If your child is interested in becoming a part of the Youth Club call 352-4643 for information or visit them at the Youth Programs office, which is located in the Ojibwa Community College building.

New Employees

Darren Webb has been hired as the Commodities Director. Darren brings ten years of experience with him, as he has been employed with the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community’s Commodities Program as a certification/warehouse employee.

Darren is a KBIC member, and lives in Baraga with his seven-year-old son, Robert. Darren states, “In my spare time, I enjoy hunting and fishing, and outdoor activities.”

Joshua Drury has been hired as a KBIC Wildlife Technician. Josh brings more than ten years experience to KBIC in the natural resource field. His previous employment includes one year with the Lake Superior Watershed, four years with the DNR, two years with the National Park Service, two years with the US Fish and Wildlife, and one year with his own tribe, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, as a Lake Sturgeon Technician.

Josh is a 2002 graduate of Northern Michigan University with a Bachelor’s of Science degree in Environmental Conservation and a Native American Studies minor.

Josh lives north of Marquette with his two English Setters, Pepper and Spice. In his spare time, he enjoys hunting and fishing, watching football, and spending time at his camp on Conway Lake in Big Bay.
 Owned and operated by the Ojibwa Housing Authority. All proceeds go to affordable housing activities in our community.

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We pray that children will honor and revere the same family. It is our sacred trust to embrace children from all walks of life because we are part of humanity. All life is sacred. Every child born is a precious gift of our Creator. Spiritual Message from elders continued:
elders, but the values expressed in this message can be appreciated by all of humanity.

Spiritual Message From Our Elders

As we stand before the dawn of a new millennium, we pray for American's survival, our survival. We pray that we will be given strength by the Creator to follow the footsteps of our forefathers to share our love, respect, and compassion for one another. There is good in everyone because our Creator has put a little of "Himself" in all of us. We pray for forgiveness for the pain and suffering we have caused one another. We pray that our children will not repeat our mistakes.

We pray that we can respect the diversity of America; all life is sacred. Each child born is a precious gift of our Creator. It is our sacred trust to embrace children from all walks of life because we are part of the same family.

We pray that children will honor and respect their elders — that is where the wisdom comes from. This respect will not allow forgotten elders. We are all equal, with each having our own special gift to contribute. These values allow our youth to become leaders and workers in our society. Children, you are our future and we hope for the people. Stand and be courageous. We pray to learn and use the wisdom of all that has come before us, to achieve personal successes and to contribute to those of others. Only when our young ones learn respect for everything can they evolve.

NATIVE AMERICAN ANTHOLOGY
SUBMISSIONS REQUESTED

Editors of an upcoming anthology of literature and art related to the contemporary American Indian experience in Michigan are seeking submissions. The book will be published by the Northern Michigan University Center for Native American Studies and the NMU Press, with funding from the Michigan Humanities Council.

Religious topics may include—but are not limited to—the land, lakes, family, the search for center, ideas of time and the past, communalism and Native communities or reservation homelands, orality, storytelling, the power of words and symbols, Indian education, places and Indian place making in the state, sacred site retention and loss, Indian/land reciprocity, the Michigan urban Indian experience, ceremony and ritual, new cultural ways and the persistence of traditional arts and lifeways.

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We pray for respect and love of Mother Earth. We pray to learn and use the wisdom of all that has come before us, to achieve personal successes and to contribute to those of others. Only when our young ones learn respect for everything can they evolve. Do not just take and waste resources. Make it a priority to conserve. The land is given to us by the Creator to care for, not to own. If we take care of the land, the land will take care of us. Unity

We should have respect for each other. We pray for commitment and responsible behavior in order to help those in need and foundation for their young children. This project is a way to assist them in building literacy skills while they gain a greater understanding of their heritage." In addition to compiling oral history interviews for the Tribal preservation efforts, the project will provide opportunities for family literacy activities that result in family albums, slide-shows, videos, and books.

Juntunen explains, "One of our Even Start students has already completed her first oral history project. After interviewing her great-aunt, she chose to create a digital slideshow for her children to teach them about a topic they had discussed, The Four Medicines. Her work helps to create a bridge between the generations and will support the continuing efforts of cultural preservation for her family and the community."

The "Dream Catcher Chronicles" project is funded by a grant through the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Even Start Family Literacy program was one of nine recipients nation-wide to receive the 2010 grant award. Funding has allowed the project to purchase state-of-the-art equipment and resources for oral history recording and preservation. Honoraria will be provided to Elders participating in the project.

KBIC Even Start is a free educational service to families with children 0-6 and at least one parent who would like to improve literacy skills, graduate from high school, or earn a GED. For more information on program services or "The Dream Catcher Chronicles" oral history project, call the Center at 353-8161.

Spiritual Message from elders continued:

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Earth

We pray for respect and love of Mother Earth because she is the foundation of human survival and we must keep her pollution-free for those who will travel after us. Protect her water, air, soil, trees, forests, plants, and animals. Do not just take and waste resources. Make it a priority to conserve.

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to give them support and friendship. Be an example in life that others may follow; serve people, community, and country.

We should all strive to be leaders and contributors. Do not sit back and let others plan and do all the thinking.

Let us unite together so that we may have the strength to protect our future. Strength comes from working through trials and tribulations.

Health

Spiritual health is the key to holistic health.
We pray to have the discipline to set healthy examples for our children to follow.
Respecting everyone and everything in the universe starts with self-respect.
Take time to listen and take care of your body and spirit.

Family and Youth

Family is important and precious. Always let them know that they are loved.
Let your children and grandchildren know you are always there to love and support them and that they mean the world to you no matter what they do or say. Children are of infinite value.
Live what you teach. Spiritual values, honesty, and integrity start in the home.
We pray for the youth. We must teach the youth to work together and respect all that is living on our Mother Earth.
We need to convey to our younger generations that the survival of our people lies in spirituality.

Peace

We pray to learn ways to settle differences peacefully.
Teach respect for each other’s ideas.
Teach respect for each other; Be there for each other;
Respect courage;
Share knowledge;
Always keep learning.

~ submitted by Loretta Hugo, Ojibwa Senior Citizens

To The 7th Generation

• Survive;
• Keep hopes and dreams;
• Take care of yourself;
• Remember your spirit;
• Be there for each other;
• Respect courage;
• Share knowledge;
• Always keep learning.


I have to tell you about this freaky thing that happened Sunday morning when I was out trotting. I saw this old bird next to the road and I said “Good morning” to him. He looked a little ornery. About 30 seconds later, I felt something hit the back of my head, and it propelled me forward. I’ll be damned; it was that ornery old bird that flew into the back of my head. He went and sat there, and it propelled me forward. I’ll be danged if that crazy possessed thing.

After all that, I’m trotting on Thursday morning, and I’ll be darned if that crazy bird wasn’t back in the trees eyeballing me. I think he’s protecting a nest or something. He was following me for a couple of palm trees, squawking away and then stopped when I clapped my hands and said gaawiin.

~ shared with the community by Loretta Hugo

A Note From SFC Donna Veker-Stump, U.S. Army, Iraq, to her mother, Loretta Hugo, Zeba, Michigan...

A dedication ceremony was held on August 31, 2010, for KBIC’s Zaagkii Greenhouse, located at the KBIC Natural Resource Department on the Pequaming Road, on the Ke- weenaw Bay Indian Reservation. The greenhouse is one of the few in this region whose purpose is to work with native plant species. The 33 foot dome building will serve as both an educational tool and an example of the diversity of native life for the Keweenaw Bay In- dian Community.

Tribal Council Secretary, Susan J. LaFernier, invites the community to “stop by and visit the greenhouse and see first hand how wonderful it is.”

~ submitted by newsletter editor
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;
- 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.

KBOCC Students Services Corner

KBOCC Student Services has a full agenda of programs, events, and activities for the Fall 2010 semester:

Student Groups:
- The KBOCC Student Government is set up to represent the student body and all KBOCC students are welcome to attend Student Government meetings.
- SNOWS (Student & Native Organization of Writers and Storytellers) is set up to promote and encourage student and community writers and is open to all KBOCC students.
- AISES (American Indian Science & Engineering Society) promotes student interest in engineering and science fields and is open to all KBOCC students.

Student Events:
- A variety of student events are scheduled for this semester and include:
  - cultural events,
  - Wi and study group activities at the Student Center,
  - "color" tours,
  - healthy cooking, etc.

The Keweenaw Bay Tribal Government will be instrumental in continuing to develop the Student Calendar for the rest of the semester, so please attend the Student Government meetings with your ideas!

Student Programs:
- Student programming for the Fall 2010 semester includes:
  - A Career Guidance Program
  - Student Leadership/1st Year Student Experience Workshops
  - Math Refresher/Overcoming Math Anxiety Workshops
  - Evening Child Care

Student ideas are the driving force of Student Service programming, so please bring your ideas to a KBOCC Student Government meeting or to Cheerie Dakota, Dean of Student Services (353-4628). Millegowch!

All Tribal Veterans’ Meeting at the Lighthouse, Sand Point, will be held every third Wednesday of the month at 1900 hours. All Tribal Veterans Welcome!

IMLS Awards More Than $2 Million to Native American Tribes for Enhancement of Library Services

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) announced September 7, 2010, that out of 46 applicants nation-wide, 17 Federally Recognized Native American tribal communities were chosen to receive $2,030,562.00 in Native American Library Services Enhancement grants. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community was awarded a two year, $133,779.00 enhancement grant.

The project is titled “Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Aabijji-minidwin (Endless Gift) Project.” It is a cooperative effort, between the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Education Department, Ojibwa Community Library, the Early Head Start/Head Start Program and the Pre-Education Center, that will focus on expanding and enhancing existing library services to children up to the age of five and their caregivers.

New books, audio visual materials, and expanded hours will enhance the library’s appeal to children and their families. School classes will visit the library monthly. Staff will initiate a supplemental in-school outreach program that takes the library to the children and establishes mini-libraries at the Zeba and Baraga centers on the reservation.

The Ojibwa Community Library is located at 409 Superior Ave., in Baraga; phone 353-8163; e-mail: cclib@up.net

Credit Reports

Credit Report! “I know mine is awful, and I don’t want to see it!” This is the reaction of many people when they first approached about reviewing their credit reports. They have a fear of even looking at them. This blocks them from being able to move forward toward becoming a homeowner, starting a small business, purchasing a vehicle or whatever their desire may be. For several years now, Ojibwa Housing Authority staff has assisted others with credit reviews, the process, the Ojibwa Housing Authority provides sessions that assist in all of these areas. A Homebuyer Information and Financial Session, (Part 1 & Part 2) is scheduled for October 7th and October 14 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Ojibwa Housing Authority office. Those interested in attending are asked to call Natalie or Christine at 353-7117.

If you are thinking of purchasing a home in the near or distant future and would like information on lending agencies, how to clear credit issues or the home buying process, the Ojibwa Housing Authority provides sessions that assist in all of these areas. A Homebuyer Information and Financial Session, (Part 1 & Part 2) is scheduled for October 7th and October 14 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Ojibwa Housing Authority. Those interested in attending are asked to call Natalie or Christine at 353-7117.

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Michigan Tobacco Quitline Offers Free Nicotine Patches, Gum or Lozenges

LANSING - Michigan is smokefree. Are you? The Michigan Department of Community Health is encouraging people who want to quit smoking or chewing tobacco to take advantage of free nicotine replacement products by calling the Michigan Tobacco Quitline. The Quitline phone number is 1-800-QUIT-NOW (784.8669) and registration is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The program will provide a two-week supply of nicotine patches, gum or lozenges to all tobacco users who are age 18 and over and meet basic health requirements. The free program is available to all callers regardless of income or insurance status. MDCH also will continue to provide the same products to the uninsured on a regular basis. The nicotine patches, gum and lozenges are available now until supplies last and are provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

To be eligible, callers must enroll in cessation services with the Michigan Tobacco Quitline at 1-800-QUIT-NOW. When Michigan residents enroll with the Quitline, they will receive a personal coach who will assist them in setting a quit date and making an individualized quit plan. The personal coach also will provide ongoing support with up to five telephone coaching sessions around the caller's quit date.

“Callers using nicotine replacement therapy (NRT) along with support through a telephone-based service like 1-800-QUIT NOW can increase their chances of remaining smokefree by 28 percent compared to quitting cold turkey,” said Dr. Greg Holzman, chief medical executive for MDCH. “Providing access to free NRT during this promotion will greatly enhance MDCH's mission to take steps to prevent disease, promote wellness and improve quality of life.”

The Michigan Tobacco Quitline has received nearly 34,000 requests for assistance since it was launched in October 2003. The Quitline offers both English and Spanish-speaking counselors, as well as interpretive services for a wide variety of languages. For more information, call 1-800-QUIT-NOW or go to www.michigan.gov/ tobacco.

Save The Wild U.P Host Schmidt continued: know you'll never be the same again.” Schmidt travels to the Big Bay area, helping to bring awareness to the Kennecott Eagle Project and the importance of protecting land and water resources for future generations. “My inspiration and writing has always been deeply rooted in connection with the Kennebec bioregion or just plain Planet Earth. My passion and my challenge is for living in balance. I hope, by example, to inspire others to hold to that challenge,” says Schmidt.

A social gathering will begin at 5:30 at the Inn featuring local musicians, Michigan wine and cheese selections and a silent auction of beautiful artwork, donated by local artists. Claudia’s concert will begin at 7:30 - 9:00 pm. Tickets are available at the SWUP office, Big Bay Outfitters, or the evening of the concert for $25, student tickets, $20. All seating is great, however, limited. Buy early!

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 F.Y.I 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.
**We provide the following services:**

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


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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. John Henry

Church office 524-7909

Parsonage 524-7906

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**Catholic Community of Baraga County**

- **Holy Name of Jesus**
  - Pastor: Father John Longbucco
  - Confessions: Sunday before Mass
  - Sunday Mass: 11:00 a.m.
  - Stannann@up.net

- **Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha**
  - Contact: 353-6565

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**KBIC Seasonal Flu Vaccine Clinic**

- **KBIC Health Dept. 2nd Floor**
- **Walk-in Basis**

Vaccine is available for Tribal members, descendants, & non-native household contacts.

- **Every Tuesday**
- **9:00 - 4:00**
- **Walk-in Basis**
- **While Supplies Last**

Bring your insurance card if you have one.

If you need to schedule an alternate time or date contact:
Heather; 353-4546 or Kim, 353-4510.

**Sponsored by KBIC’s Department of Health & Human Services**

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**Dream Catcher Chronicles**

**353-8161**

**Share Your Story**

**with KBIC Even Start Family Literacy Center**

**If you have a story to tell or a memory to share... **

**KBIC Even Start wants you to be a part of the**

**Project 353-8161**