The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on January 8, 2011, at the Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room in Baraga, Michigan. President Warren C. Swartz, Jr., presided over the meeting with William E. Emery, Susan J. LaFernier, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Eddy Edwards, Jerry Lee Curtis, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth D. Mayo, and Toni J. Minton present. Isabelle H. Welsh was absent. President Warren C. Swartz, Jr., shared numerous Thank You and For Your Information items addressed to Council. The President’s Report was given for December 2010 by President Warren C. Swartz, Jr. (page two), the Secretary’s Report was given for December 2010 by Secretary Susan J. LaFernier (page three), the Treasurer’s Report was given for December 2010 by Treasurer Eddy Edwards (page two), and the CEO Report was given for November and December 2010 by CEO Larry Denomie III (page four). Council passed the Department Head Reports for November 2010.

Council held the 3rd Reading of the Title 16 Motor Vehicle Code 2010-04 (1st Reading held 04/29/2010, 2nd reading held 06/12/2010 and 11/18/2010). Motion by Fred Dakota to adopt substitute #1 for proposed substitute for proposed ordinance 2010-04, supported by Jerry Lee Curtis, ten supported, (Emery, S. LaFernier, Matthews, Edwards, Curtis, Dakota, M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot, Mayo, Minton), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 1 absent (Welsh), motion carried. President Swartz called the motion out of order. Motion by Elizabeth Mayo to adopt the substitute to the proposed ordinance 2010-04, supported by Eddy Edwards, seven supported (Emery, S. LaFernier, Matthews, Edwards, Curtis, Dakota, Mayo), three opposed (M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot, Minton), 0 abstained, 1 absent (Welsh), motion carried. Motion by Elizabeth Mayo to adopt proposed ordinance 2010-04, supported by Eddy Edwards, nine supported (Emery, S. LaFernier, Matthews, Edwards, Curtis, Dakota, M. LaFernier, Mayo, Minton), one opposed (Loonsfoot), 0 abstained, 1 absent (Welsh), motion carried. Eddy Edwards brought forth the Business Corporation/Resolution KB1801-2011. Motion by Eddy Edwards to adopt the Business Corporation/Resolution KB1801-2011 which authorizes the incorporation and approves these Articles of Incorporation, supported by Gary Loonsfoot, Sr. No vote conducted. Toni Minton motion to table the Business Corp. Resolution KB1801-2010 until a review is made by the Attorney’s office within a period of two weeks, supported by S. LaFernier, ten supported, 0 opposed, 1 absent (Welsh), motion carried.

Motion by Elizabeth Mayo to adopt the substitute to the proposed ordinance 2010-04, supported by Eddy Edwards, seven supported (Emery, S. LaFernier, Matthews, Edwards, Curtis, Dakota, Mayo), three opposed (M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot, Minton), 0 abstained, 1 absent (Welsh), motion carried. Motion by Elizabeth Mayo to adopt proposed ordinance 2010-04, supported by Eddy Edwards, nine supported (Emery, S. LaFernier, Matthews, Edwards, Curtis, Dakota, M. LaFernier, Mayo, Minton), one opposed (Loonsfoot), 0 abstained, 1 absent (Welsh), motion carried. Eddy Edwards brought forth the Business Corporation/Resolution KB1801-2011. Motion by Eddy Edwards to adopt the Business Corporation/Resolution KB1801-2011 which authorizes the incorporation and approves these Articles of Incorporation, supported by Gary Loonsfoot, Sr. No vote conducted. Toni Minton motion to table the Business Corp. Resolution KB1801-2010 until a review is made by the Attorney’s office within a period of two weeks, supported by S. LaFernier, ten supported, 0 opposed, 1 absent (Welsh), motion carried.
The following is a list of activities that occurred in the office of the President for the month of December 2010.

- I attended a number of committee meetings including the Gaming Commission, hiring, and others as needed.
- The City of Negaunee has informed us of their support regarding the Airport Terminal.
- On behalf of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, I wrote a letter of support for the United States USDA Forest Service Eastern Region, especially for the services of Jan Schultz, who worked with the Cedar Tree Institute to assist in launching our Native Plant Restoration Initiative — The Zaaqki Project.

It has been an extraordinary adventure which resulted in a newly constructed 33-foot greenhouse at our hatchery on Peninsula Road in Zeba. The Tribal Council is glad the dome is located near Zeba. There are issues which will be addressed next week in order to keep the growing season throughout the winter.

- I appointed Brigitte LaPointe to a Task Force in which TERO will be needed in the future.
- 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.

THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2010

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PRESIDENT’S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2010

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

Today, I want to report about the Tribe’s Annual Audit process which is currently under way and is due at the end of the fiscal year, September 30th. We hire a very confident firm to come in and audit our gaming enterprises and our government operations. One of the main duties of an annual audit is to review our financial statements for reliability. The audit is conducted in accordance with auditing standards, and those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable insurance that the financial statements are free of material mis-statements. The auditor will also look at the operations related to federal awards; specifically grants, how those grants are administered, and if we are following the rules of those grants. This is something that we do every year, and it is one of the most important documents of the year. It summarizes all of our fiscal year statements and gives an opinion of those statements. Those statements are the responsibility of our senior management, and they provide an opinion about those statements. This is something that I wanted to inform the community about. This is an important document, and it is important for me to see the results of this audit, so that we can feel ensured that our financial statements are true and correct, and that our programs are being administered accordingly. Upon completion of this audit for fiscal year 2010, I will provide a report to the Council and to the community.

Respectfully submitted,
Eddy Edwards, Treasurer

January 8, 2011, Tribal Council Meeting

The following is a list of activities that occurred at the end of the month of December 2010.

- "Popcorn" Mayo 259 votes, Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., 147 votes, and Donny Shallifoe, Sr. 136 votes. Tribal Council in the L’Anse District were: Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., 214 votes, Toni J. Minton 238 votes, Jean Jokinen 158 votes, and JoAnne Racette 164 votes. For the Associate Judge position: Violet M. Frisvall Ayres 297 votes, and John F. Davis 117 votes. Of 658 eligible voters, 419 voted in the General Election, 64%.

William E. Emery motioned to approve the December 11, 2010 General Election Results, supported by Gary Loonsfoot, Sr., ten supported, 0 opposed, one abstained, one absent (Welsh), motion carried.

New Tribal Council members (Fred Dakota, Elizabeth D. "Popcorn" Mayo, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Toni J. Minton) were sworn in by the President Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. Violet M. Frisvall Ayres was sworn in as Associate Judge for the Keeweenaw Bay Indian Community.

Motion by Elizabeth Mayo to table the reorganization until we have full Council, supported by Susan J. LaFernier, five supported (S. LaFernier, Dakota, M. LaFernier, Mayo, Minton), five opposed. (Emery, Matthews, Edwards, Curtis, Loonsfoot); President Swartz declared he was not going to vote to break the tie, motion is defeated.

Respectfully submitted,
Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President

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DECEMBER 2010 TREASURER’S REPORT

Reorganization nominations and secret ballot vote totals follow: Two nominations for President: Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. (nine votes), Elizabeth "Popcorn" Mayo (two votes) - Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. was named President. Two nominations for Vice President: William E. Emery (six votes), Susan J. LaFernier (five votes) - William E. Emery was named Vice President.

One nomination for Secretary: Susan J. LaFernier was named Secretary. Two nominations for Assistant Secretary: Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews (declined), Toni Minton was named Assistant Secretary.

Two nominations for Treasurer: Eddy Edwards (six votes), Elizabeth "Popcorn" Mayo (five votes) - Eddy Edwards was named Treasurer.

Motion by William E. Emery to utilize Superior National Bank, Wells Fargo, and Republic Bank for depository of funds, supported by Michael LaFernier, Sr., ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Welsh), motion carried.

Motion by Susan J. LaFernier to have the same check signers as last year. To approve one Executive Council Official and one other Council Member to sign the checks, supported by Michael LaFernier, Sr., ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Welsh), motion carried.
Activities reported by the Secretary, Susan J. LaFernier, for the month of December 2010.

ANIN! We honor the greatness in you. Remember: "Indian County Counts," "Our Pole, Our Native Heritage." 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.

On December 4th approximately 267 employees and guests enjoyed the annual Government Christmas Dinner Party held at the Big Buck Lodge. Larry Benefiel, Tribal Manager/CEO, provided the entertainment for "The Tree of Christmas Fortune Giveaway." Congratulations to Kristin Belair, Kyle Hylton, Jennifer Missigam, and Heart Wood who were the winners of $500 each. Many thanks to the Christmas Party Task Force for all of their planning and work for a wonderful party.

We continue to have monthly meetings with our employee W.H.I.P.P. (Wellness, Health, Intervention, Prevention Program) Task Force, volunteers and our Blue Cross representative/Employee Benefits Agency. It is never too late to encourage positive lifestyle changes that will help us live longer, happier lives.

The Task Force and volunteers provided healthy lunches in November and December, and the "Maintain, Don’t Gain Challenge" for the holiday seasons, November 8, 2010 through January 3, 2011. Congratulations to our employees: 119 weighed in at Baraga and Marquette, and 80 weighed out. The "New Year, New You Weight Loss Challenge for 2011" will begin the week of January 10th through January 14th. It is not too late to join the "Walk and Talk" indoor walking program from November 29th through April 8th at the KBOCC gym. Thank you to the KBIC Youth Program, KBIC Diabetes Program and the WHIPP Task Force! Be watching for special events/healthy information every month from the WHIPP Task Force. The KBIC Department of Health & Human Services Winter 2011 Quarterly Community Events calendar is now available.

On March 11 and 12, KBIC, Huron Mountain Club, National Wildlife Federation, and the Yellow Dog Watershed Environmental Preserve, Inc. filed "Petitions for Review of Final Determination and Order of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Concerning Part 31 Groundwater Discharge Permit No. GW1810162 and Part 632 Nonferrous Metallic Mineral Mining No. MP 01 2007." There has been a decision from Circuit Judge Donald E. Shelton on December 2, 2010, the following actions were taken:

- Approved changing the regular Tribal Council meeting from January 1st to January 8th.
- Approved changing the regular Tribal Council meeting from December 4th to December 11th.
- Approved all the U.P. Counties for the Tribal Council donations.
- Approved the U.P. Counties for the Tribal Program Activity Fund for Tribal members.
- Approved changing the regular Tribal Council meeting from December 4th to December 11th.
- Approved changing the regular Tribal Council meeting from January 1st to January 8th.
- Approved the Tribal members for the Christmas Gift check that qualify with the Tribal Council donations.

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!
The following activities were taken:

- Approved a $1,000 donation to the Cancer American Society;
- Approved a $5,000 donation to the Salvation Army in Ishpeming;
- Approved a $375 donation for the Pre-Kindergarten Program Christmas Party;
- Approved a $600 donation for Warren Swartz, Sr. for transportation (medical);
- Approved the Services Agreement with Larson Pump Company, LLC, for sole pump installation for $13,520;
- Approved the new business license for Mary Jessons “Memorable Meals by Mary”;
- Approved the Memorandum of Proposed Terms for the sale of equipment between KBIC and the Seneca manufacturing Company;
- Approved the Services Agreement with Mary Lou Jessons for the Government Employee Christmas Party;
- Approved the Independent Contractor Agreement with Millennium Services, Inc. (Charles Bruimleve);
- Approved the Retainer Agreement with Patton Boggs and authorized the President through the application;
- Approved to overturn the five-day suspension and pay Marilyn Abbott due to the fact that Marilyn and the Tribe were not at fault.

At the council meeting held December 9, 2010, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the renewal business license for Donald Jr. and Jason Messer (DaShack);
- Approved the professional services agreement between KBIC and Dale McNamee, CEO, regarding the weatherization funding to KBIC and Dale McNamee, CEO, regarding the weatherization; 
- Approved the Professional Services Agreement between KBIC and Dale Schmeisser, R.D., (WIC Dietician Services);
- Approved the Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostics Laboratory Services Agreement (CWD Testing);
- Approved the affidavit regarding matters relating to title to the property of the Marquette airport and authorized the President and Jason Ayres to sign;
- Approved to terminate Justin Markze’s sales manager contract as of January 1st for the 30-day notice and accept his resignation.

At the council meeting held December 16, 2010, the following actions were taken:

- Approved a donation of $1,000 to the R.I.C.C. (Mental Health Services) Christmas Party;
- Approved the FY2011 applicants (13) (2 alternates) for the Timber Stand Improvement; 
- Approved the affidavit regarding matters relating to title to the property of the Marquette airport and authorized the President and Jason Ayres to sign; 
- Approved to terminate Justin Markze’s sales manager contract as of January 1st for the 30-day notice and accept his resignation.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan J. LaFerriere, Secretary
Deepest Sympathy

Isabelle M. Chosa

(September 6, 1918 - January 9, 2011)

Isabelle M. Chosa, age 92, of L'Anse, passed away Sunday morning, January 9, 2011, at Bayside Village, L'Anse.

Isabelle was born in Odena, Wisconsin, on September 6, 1918, the daughter of the late Leslie Chosa and Mary Johnson. Isabelle attended school at St. Joseph School in Assiniboia. She married Eugene Chosa in Assiniboia in 1935. He preceded her in death. Isabelle worked as a Nurses Aide at Baraga County Memorial Hospital retiring after 17 years of service. She was a member of St. Ann’s Catholic Church in Baraga, the American Legion Auxiliary, Indian River Auxiliary, and the Ojibwa Senior Citizens Center. Isabelle enjoyed crocheting, sewing, volunteering, ministering to the sick, working in the kitchen at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens Center, watching television, and going to the casino.

Mrs. Chosa is survived by her loving children: Thomas (Flo) Chosa of Baraga, James (Patti) Chosa of Yellowtail, MT, William (Patti) Chosa of Covington, Donald (Clara) Chosa of Baraga, Henry (Nancy) Chosa of Baraga, Anita Chosa of Baraga, Arlene (Barry) Rotkowski of Ojibwa, Carol Jean (George) O’Hare of Baraga, Brenda Welsh of Baraga, and Cecelia Dowd of Baraga; 28 grandchildren; 61 great grandchildren; and going to the casino.

Mrs. Chosa is also survived by her surviving nieces, nephews, and other family members also survive. Isabelle was pre-deceased in death by four brothers, three sisters, and a daughter Inez.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated on Thursday, January 13, 2011, at St. Ann’s Catholic Church, Baraga, with Father Daniel Pate as celebrant. The Resurrection Funeral Home of L’Anse assisted the family.

Randolph Martin Dakota

(August 28, 1953 - December 24, 2010)

Randolph Martin Dakota, age 57 of Westland, MI, died December 24, 2010, at his home. Mr. Dakota was from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

Surviving are his daughter Jacki Dakota, sister Yvonne Dakota, and niece Wendy (Kevin) Stone.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 1, 2011, at the Harris Funeral Home in Garden City, MI. A graveside service will be held in the spring in the Pinery Cemetery in L’Anse, MI. The Jacobson Funeral Home in L’Anse assisted the family.

J. Michael “Burl” Shanahan, Jr.

(March 11, 1948 - December 21, 2010)

J. Michael “Burl” Shanahan, Jr. died peacefully at St. Joseph’s Hospital in Savannah, GA, on Dec. 21, 2010, subsequent to a lengthy illness. An illness that was born out of the many years he devoted to Agent Orange in the course of his military service to his country in Southeast Asia.

Mike was born March 11, 1948, in Hancock, MI, to John and Katherine (Birk) Shanahan. He graduated from Baraga High School in 1966, and later from Northern Michigan University School of Business and Georiga Technical College.

He served in the United States Air Force in December of 1966, and was honorably discharged in June of 1970. He spent the entire term of service in Asia, serving in the Vietnam theater of operation. In 1969, he traveled from Baraga to the Chippewa Spa Resort, where he stayed for a month, and returned to baraga. After his honorable discharge from the United States Air Force, Mike joined the Michigan National Guard 107th Engineers serving ten years. Additionally he volunteered for a period of time at two Michigan disaster sites.

On Nov. 22, 1980, Mike married Cath- erine Beutjag in Savannah. Together they have two children, John Daniel and Brian. Mike was an ardent sportsman. He enjoyed his annual trip to the Mayo Mountain Lodge deer hunting and catching up with his old friends. He was a member of the Baraga Mets for years until the team ended. This team won a state championship which each and every member is still proud of to this day.

Mike coached both of his sons in any sports he could and volunteered endlessly for Savannah Sports Programs. Mike said in recent years that he was a Green Bay Packer fan when all of his friends knew that in his heart he was a Detroit Lions fan. He was a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, and a past member of the Baraga American Legion, and the L’Anse V.F.W.

Mike was a long-time employee of the Georgia Ports Authority where he served as a Safety Manager and a Finance Specialist. Mike also was a committee member of St. James Catholic Church and remained committed and faithful to his church.

Surviving are his loving wife, Catherine, who tirelessly took care of him during his illness; sons John Daniel (Kendra) Shanahan of Savannah; Brian Shanahan of Savannah; sister Patricia (Joseph) Farley of Gulf Breeze, FL; brother, Timothy (Mary Dee) Shanahan of Baraga, MI; numerous in-laws, cousins, nieces, and nephews; and his special friend, Brady.

Services were held on Friday, December 24, 2010, at St. James Catholic Church with Reverend Mark Ross, Celebrant.

Remembrances may be sent to the St. James Early Learning Center, 8412 Whitefield Ave., Savannah, GA 31406.

George J. Nedeau

(April 3, 1919 - September 16, 2010)

George Nedeau, age 92, a resident of Green Bay, WI, who also lived in Baraga County for several years, passed away at a Green Bay Nursing Home, Green Living Center, with his loving family by his side.

George was very proud to have served in the U.S. Army. He had many stories he shared with his family and friends. George worked many jobs during his lifetime; one of which he worked and was proud of was the American Can Co. in Amasa, MI, where he worked and was proud of his careers, he then retired from the company.

George was a very kind and loving person. He loved his daughters as well as his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He had a great sense of humor and helped anyone who was in need, and he tried his hardest to help that person out.

He is survived by his brother: Charles Massey of Kalamazoo, MI; daughters: Col- leen (Robert) Gnegna of Iron River, MI, Rhoda (James) Zuckkahkosee of Green Bay, WI, Roberta Williamson of Sumrall, Mississippi; many great-grand and great grandchildren; nieces and nephews who live in Baraga; and special friends Duane and Dorothy Ehlinger of Green Bay, WI.

A special service was held on September 23, 2010, for family and friends, at the Chippewa Room at the Ojibwa Resort in Baraga, MI. The family was assisted by the Lyndahl Funeral Home, Green Bay, WI.

USDAs Offers Conservation Funding to Organic Producers

Agricultural producers who are organically certified or are transitioning to organic production are eligible for conservation financial assistance through the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Michigan, just over $1 million in financial assistance is available in for producers who apply by March 4, 2011.

The Organic Initiative allows organic producers to address their conservation concerns without having to compete with non-organic producers for financial assistance. Producers interested in utilizing this program should submit an application as soon as possible to start the application process.” said Garry Lee, state conserva- tionist for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Fiscal year (FY) 2011 marks the third year of the USDA’s Organic Initiative that reserves conservation financial assistance for producers to implement conservation practices that address natural resource concerns in ways that are consistent with organic production. For example, organic producers may use the funding to implement cover crops, field cover, and nutrient management plans, or implement nutrient management systems consistent with organic certification standards.

Eligible producers include those certified through USDA’s National Organic Program, those transitioning to certified organic production, and those who meet organic standards but are exempt from certified status because their gross annual sales are less than $5,000. In FY 2010, NRCS obligated nearly $24 million through the Organic Initiative, helping producers implement conservation practices.

Under Organic Initiative contracts, producers are paid 75 percent of the cost for the organic conservation measures they implement. In addition, limited-resource, and socially disadvantaged producers are paid 90 percent. The program provides up to $20,000 per person or per legal entity, with a maximum total of $80,000 over six years.

Producers interested in applying for Or- ganic Initiative funding must submit applica- tions through the local USDA NRCS field office. For more information about the USDA Organic Initiative including contact informa- tion for local offices, visit the NRCS- M i c h i g a n w e b s i t e at www.mi.nrcs.usda.gov.

NRCS is celebrating 75 years helping people help the land. Since 1935, the NRCS conservation delivery system has advanced a unique partnership with state and local governments and private landown- ers delivering conservation based on spe- cific, local conservation needs, while ac- commodating state and national interests.

KBIC Tribal Telephone Directory:

• KBIC Tribal Center (906) 353-6623
• Receptoionist, ext. 0
• Community Assistance, ext. 4162
• Enrollment, ext. 4113
• Licensing, ext. 4114
• Personnel, ext. 4176
• CEO’s Office, ext. 4104
• President’s Office, ext. 4112
• Ojibwa Casino (906) 353-6333
• Ojibwa Casino II (906) 249-4200
• Commodities (906) 524-7340
• Tribal Court (906) 353-4566
• Tribal Child Support (906) 353-4566
• Tribal Drug Court (906) 353-4678
• Cultural Center (906) 353-7020
• Tribal Medical Clinic (906) 353-4514
• Tribal Dentist Clinic (906) 353-4520
• New Day Treatment (906) 524-4411
• Sub. Abuse Outpatient (906) 353-8112
• Pines Gas Station (906) 353-8223
Asian Carp Update

Seven carp species that are native to Asia have been introduced into the United States: bighead carp, black carp, grass carp, silver carp, common carp, goldfish, and crucian carp. In the 1970's, certain Asian carp were introduced to fish rearing ponds to control blooms of algae (bighead and silver carp are filter feeders, straining microorganisms including algae out of the water). During flood events in the 1990’s in the Lower Mississippi River, some carp escaped the ponds, and they have since grown in population and have rapidly ascended the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers towards the Great Lakes.

There is major concern by fisheries experts that bighead and silver carp have potential to negatively interact with important commercial and sport fish species in the Great Lakes, such as walleye, yellow perch and lake whitefish. If Asian carp enter the Great Lakes and expand, they may disrupt the food chain that supports native species and negatively impact and change the Great Lakes fishery as we currently know it.

Bighead and silver carp are quickly spreading to lakes, rivers, and streams south and west of Lake Michigan but have yet to be documented in the Great Lakes. A single Asian Carp was captured above an electrical barrier in 2009, and DNA evidence collected through water samples in the Illinois River (which connects the Mississippi River to Lake Michigan through the Des Plaines River and a series of artificial and natural waterways in the Chicago area), indicate that Asian carp are threatening to find their way into Lake Michigan. This is a major concern since Asian carp are well-suited to the climate of the Great Lakes Region which is similar to that of their native region in Asia, and these carp prefer large rivers and lakes.

Map of Chicago Area Waterways today

Officials from around the Great Lakes have developed action plans and steering committees to deal with the threat of Asian carp. Some proposed response actions include intensified monitoring and sampling for Asian carp, construction of new barriers in the Illinois River system, the undertaking of a comprehensive study of the Chicago waterway system to define where and how many Asian carp are in the area, and plans to seek and eradicate as many Asian carp as possible in the system.

In November of 2010, the Michigan Asian Carp Prevention Workshop was help at Michigan State University in Lansing, Michigan, and representatives from the Federal Government, State Natural Resources Departments, Tribes, and Universities discussed ways to further control and monitor spread of Asian carp and ways to educate and outreach to the public in the event Asian carp do invade the Great Lakes. All people who reside around the Great Lakes and who cherish and utilize the fisheries resources of the region are asked to be vigilant and report suspect Asian carp observations to local fisheries professionals. Please do your part and help monitor and slow the spread of Asian carp!

Feel free to contact the KBIC Natural Resources Department in the event you encounter what you suspect is an Asian carp. (906) 524-5757

Submitted by Gene Mensch, NRD Fisheries and Wildlife Biologist

Attention Prospective KBIC Commercial Fishers
AFDO/Seafood Alliance HACCP
Three-Day Training Course

HACCP training certification is required to obtain a Keweenaw Bay Indian Community commercial fishing license. There will be a three-day certification course offered at the Ojibwa Casino Resort in Baraga, Michigan, in 2011. A course agenda may be obtained at the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Licensing Office or Natural Resource Department. Registration cost will be paid for up to ten Keweenaw Bay Indian Community tribal members who are not currently HACCP certified, wish to attend this training, and successfully complete the course. Prior arrangement must be made for payment of Registration.

Course Information

Date: February 15-17, 2011
Times: 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. daily
Location: Ojibwa Casino Resort
Baraga, Michigan
Cost: $100 (will be paid for KBIC tribal members)

For registration please contact:
For more information please contact the Natural Resource Department at (906) 524-5757. To request registration reimbursement KBIC tribal members should contact the Natural Resource Department (906) 524-5757 x10 and speak with Keith Rolof.
HALVERSON RECEIVES HONORS BAND ACHIEVEMENT

KBIC Tribal member, Sheila Halverson, has achieved the opportunity to play in the Honors Band. Sheila was chosen from a number of students throughout the U.P. of Michigan for a position with the Honors Band. The Honors Band performs in the Neguane High School auditorium where special events take place. She will not only participate in challenging music but will have the opportunity to meet new people.

To receive this fantastic opportunity, Sheila had to prepare an essay for her band director on why she wanted to be in Honors Band. She then had to choose an arrangement to record which was sent to the judges who decided just the right chair to place her.

An individual who achieves Honors Band is selected because of their great talent, standing out above their fellow classmates. These achievers have pure dedication to their music.

Sheila has participated in band for seven years and plays the Saxophone. She also plays the piano, native flute, standard flute, and a little guitar. Sheila has expressed the desire to begin violin lessons soon as well. Sheila stated, “This whole experience has been a real great experience for me. It makes me feel real special to represent our Tribe by the music I play and by making my family proud of me.”

Sheila is in the tenth grade at Baraga High School and is the daughter of Michelle Eilola and Paul Halverson.

~ submitted by newsletter editor
The Keweenaw Bay Natural Resources Department (KBNRD) is collecting drinking water samples to determine if uranium is present in tribal members’ wells. KBNRD Water Resources staff will be conducting the sampling and there will be no cost to tribal members. Wells located within the Jacobsville Sandstone formation will be given first priority but all tribal member residences are eligible for testing.

Contact KBNRD Water Resources staff if you would like to have your home sampled!

Eligibility Requirements:
1. Tribal Member residence
2. Water supplied by an individual well
3. Reside in Baraga, Houghton, Keweenaw, Ontonagon, or Marquette County
4. Must be signed up by March 15th, 2011

For more information contact:
Micah Petoskey
Water Resources Specialist
(906)924-5577 ext 15
mpetoskey@kbcr-een.gov

For: Boat Safety Inspections contact the Tribal Police/Conservation Department at 353-6626 to make an appointment or contact U.S. Coast Guard/Hancock @ 482-1520.

Northern Michigan University Center for Native American Studies announces two upcoming events:

Activist, artist, and author Lois Beardslee (Anishinaabe) will be visiting NMU’s campus Monday, March 21 through Friday, March 25 as part of the King “Chavez” Parks Visiting Professor Initiative. As part of the KCP initiative, she is required to visit classrooms and interact with students. Because of her talents, she may do an art workshop (birch bark biting).

Mark your calendars! The 19th annual “Learning to Walk Together” traditional powwow will be held on Saturday, March 12 at the Vandament Arena on the NMU campus in Marquette, Michigan. Details will be announced in the upcoming month.

For more information on either one, please contact the CNAS at 906-227-1397 or cnas@nmu.edu.
Dear Tribal Community:

We would like to introduce the American Indian Health Web portal [http://americanindianhealth.nlm.nih.gov/]. The portal is designed to bring together health and biomedical resources pertinent to the American Indian population including policies, consumer health information for everyday people, ways to access healthcare, and research. This site is designed for health professionals who work with American Indians by providing them with information and tools they can use. It also has easy-to-understand information to help American Indian peoples learn about their health problems and to help them live healthier.

The Web portal has four sections: Health Topics, People and Traditions, Programs and Services, and Research and Data. The information on the health topics section is designed for all ages, including selections for children and elders. Links are provided to an assortment of documents, Web sites, databases, and other resources.

There are also links to sites with stories of Indian people and their experiences with health problems and how they stay well. Many of these stories are in audio or video format. In addition, there are links to information about research and data suitable for a variety of users. Pre-formulated searches for different health topics link to the latest in medical research articles involving health and disease in American Indians and are provided from the NLM PubMed/MEDLINE database. Often it is possible to access and read entire journal articles through these links.

Visit this portal at [http://americanindianhealth.nlm.nih.gov/]. Your comments and suggestions are always welcomed. You may use the “contact us” button on the Web portal or contact us by e-mail, postal mail, or telephone. Thank you.

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EMERALD ASH BORER
BLACK ASH BASKETRY SYMPOSIUM
April 6 and 7, 2011
Comfort Inn Conference Center—Plainwell, MI

This Conference will bring together Native Nations from the North Eastern US and Canada to discuss what is happening in their communities and what we can do to work together to sustain the tradition of Black ash basketry for all of our people for centuries to come. Black ash basket weavers from Native communities in Michigan, Maine, Minnesota, New York, and Canada will present important information and share what work their communities have been doing to prepare for EAB, and preserve basketry in their communities. Working together we can make a difference!

TOPICS TO BE COVERED: APRIL 6th, 2011
Black ash basketry- The importance of ash to Native communities throughout the US. Black ash trees- Growing cycles and conditions of the Black ash tree. Seed collection- The cycle of seeds of Black ash tree, and how/when and what to do with collected seeds. Preserving Black ash/Basketry for Future Generations- We will have a conversation about ways to make sure collected seeds are re-planted and -Basketry traditions are continued for generations to come. EAB/Biological/Chemical Treatments- We will have the latest, most up-to-date information about EAB, and efforts to slow the spread. Signs, Symptoms, what to do with good basket trees in an infested stand. Preserving Black ash logs/Materials- We will discuss ways to store logs and materials for future use.

WORKSHOPS WILL COVER: APRIL 7th, 2011
Harvesting Black ash Trees***Processing Materials***Basket Weaving***How to Make a Seed Dryer***Recycling Dead Ash trees***Teaching/Working with Youth***Baskets Styles from All Nations

The Agenda and Presenters and Presentation times will be sent out on February 1st, 2011. For those interested in making their own project to take home with them will be charged a nominal fee which will cover materials and teachers instruction.

Registration Deadline: March 26th, 2011, or until space is filled.
EAB/Black Ash Symposium- April 6th, 2011- 9am-5pm; Cost-FREE
*Optional Lunch Purchase: A Turkey Club Croissant with chips, pickles, and coffee/tea will be offered at a cost of $8.95 for those interested in having lunch at the banquet center. There is also a Big Boy restaurant next door for those interested in something else.
Checks payable to Kelly Church
Workshops- April 7th, 2011- 9am-5pm
Cost: All workshops will be FREE. For those interested in making their own project to make and take home with them will be charged a nominal fee which will cover materials and teachers instruction.

If you are interested in attending the April 8th Symposium, or participating in a Workshop or Tutorial- email Kelly at fohMotivation@hotmail.com for a registration form and send to: Kelly Church, PO Box 118, Hopkins, MN 55438. *Make all checks/money orders payable to: Kelly Church

SAVE THE DATES!!! HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!

Migwech! Kelly Rieke
Grand Traverse Bands-Black Ash Basket Weaver

In a continuous effort to reduce the illegal use of controlled substances in our community, the Drug Task Force has requested the publication of pertinent information regarding some convictions of the Controlled Substances section of the KBIC Tribal Code §3.1706. The Tribal Court has agreed to comply with the Drug Task Force’s request and will publish a Drug Conviction Report on a routine basis.

April Dowd, case #10-105, controlled substance (use-cocaine, codeine, and hydrocodone) – 4th offense

Sentenced on 08/26/2010 to
1. $500 fine.
2. 91 days jail, 20 days credit, 70 days suspended. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of spearing and PBT testing.
3. Defendant must obtain a substance abuse screening and follow the recommendations of that screening until successfully discharged.
4. 180 days jail, 10 days credit, 170 days suspended. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any other expenses incurred while incarcerated.
5. The Defendant is to perform 20 hours of community service.

Jamie Gauthier, case #10-188, controlled substance (use - cocaine) – 1st offense

Sentenced on 10/25/2010 to:
1. $500 fine.
2. 90 days jail, 10 days credit, 80 days suspended. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any other expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Defendant must obtain a substance abuse screening and follow the recommendations of that screening until successfully discharged.
4. 6 - 12 months standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with a $10 monthly proba-

ber fee. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing.
5. Defendant must seek employment, attend college, or training and must submit proof to the Probation Officer.

Jamie Gauthier, case #10-205, controlled substance (possession - cocaine) – 2nd offense

Sentenced on 10/25/2010 to:
1. $500 fine.
2. 90 days jail, 20 days credit, 70 days suspended. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any other expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Defendant must obtain a substance abuse screening and follow the recommendation-

iations of that screening until successfully discharged (concurrent with #10-188).
4. 6 - 12 months standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with a $10 monthly proba-

ber fee. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing.
5. Defendant must obtain a substance abuse screening and follow the recommendations of that screening until successfully discharged.
6. 90 days jail, 20 days credit, 70 days suspended. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing.
7. Defendant must seek employment, attend college, or training and must submit proof to the Probation Officer (concurrent with #10-188).
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 Zeiba
  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 homeownership;
- 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.

Celebrate National Heart Month

February in National Heart Month and it is not only the season of love but is also the time to learn about the dangers of heart disease. You should make it a point to review some educational tips to help celebrate National Heart Month.

1. Be heart smart—know your cholesterol and triglyceride levels. Other major factors in determining your heart health are: your blood pressure, waist size, and body mass index. If you haven’t had a recent check up with your family physician for some time, now is the time to schedule that appointment!

2. A definite risk factor when determining the health of your heart is smoking. Studies show that smoking can not only cause respiratory problems and lung cancer, but it is also a major cause of heart disease. If you smoke, whether on a regular basis or socially, why not make National Heart Month (February) your reason to quit?

3. The two most important things you can do for your heart is exercise along with healthy eating. You will be on your way to a healthier you if you make efforts to reduce sugar and fat from your diet, and take that brisk walk every day, whether it be in the morning, at lunch break or in the evening.

4. A definite killer is stress, and it is almost impossible to eliminate all stress from our lives. However, the main cause of so many ailments that affect everyone of us today is stress. Whether you pray, meditate, read, or write you need to find an outlet to will help reduce your stress levels now!

Let’s make the National Health Month a reason to make the daily commitments to a heart healthy lifestyle. No smoking, exercise regularly, make good food choices, and practice daily stress mechanisms.

- submitted by newsletter editor

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

Ojibwa Senior Citizen’s Funding Raising Events:

Pasty Sale — February 24th
Call 353-6096 to order yours today!

February 2011 Calendars Events

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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 your local American Heart Association office.
**Upper Peninsula Association for the Education of Young Children (UPAEYC)**

**Request for Nominations**
Upper Peninsula BEACON AWARD
Lighting the Way to Early Success
Celebrating April 2011 as the Month of the Young Child

Nominations are now being accepted U.P.-wide for the UPAEYC Upper Peninsula BEACON Award. This award is designed to acknowledge the important contributions of the special people who are “Lighting the Way to Early Success” through early childhood education and services for young children in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula.

UPAEYC is seeking nominations for outstanding individuals or organizations from a broad field of Early Childhood Education and Services. Nominations will be considered from either of the following two categories:

1. **Exemplary Early Childhood Professional:** The nominee can be an Early Childhood Teacher or Child Care Provider with at least two years of experience working with young children (ages birth to age six). He or she should have consistently demonstrated outstanding abilities with children and/or their families. (Examples: Head Start/Early Head Start teacher, Day Care provider, Kindergarten teacher, etc.)

2. **Outstanding Partner in Early Education and Care:** The nominee can be in an early childhood support role (Examples: therapist, parent, paraprofessional, advocate, volunteer, or a community resource, board, organization, library, business, etc.)

**QUALIFICATIONS:**
A variety of qualifications will be considered. You may find some of the following categories helpful in describing the nominee’s abilities or contributions to the field such as:

- Service to Children: developmental appropriateness, functionality, creativity, flexibility, continuity
- Family Involvement (responsive to individual family needs, effectively implementing individualized family programs with creativity & flexibility)
- Coordination of Resources (integrating coordinating services with regular education and/or therapy, & other community services; facilitating transitions)
- Contributions to the Field (using/sharing innovative practices; research and development; providing professional development, community service and/or support)

Award announcement will be made during April’s Month of the Young Child. Recipients will be presented their awards at the spring UPAEYC Annual Recognition Luncheon.

To obtain a submission form for your nomination, contact: Even Start at (906) 353-8161 or e-mail Gail Juntunen at gjuntunen@ubic.nsn.gov.

Nomination form deadline is February 28, 2011.

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**OJIBWEMOWIN**

*Namebini Gilzis — Sucker Fish Moon — February*

| Word List: |
| niinimoshenhyag  
ganaandawizi  
gikinijgweng  
zaagi  
deindi  
ojilm |

**Fill in the blank:**

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**ojilm** (kiss)
**ni** (hug)
**n** (heart)
**m** (love)
**h** (my sweetheart)
**z** (in good health)
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**The language page was designed from reference of “A Concise Dictionary of Minnesota Ojibwe” by John D. Nichols and Earl Nyholm, and from the Freealing Ojibwe-English on-line dictionary.**

*— Designed by newsletter editor*

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**KBIC Even Start Family Literacy Center**

**If you are in need of:**
- Finishing High School or obtaining your GED
- And have a child under the age of 8 or are currently pregnant

**Attend the 2-Day Orientation**
February 7th & 8th, 2011 12:00pm—2:00pm

We will be discussing all your understandments of the program and your
will begin a plan for Family Success

Please call 353-8161 to register if you need transportation.

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**KBIC EHS/HS Parent Meeting — TBA**

**Sunday** | **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** | **Saturday**
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| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |

*The most important thing that parents can do to help their children love books and to become good readers is to include books every day in family life.*

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Keweenaw Bay Indian Community

Office of Child Support Services
427 N. Superior Ave., Baraga, MI 49908
In Tribal Court Building
Phone: 800-353-6866 - Fax: 906-353-8132
Email: ccss@kbic-nsn.gov

"Your Children...Our Priority"
- Establishment, Enforcement and Modification of Child Support Orders
- Custody Establishment
- Location of Custodial and Non-Custodial Parents
- Community Education


Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Employment Opportunities

- Even Start Coordinator — February 7, 2011 deadline
- Clinical Social Worker — February 11, 2011 deadline
- General Manager — Eagle Radio — February 11, 2011 deadline
- Family Aide (on-call) — open continuously

On Call Positions:
- Community Service Supervisor
- Cashier
- Unit Manager
- Receptionist/Clerical Worker
- LPN
- RNI
- Account Executive/Sales
- Pre-Primary Teaching Assistant
- Youth Program & Facility Attendant

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

Ojibwa Community Library
408 Superior Ave., Baraga, MI 49908
353-8163 www.ojilib.up.net

Hours: Funded by:
Monday—Thursday 11am—7pm
Friday—closed
Saturday—10am–3pm

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 524-7939
Parsonage 524-7936

Catholic Community of Baraga County
Holy Name of Jesus
Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha
Pastor: Father John Longbusco
Confessions: Sunday before Mass
Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.
santann@up.net

WANTED:
Youth Basketball Coaches for Rez Runners Youth Basketball League.
Some experience necessary.
Contact Cheryne Clements at (906) 353-3843 if interested!

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