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KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY’S SIXTH WINTER TRADITIONAL POWWOW

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community’s Cultural Committee held their Mid-winter powwow on Saturday, January 30, 2010, at the Niwin Akēka Community Center in Baraga, Michigan.

The day began with morning ceremonies to Honor the Tribal Council. Gerry Mantilla, Cultural Committee Chairperson, gave the welcome and an opening prayer was offered by Dorothy Sam, Cultural Committee’s Spiritual Advisor.

The guest speaker for the event was Warren (Chris) Swartz, Jr., William (Gene) Emery, Susan J. LaFernier, Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, Eddy Edwards, Jerry Lee Curtis, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth (Popcorn) Mayo, Toni J. Minton, and Isabelle Helene Welsh. Cody Blue, Cultural Committee member, offered the closing remarks preceding the Honor Song offered by Eric Awonohopay.

Head Veteran Dancer Ted Shallfoo, as she beautifully sang Naganowin (Amazing Grace).

Tashina Emery-Kauppila, as she beautifully sang Naganowin (Amazing Grace).

As editor of the GiiKendaam Chiwikwegamag, I like to extend a Chi Migwech to Stanley Spruce and Kelly Dowd for offering to photograph both of these events, as I was unable to attend due to illness. I greatly appreciate it. – Lauri Denomie

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- February 6, 2010, Tribal Council meeting
- KBIC Sixth Winter Powwow
- Healthy Heart Fair
- You Can Make A Difference
- KBIC Veterans Deliver Gifts
- Sand Point Recreational Improvements
- Drug Conviction Report
- DHHS Superior Spirit Award Winner for February
- New Employees
- Aabinoojijens

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The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on February 6, 2010, at the Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room. Warren (Chris) Swartz, Jr., presided over the meeting with William E. Emery, Susan J. LaFernier, Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, Eddy Edwards, Jerry Lee Curtis, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth D. Mayo, Toni Minton, and Isabelle Helene Welsh present. President Swartz shared numerous Thank You and For Your Information items addressed to Council. Reports were given on January 2010, by President Swartz (page three), Secretary Susan J. LaFernier (page four), and Treasurer Eddy Edwards (page five). Council passed the Department Head Reports for December 2009.

John Cadeau gave a presentation of the services offered by Saint Vincent De Paul that are available to all members of Baraga County. Their organization is two-fold. They have the Thrift Store where approximately 25 individuals volunteered for a total of 700-900 hours per month. The Thrift Store accepts many donations of clothing, food items, etc., from the community. The goods are then sold in the Thrift Store and the funds are allocated to the second part of the organization, the Conference. The Conference meets and allocates money to those in need when requests are made for assistance in utilities (52% last year), rent (21% last year), and food (12% last year). In January 2010, they dispersed approximately $2400 for utilities shut-offs and $490 in rent assistance, and there are no income guidelines to be eligible for this assistance. The Conference members volunteer in total approximately 2000 hours per year. Council thanked Mr.1 Cadeau for his presentation and for all the benefits that Saint Vincent De Paul offers our community.

Eddy Edwards brought forth the donation requests received in the month of January 2010.

• Council tabled a request from Foster Galer for financial assistance to cover necessary orthodontic treatment.
• Council tabled a request from Logan Roe for travel assistance to attend a three-day high school bowling state quarter finals.
• Council tabled a general annual sponsorship donation for the Native American Tourism Association from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) Tribal Council.
• Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to deny the request for donation on behalf of the Jim Thorpe Area Sports Hall of Fame for a second statue of Jim Thorpe, supported by (Emery, S. LaFernier, Matthews, M. LaFernier, Mayo, Minton, Welsh) three opposed (Edwards, Loonsfoot, Curtis), 0 abstained, one absent (Dakota) motion carried.
• Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to deny the request of donation for Chris Descene, Navajo, who is running for the Arizona Secretary of State, supported by Jerry Lee Curtis, ten supported (Emery, S. LaFernier, Matthews, Edwards, Curtis, M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot, Mayo, Minton, Welsh), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one opposed (Dakota) motion carried.
• Motion by Toni Minton to deny the request for donation for Forsythe Township for clock tower restoration, supported by (Emery, S. LaFernier, Matthews, Edwards, Curtis, M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot, Mayo, Minton, Welsh), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Dakota) motion carried.
• Motion by Isabelle Welsh to approve a $1000 donation to the Pine Ridge Indians for emergency relief after storms, supported by Jerry Lee Curtis, ten supported (Emery, S. LaFernier, Matthews, Edwards, Curtis, M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot, Mayo, Minton, Welsh), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Dakota) motion carried.
• Motion by Isabelle Welsh to approve a $100 donation to the Special Olympics, supported by (Emery, S. LaFernier, Matthews, Edwards, Curtis, M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot, Mayo, Minton, Welsh), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Dakota) motion carried.

—Total donations approved $2300.

FEBRUARY 6, 2010 — TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

Nomination to receive the 2009 Taimi Lynne Hoag Award for Environment Stewardship.

Submission by: Warren (Chris) Swartz, Jr., President KBIC

Nominee: Susan J. LaFernier, KBIC Tribal Council Secretary

Eligibility: Current elected Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Council member

Criteria: In 2004, the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) Tribal Council met to discuss new metallic sulfide exploration activity occurring in the Yellow Dog Plains and Michigamme Highlands in western Marquette and Baraga Counties. Susan LaFernier was Tribal Council Vice-President at that time. Exploration targets were and are still in both KBIC ceded territories and on our L’Anse Reservation. After reviewing available information, the Tribal Council decided that the surety was acceptable and offensive to the traditional and cultural values of KBIC. The Tribal Council subsequently adopted Resolution KB-1301-2004 which prohibited mining activities within the boundaries of the L’Anse Reservation and all activities related thereto unless and until substantial evidence can be produced to satisfy the resolution. In 2004, Susan’s efforts were successful in convincing President Jon Cherry, about mining activities that are occurring, MI.

Susan’s environmental stewardship efforts are not limited to sulfide mining issues for our community. Additional activities having received her support and participation include household hazardous waste collection and education, KBIC spring cleanup, illegal dump cleanups and prevention, promoting Lake Superior Day events, working with The Jim Thorpe Area Sports Hall of Fame to adopt-a-roadway, and lobbying for development of local recycling and composting services. She is a strong advocate for development of our Tribal water quality standards and achievement of TSS status for our Tribe and a promoter of the three R’s, reduce, reuse, and recycle.

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—submitted by Newsletter Editor
1. $1000 fine.

Factual basis: John Wayne DeCota, case # 09-270, conviction of the KBIC Tribal Code §3.1706. The convictions of the Controlled Substances section of pertinent information regarding any narcotics policy, it was decided not to include tribes who have off reservation casinos or are posing an off reservation casino. The community will receive a refund in the mail.

2. 180 days jail, to be served concurrently with other cases. The Defendant shall be responsible for the costs of lodging/tether.

Factual basis: I sold methadone and loricet to a client, and the Defendant will be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing.

3. 180 days jail, 120 days suspended, credit for two days served, Defendant is to serve 58 days. Days to serve may be done on tether in lieu of jail provided the Defendant pays for the tether in advance.

Factual basis: Defendant was financially responsible for the costs of lodging/tether.

4. The Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and is to follow the recommendations of that screening until successfully discharged.

Factual basis: I signed sub-contracts for KBIC Tribal Court and our Registration station. We received funding from GLIFWC to help offset some of the expenses associated with running the deerman-tether program.

5. The Defendant is to perform ten hours of community service.

Factual basis: I attended a VOIGT Task Force meeting in Lac Courte Orefilles. At the meeting we selected new officers. Elected as Chairman was Tom Maulson from Lac Du Flambeau. The group chose Giwe Martin from Lac Vieux Desert as Vice-Chair.

6. The Defendant is to provide his doctor with those tests.

Factual basis: I attended an informational meeting at the L’Anse Village offices. Congressman Stupak introduced the bill and that if he had any questions to contact Gregg Nominelli as he is the contact for MDEQ as of January 5, 2010. Subsequently, I received an email from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, Governor Granholm announced that Jim Syngona would serve as interim Director of MDEQ as of January 5, 2010. Subsequent to the announcement, we were informed the MDEQ’s decision regarding the contaminated area indigenous to the federal Tribal Code §3.1706. The decision was appealed in a lengthy contested case hearing. During the hearing, the DEQ lawyer argued that Eagle Rock is not a place of worship because it is not a constructed building such as a Christian church or a mosque. The DEQ decision expresses the agency’s opinion that Eagle Rock is not a legitimate place of worship, as defined under Michigan mining law, and the religious rights of area Native Americans are irrelevant to the Eagle Mine case. WHAT A SHAME!

1. I attended an informational meeting at the L’Anse Village offices. Congressman Stupak spoke about the bill and a number of concerns from area residents and business men. I provided the group with an update of the Economic Development Committee and asked those in attendance to contact Gregg Nominelli as he is the contact person regarding the proposal for KBIC to provide economic development services to the County.

2. I attended a conference call with the Department of Interior to develop a Department-wide Tribal consultation policy.

3. I responded to an issue regarding a raffle license with the National Wildlife Turkey Federation. As Chairman of the KBIC Tribal Council for a term of three (3) years commencing October 1, 2009, and expiring October 1, 2012. I attended a bi-monthly department head meeting. I forwarded Congressman Stupak’s appointment to the Appellate Division of the Tribal Court for a term of three (3) years commencing January 20, 2010, with a deadline of February 3, 2010. This provides an opportunity for the community to review the recommenda- tion to at least. Becky Tussing did an excellent job with her presentation and is worthy of our very best effort. In the past year we have been able to present her finding in a public forum in the near future.

4. We continue to receive updates on the M-1426 battle of the future. Protecting Michigan’s water from the adverse impact of sulfide and uranium mining was and is worthy of our very best effort. In the past year we have been able to present her finding in a public forum in the near future.

5. I forwarded Congressman Steupak’s appropriations for FY’2011 to the CD3. I forwarded him of the February 19, 2010, deadline and that if he had any questions to contact the appropriate staff on the attachment. Troy Roberts, case # 09-266, controlled substance (sale) – 2nd offense

Factual basis: I sold methadone and lorice to a client, I am not licensed to sell them.

Sentenced on 01/12/2010 to:
1. $1000 fine.

Troy Roberts, case # 09-264, controlled substance (sale) – 1st offense

Factual basis: I sold methadone and lorice to an undercover C.I., and I am not licensed to sell them.

Sentenced on 01/12/2010 to:
1. $1000 fine.

180 days jail, 120 days suspended, credit for two days served, Defendant is to serve 58 days. Days to serve may be done on tether in lieu of jail provided the Defendant pays for the tether in advance. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging/tether.

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Activities reported by the Secretary, Susan J. LaFerrera, for the month of January 2010.

We all need to commit to do our part to make a difference to protect our environment and change the world. I hope that you have been learning how to save and conserve energy to protect our Earth if you are able. I continue to remind you that every month is “Energy Awareness Month,” and our theme for the year was “Commit to Conserve.”

There are simple everyday conservation measures we can all do. Here are some additional everyday measures we can do to reduce air pollution, conserve water, reduce/reuse/recycle/re-bug materials, and prevent pollution in our community. That was our Energy Awareness Month! This year’s theme, “A Sustainable Energy Future—Putting All the Pieces Together” encourages you to see yourself as a piece of a larger puzzle shaping our energy future and moving our nation toward energy independence. All of this information is available on the EPA.gov and energy.gov websites.

In conclusion, I wish you to everyone who cares and protects our earth and water everyday. It is our responsibility.

Travis, residents, municipalities, businesses, and visitors need to protect and restore the health of Lake Superior (and all of our lakes), water, land, and wildlife. The lakes have always been and always will be important to the quality of our life.

We are pleased to announce to our employee wellness group and our Blue Cross representative/Employee Benefit Agency. The official name for the Task Force is: W.H.I.P.P. (Wellness, Health, Intervention, Prevention Program). The members of the task force also developed a mission statement that reads: “The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Wellness, Health, Intervention, Prevention, and Treatment Plan is dedicated to improving and maintaining the general health and well being of our employees, dependents, and community members. Our goal is to provide information, activities, motivation, services, and recognition to enhance the ability of people to better manage their own health, improve the quality of their life, and reduce their risk of disease and injury. Positive lifestyle choices develop a culture that is focused on celebrating and improving the quality of life for all. It is never too late to change one’s life for the better, to live longer, healthier, happier lives. All employees who currently receive Blue Cross insurance coverage attended a presentation on their benefits regarding “Preventive Care Services,” on January 12, 2010, the Task Force will sponsor a booth at the Fair on February 12. They will feature healthy “brown bag lunches” with recipe samples and also samples of healthy snack food (trail mix, etc.). A mini version will also be presented for the Marquette Kasino employees.

We are extremely disappointed to learn that we can have one of the best Health, Intervention, Prevention, and Treatment Plans in the United States. We also continue to recognize the richness and beauty of our land, people of Haiti. Let us be thankful for our beautiful area, and we pray for peace in the world, good health, happiness, and a blessed New Year.

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Approved the meeting minutes of September 9, 2009;

Approved the appointment of Honorable David R. Mechlin as an appellate court justice for three years;

Approved Resolution KB1729-2010 requesting that the Secretary of the Interior take title to those lands in Chocolay Township, Marquette County described in the Fee to Trust Acquisition Application for the proposed construction and operation of a Tribal gas and convenience center;

Approved the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) Sub-Award with KBIC/Department of Health and Human Services. The clinics will be an accreditation beta test site to improve the health of the Tribe.

At the council meeting held January 28, 2010, the following actions were taken: Approved the request for a Scooter Chair for $985.89 for assistance to pay for her scooter chair pending available funding from assistance programs;

Approved a donation of $1000 to the Halli Funds before a project is initiated;

Approved the meeting minutes of September 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 2009;

Approved Resolution KB1732-2010 requesting that the Michigan congressional delegation sponsor an amendment to specifically name the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College in the Equity of Land Grant Status Act of 1994 to participate in the Federal land grant system;

Approved changes to the Community Center "Facility Use Policy";

Approved the Project Manager project announcement with changes - who will perform engineering duties in planning, designing, and overseeing construction and maintenance of buildings structures and facilities;

Approved the renewal of Jeff Lamson's Club Beverage liquor license for on-premises consumption;

Approved Todd Warner, NRD Director, to proceed with a Project Review protocol process to identify property or land use issues before a project is initiated;

Approved tabling Gaming Commission Action Number 005-2019 and 006-2010 requesting a postponement of hearings scheduled for December 15, 2009, to re-open the matter until the following week;

Approved the renewal of a manufacturer/distributor of gaming equipment license for Shuffle Master, Inc.;

Approved the appointment of Hope Lamson as Personnel Director with a wage of $21.22, grade eleven, effective February 9;

Approved a services agreement with the University of Wisconsin—Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory to provide chronic wasting disease sampling test for KBIC;

Approved the Tribal Attorney to draft a contract for services between KBIC and the Economic Development Commission of Baraga County to establish a County Economic Development Office and business incubator for the benefits of all residents and businesses of Baraga County.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. LaFernier, Secretary

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

We are extremely disappointed with the MDEQ approved permits without even "one" of the hundreds of environmental problems with the proposed mine that have been identified by the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, the Natural Wildlife Federation, the Huron Mountain Club, and the Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve during the course of the contested case proceedings. These issues have also been ignored by the MDEQ which will be to the ultimate detriment of the waters and natural resources of our Tribe's Ceded Territory and Upper Peninsula.

We also find it hard to understand, on the one hand, President Obama has allocated $475 million dollars to restore the Great Lakes with stringent serious threats to these waters and, on the other hand, the State has once again determined by issuing the Mining Permit and the Groundwater Discharge Permit to Kennecott for the Eagle Project that the discharge to the waters, as authorized by the Part 31 permit, will neither be injurious to the public health, safety, and welfare or to any uses protected by Part 31, nor will likely cause pollution, impairment, or destruction of natural resources, or the public trust therein. We urge you to try and find a sulfide acid mine that has not caused any of these environmental problems anywhere in the United States even in states that have strict mining laws.

You, however, can make a difference in protecting, restoring, and guarding our most precious natural resources and the gift of water—our Great Lakes. We ask that you continue to become involved and educate yourselves to find out all that you can about sulfide acid mining and the proposed mines for the Upper Peninsula, especially the Eagle Project in the Yellow Dog Plains.

The MDEQ's decision that Eagle Rock is not a "place of worship after Administrative Law Judge Parker recommended that protection be made to avoid direct impacts to Eagle Rock that may interfere with the religious practices there on, also reveals that "preserving" Native American religious practices and sacred places is also allowable by the state in order to protect the private interest of the mining companies. This determination is clearly contrary to the provisions of state law and we will appeal these decisions.

Please become involved because sooner than we want to admit, our lakes and land will no longer be Great, and no amount of money will be able to restore them or our way of life.

Warren (Chris) Swartz, Jr.
KBIC Tribal President

Susan J. LaFernier
KBIC Tribal Secretary

Tribal Council
Keweenaw Bay Indian Community

NATIVE AMERICAN CLASSICS

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Native American Classics continued:

- Middle School
KBIC Sixth Annual Winter Powwow continues:

On Call positions:
- Community Service Supervisor
- LPN
- PRN
- Acute Executive/Sales
- Cashier
- Receptionist/Office Worker
- Pre-Medical Teaching Assistant
- Youth Program & Facility Attendance

- Executive Director—Gaming Commission, 03/12/10
- Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
- Emergency Management Agency (EMT)
- Employment Opportunities
- Grand Entry Times
- Grand Entry Times 12 p.m. and 6 p.m.
- Keweenaw Bay Indian Employment Opportunities
- President of the Oljibwa Senior Citizens Council
- To be added to the mailing list or to correct your mailing address, contact the enrollment office at 906-353-6623
- To place an ad, submit an article, or relate information of ideas on possible articles contact Lauri Denomie at newsletter@kbic-nmu.na or 906-201-0263

Many Attend Healthy Heart Fair

KBIC’s Department of Health and Human Services held their annual Healthy Heart Fair on Friday, February 12, at the Oljibwa Senior Citizens. The favored event drew many community members who came to learn how to better take care of their health, get their blood tests done, perhaps received a chair massage, or just to browse the booths and enter drawings to win one of the many prizes that were to be given away at the end of the day. Prizes being offered included yoga mats, water bottles, cooking supplies, blankets, gift cards, just to name a few.

This year’s vendors were: Baraga & L’Anse High School Nurse’s Aid students, Baraga County Home Care, and...
Welcome Conner Lee Dakota, born November 11, 2009, to Amanda Strong and Michael Dakota. Sr.

Conner weighed 5 lbs. 11 oz. and was 18 inches long at birth.

Elvera Lantz is the DHHS Superior Spirit Award Winner for February. “Elvera Lantz, CHS Clerk, is always in her office when you need her assistance. She is courteous, caring, and helpful. She is truly sympathetic to our ailments, no matter how big or small they may be. Her compassion helps one feel more at ease when unpleasant illnesses occur in one’s family.”

Elvera received a beaded lanyard for her name badge and is able to park in the spot specifically designed for the DHHS Superior Spirit Award winner. Congratulations, Elvera!!

Find all the information on the OJIBWA OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES.

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

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Great Lakes Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Update
And Steps You Can Take To Help Slow the Spread of Exotics.

From Asian Carp to Zebra Mussels, the invasion of exotic ecological threats to the Great Lakes continues at a concerning pace. Managers throughout the region have been working hard to minimize the potentially devastating effects of these aquatic invasive species (AIS) to the Great Lakes, native fish, and wildlife communities the lakes host. Recently, new threats have been identified and are detailed here:

**Asian Carp:** Seven carp species native to Asia have been introduced to the United States. The four species considered true Asian Carp are listed here, with the Bighead carp being the identified species of concern for its potential to invade lower Lake Michigan. To date, this has not occurred, but the species has been identified within six miles of Lake Michigan, and DNA has been identified even closer, prompting concern and the development of control and eradication plans by the US Fish and Wildlife Service and several partnering management agencies.

**Small carp species native to Asia include:**
- **Bighead Carp**
- **Hypophthalmichthys nobilis**
- **Silver Carp**
- **Hypophthalmichthys molitrix**
- **Black Carp**
- **Mylopharyngodon piceus**
- **Grass Carp**
- **Ctenopharyngodon idella**

Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS): Recent detection of VHS in Lake Superior has prompted the KBIC Natural Resources Department to begin planning for intensified disease surveillance and prevention at the Pequaming Hatchery Facility and in the field. VHS is an extremely serious disease that can result in large scale fish mortality events in some instances. Many local fish species have been identified as carriers of VHSv and intend to stay abreast of new threats and introductions of exotic species to Lake Superior and the surrounding region with active preventive measures, surveillance, and assistance from the community.

**Species identified as carriers of VHSv in the Great Lakes Region have occurred in:**
- Black crappie
- Great Lakes muskellunge
- Bluegill
- Round goby
- Common carp
- White bass
- Freshwater drum
- Yellow perch
- Gizzard shad

Species in which VHSv has been confirmed in smaller mortality events in the Great Lakes:
- Rock bass
- Smallmouth bass
- Walleye

**Species that have been identified as carriers of VHSv in the Great Lakes:**
- Blu nuisn innow (brown bullhead)
- Brown trout
- Channel catfish (Chinook salmon)
- Cisco (lake herring) (Coho salmon)
- Emerald shiner (Lake trout)
- Lake whitefish (Largemouth bass)
- Northern pike (Pink salmon)
- Pumpkinseed (Rainbow trout (steelhead forms))
- Silver redhorse (Shorthead redhorse)
- Spottail shiner (TROUT perch)
- White perch (White sucker)

**State of Michigan Informational Release**

**Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia Virus (VHSV) Briefing, 2009 Michigan Department of Natural Resources**

Symptoms of VHS include but may not be limited to external and internal bleeding, pale gills, erratic swimming behavior, and a listless appearance.

**Photo 1.** Exotic Eurasian Ruffe documented at the Misery River in Houghton County, MI.

**Photo 2.** Sea Lamprey captured on Silver River, Baraga County, MI.

Typical viral symptoms of external bleeding in a gizzard shad. Photo by USFWS/ Dr. Mohamed Faisal.

The recent identification of these and other AIS threats to Lake Superior and the Great Lakes, in general, have prompted management agencies to remind people that they can assist in minimizing the spread of exotic species and in contributing to the understanding of their spread.

**BE VIGILANT.** If you observe a large scale fish kill, or if you encounter a fish that appears sick, contact the KBNRD at (906) 524-5757.

**BE CAUTIOUS:** Take steps to minimize the chances that you spread an exotic species. Clean boats, trailers, and fishing equipment thoroughly and allow them to dry in the sun before transporting to a different water body. Do not release unused bait into the wild. Do not move water from one water body to another. Taking these steps can greatly reduce the risk of spreading VHS and other exotic threats.

**BE INFORMED:** Be aware of any management regulation changes or alerts that relate to exotic species introductions or spread.

KBNRD has been actively involved in AIS management with many species and intends to stay abreast of new threats and introductions of exotic species to Lake Superior and the surrounding region with active preventive measures, surveillance, and assistance from the community.

**KBIC Veterans Deliver Gifts to D.J. Jacobetti Home**

On behalf of our members at the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans, I would like to extend our sincere thanks for your very generous donation of gift bags to be delivered to the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans during the Christmas Holiday. The Council received the following thank you from the home which they’d like to share with the KBIC Veterans and the community. Pictures were provided by D.J. Jacobetti staff.

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community assists the KBIC Veterans through an allocated donation for gift bags to be delivered to the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans during the Christmas Holiday. The Council received the following thank you from the home which they’d like to share with the KBIC Veterans and the community. Pictures were provided by D.J. Jacobetti staff.

**A list of our members that we very best. Thank you again for your generosity.**

Kathy Loehr, Volunteer Coordinator, D.J. Jacobetti Home

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

**All Tribal Veterans Welcome!**

**Exercise Class Stability Ball**

**Starting Monday, March 1st**

**Classes will be held on Mondays and Thursdays at 6 pm**

**EBOCC Gymnasium**

This class will be a combination of aerobic and strength training with a Stability (exercise) Ball. Registrants are welcomed!

Contact Heather Wood at 906-4346 to register today!
Kathy Auto was hired by the Ojibwa Community Library as the Library Assistant starting on February 1, 2010. She is excited to once again find work in her field of study as she has an Associate Degree in Library Science from Illinois Valley Community College, Oglesby, IL. She is looking forward to meeting the community and helping them with all their library needs. She also subs in the Baraga Area Schools Library.

Kathy’s husband’s name is John, and he is the pastor at Mission United Lutheran Church, Pelkie. Kathy grew up on a dairy farm in northern Illinois. John hails from LAnse and has been back home now for almost five years. Together for 26 years of marriage, they have two daughters, Julia and Kirsti.

Julia is a junior at Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, majoring in Elementary Education. Kirsti is a senior at Houghton High School and will join her sister at CMU in the fall to study Journalism or Psychology.

Kathy’s hobbies include cooking, baking, traveling, and shopping. She has been active in her church with quilting, bazaar co-chair, youth leader, helping with Vacation Bible School, and reader/comminon assistant. She was a 4-H leader for the Personal Appearance Club for the last couple of years. She enjoys taking walks with her family and dog, Holly, a shoileet.

Charlotte Loonsfoot has been hired as the Wildlife Technician for Keweenaw Bay Indian Natural Resources Department. Charlotte is the young daughter of Virgil Loonsfoot. Charlotte has five children, Adrian Loonsfoot (age 17), Shauna Peltos (age 16), Christian Peltos (age 15), Virgil Mongozid (age six), and Robert Mongozid (age one). They moved to Baraga fourteen years ago.

Charlotte states, “Boochoo, I graduated at Ojibwa Community College in 2009, with an Associates Degree in Environmental Science and Liberal Studies. I plan to attend Madonna University in the fall part-time to further my education. I enjoy looking for eagle feathers, camping, going to pow-wows, and fishing with my family. I also like to draw, paint, sew, bead, and weave baskets.

I am very happy to have this opportunity to help our Mother Earth and to help our people to understand how we are connected to everything around us, the four legged, the two legged, the feathered, the flyers, and the swimmers. Everything has a purpose, and we need to respect and understand how one little plant or animal depends on many things to survive. We all need to clean up after ourselves and to be careful with nature.

I look forward to learning and experiencing all that’s in the wild with my new job at KBTRD.”

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**OUR FINAL SNOWSNO strife WINNER**

Bill Lahti is the final winner of the Library’s snowshoe giveaway. Bill is a weekly patron of the library. He was thrilled to win the youth snowshoes as he is waiting for his first grandchild, Alex, to be born. “That was a great baby gift!”

The library would like to thank the Diabetes Program for buying the snowshoes and promoting wellness.

~ Mary Bergerson, Library Director

**Drug Court Report continued:**

1. $1000 fine.

2. 24 months standard drug and alcohol restricted probation with a $10 monthly probation fee to run concurrent with other cases. Defendant will be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing.

3. 180 days jail to be served concurrently with other cases. The Defendant shall be responsible for the costs of lodging.

The Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and follow the recommendations of that screening until successfully discharged. Defendant may follow recommendations of prior case.

5. The Defendant is to report to the probation officer twice weekly, perform at least one drug test per week, and is subject to random alcohol and/or drug testing. The Defendant will be responsible for the costs of those tests.

**Brittany Maki, case # 09-287, controlled substance (possession) - 1st offense**

**Factual basis:** I used controlled substances without a prescription, Hydrocodone, Methadone, and THC.

**Sentenced on 01/25/2010 to:**

1. $500 fine.

2. 180 days jail, 150 days suspended pending successful completion of all the terms of probation, credit for 13 days served, 17 days to be served. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging and other expenses while incarcerated.

3. The Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and follow the recommendation of that screening until successfully discharged.

4. 6-12 months standard drug and alcohol restricted probation with a $10 monthly probation fee. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing.

5. Upon discharge from jail, Defendant must submit to drug testing once per week until she can provide ten negative (non-dilute) tests in a row. Thereafter testing will be at the discretion of the probation officer.

6. Defendant will be released directly into an inpatient treatment facility and remaining jail time will be suspended.

**Teresa Loonsfoot, case # 10-002, controlled substance (use) - 1st offense**

**Factual basis:** I smoked marijuana, and it is illegal.

**Sentenced on 02/08/2010 to:**

1. $150 fine

2. 6-12 months standard drug and alcohol testing
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. College tuition and expenses for residents;
- Low cost home improvement loan program for qualifying Tribal members;
- Low cost tax preparation program for residents and Tribal members;
- Surplus FEMA mobile home program for Tribal members;
- Stipend program covering mileage and child care expenses for residents attending college;
- Affordable curbside trash service for residents and members;
- Prescription subsidy program to reimburse Tribal elders and disabled households for prescriptions purchased;
- 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 Neganeau—providing profits for housing programs;
- Ojibwa BP, Car Wash and Laundry—providing Tribal employment, superior products and service, and profits for housing programs.

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

- Education Committee – 1 seat for a three-year term and 1 seat for a two-year term (must be KBIC Tribal member and a parent of enrolled KBIC child in Grades K-12 attending the L’Anse or Baraga Schools)
- Justice Committee (Child Welfare) – two seats;
- Enrollment Committee – seven seats;
- HIRing Committee – seven seats;
- Natural Resource Committee – two seats;
- Pow-Wow Committee – four seats.

Drug Court Report continued:

restricted probation with a $10 monthly probation fee. Defendant is subject to random drug and alcohol testing and will be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing.

3. 90 days jail, 84 days suspended, credit for two days served, Defendant is to serve four days of community service in lieu of jail. Defendant will be financially responsible for the costs of lodging, if any.

4. The Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and is to follow the recommendations of that screening until successfully discharged.

5. The Defendant is to complete the Even Start program, obtain her GED, and provide the probation officer with proof of her efforts. When the Defendant completes the program, her fines will be reduced at an amount to be determined at that time.
**Healthy Heart Fair continued:**

& Hospice, Baraga County Medical Equipment, Bay Ambulance, KBOCC, KBOCC Destiny grant, KBIC Diabetes program, KBIC Healthy Start, KBIC WIC, KBIC Diabetes Case Management Service, KBIC Natural Resources, KBIC VOCA, KBIC Medical Clinic, KBIC CHS & Electronic Health Record, L’Anse Health Mart, MSU Extension Family Nutrition Program, Northern Orthotics & Prosthetics, Aspirus Keweenaw Home Nursing & Hospice, Message Therapy, and WHIPP.

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**Notice**

KBIC – CAP Office is looking for low-income eligible Tribal Members interested in Weatherization Training.

Interested applicants should have a background in construction and computer use.

Applicants need to pass a background check and must agree to commit to obtaining required training.

Interested Tribal Members need to contact the CAP Office by March 25th, 2010. Training will begin in April 2010. Limited space.

Please contact: Debbie or Nancy in the CAP Office – 906-353-8127 for application.

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**Native American Classics continued:**


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**Attention Well Owners!**

This spring, the Keweenaw Bay Natural Resources Department (KBNRD) will be collecting drinking water samples to determine the levels of uranium in tribal member wells. KBNRD Water Resources staff will be conducting the sampling. Wells screened within the Jacobsville Sandstone formation will be given first priority but all tribal member households are eligible for testing. Contact: KBNRD staff if you would like to have your sample tested.

**Eligibility Requirements:**
- Tribal Member residence
- Water supplied by an individual well
- Properties in Baqua-Supa, Houghton, Keweenaw, Ontonagon, or Marquette County

**For more information contact:**

Nicole Pelkey
Water Resources Specialist
(906) 353-3737 ext 15

Catherine Lax
Water Resources Technician
(906) 353-3737 ext 16

* Houses with municipal water supply are not eligible for this study.

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**Reminder**

The CAP Office has received notice of funding from the CITGO Corporation – details to come.

Energy Saving Educational Activities will start soon. Notice will be posted and also sent to Tribal members who expressed interest in their CAP applications.

Available soon – Programmable thermostats, CFL Light bulbs, CO Smoke Detectors, and other Energy Saving Devices.

Notice will be posted – Items given out will require old devices to be turned in for recycling or disposal.

Programs are funded by DBHSS/AOE, DOE, ARRA, E9304.
March 2010 Calendars Events
Mar. 6 — Regular Saturday Council Meeting, 10 a.m.
Mar. 12 — Comedian Don Burnstick at NMU
Mar. 13 — “Learning To Walk Together” NMU Powwow, 12 noon
Mar. 17 — Veterans meeting, 7 p.m.
Mar. 19 — KBIC Committee Application deadline, 4 p.m.
Mar. 25 — Ojibwa Sr. Citizen’s Pasty Sale
Mar. 26 — Ojibwa Sr. Citizen’s Monthly meeting at 12:30 p.m.

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 P11 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.

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