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All You Need To Know About The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
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MANY ATTEND NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY'S 16th ANNUAL "LEARNING TO WALK TOGETHER" TRADITIONAL POWWOW



Keweenaw Bay Indian Community member, Glen Bresette Sr., Head Veteran, is shown above leading the KBIC Color Guard during Grand Entry on Saturday afternoon.



Northern Michigan University's Center for Native American's sponsored their 16th Annual "Learning To Walk Together" powwow held at the Vandament Arena, in Marquette, on Saturday and Sunday, March 15th and 16th. The weekend event included three grand entries, veteran honor songs, exhibitions for the various dance styles, with many spectators joining in during the inter-tribals. Host drum for the weekend event was the Lac Courte Oreilles Badger Singers of LCO, Wisconsin, who were joined by many other

visiting drum groups and dancers who traveled throughout the Great Lakes area. Glenn Bresette Sr., a Keweenaw Bay Indian Community member, led the KBIC Color Guard as Head Veteran in grand entry. Lester Drift, of Zeba, Michigan, and LaTisha McRoy, of Bad River, Minnesota, led dancers as Head Male and Female Dancers throughout the weekend (shown above, right). Emcees, Ted Holappa, KBIC member, and Joe Masters, of Menominee, kept everyone well informed, while Arena Director, Robert Blackdeer, of Black River Falls, Wisconsin, did a fine job keeping the arena running smoothly. Many traders were present, but the busiest line grew in front of the *Iroquois Kitchen* stand who served many customers native foods including some very delicious fry bread. A Traditional Feast was held Saturday for powwow participants. (more pictures, page six)

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- March 1, 2008, Tribal Council meeting
- 16th Annual "Learning To Walk Together" Powwow
- Boy's Night Out — KBIC Youth
- Earth Day, Remember The Four R's
- New Employees
- Our Deepest Sympathy
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- Ojibwemowin

March 1, 2008 — Tribal Council Meeting

The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on March 1, 2008, in the Chippewa Room of the Ojibwa Resort Motel in Baraga, Michigan.

Warren C. Swartz Jr. presided over the meeting with Susan LaFerner, Toni Minton, William E. Emery, Jennifer Misegan, Doreen Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, Michael F. LaFerner Sr., Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo and Fred Dakota present. Numerous *Thank You* and *For Your Information* items were reviewed by Council. Council approved the Department Head reports for January 2008.

President Swartz reported in the President's Report, that on February 2, 2008, he officially took office as the Tribal Council President. The office is very busy on a daily basis, and he promises to do the best job that he can and with the Council's support they intend on doing everything possible to make this a better community for all. President Swartz indicated that he participated in a conference call with Debbie Williamson, Debra Parrish, Jim St. Arnold and Jean Jokinen regarding our grant application for the Native Language Planning Project. With ANA funding assistance, KBIC ultimately seeks to increase the number of language speakers among its membership through the development of a language revitalization and preservation plan that is community driven and culturally accurate. It has been decided to apply for a Category III grant—Native Language Project Implementation. The purpose of Category III grants is to provide support to Tribes and Native organizations in the implementation of a Native language project to achieve the community's long-range goals. Council received a petition signed by 52 tribal members seeking to nullify the recent January 26, 2008, tribal election which voted Fred Dakota a seat on the Tribal Council. According to KBIC Constitution Article V Sec. 2, it shall be the duty of the Tribal Council, if the grounds for such complaint are considered of sufficient merit to appoint a committee of five members of the Tribe. On February 22, Council met to determine if sufficient merit existed to proceed further with the petition. The majority of the Tribal Council decided there was insufficient merit to proceed further. President Swartz and Tom Chosa attended a meeting with the Michigan United Tribes at the Little River Band of Odawa Indians in Petoskey, Michigan. Bill Gregory facilitated a presentation regarding the Adam Walsh Act in which he presented options to consider regarding implementation of requirements under the Act. Options included a stand alone system, which will be very expensive, a 12-Nation Tribal wide system, or we could meet with the State of Michigan to look at their program which currently complies with the requirements under the Adam Walsh Act. President Swartz informed the group that the best way to share criminal justice information is to create a tribal wide system which would be similar to the Michigan LEIN and that KBIC is in support of a tribal wide system which would include a registry for sex offenders. Also at the United Tribes of Michigan meeting, a report was given on the statewide history curriculum for Native Americans. Melissa Claramunt presented an update on the work of the tribal education directors' consortium and their attempts to collaborate with publishers on how the history of Native Americans are presented in textbooks used in Michigan Public schools. Amy St. Arnold, Director of the Higher Education Program at KBIC, secured a quote from the former Tribal President, Susan LaFerner. St. Arnold sent this quote along with a picture of Susan LaFerner, as Tribal President, to publishers McGraw-Hill. The publishers will make the decision on what will be used in the books. Matt Wesaw, Vice Chairman of the United Tribes, presented us with an economic development idea. Wesaw said that Michigan is considering raising the rebates that they currently offer the movie industry from 20% to 35% which would be one of the highest in the nation. Wesaw indicated that this is one of the factors that producers look at before they decide where to shoot movies. If Michigan can be competitive in their rebates, producers may shoot more movies here in Michigan. This is encouraging to hear as the U.S. film industry is a 60-billion dollar industry. The Upper Peninsula has a lot to offer the movie industry with all of the shoreline and pristine places, and who knows maybe one of us may become the next movie star here on the L'Anse Indian Reservation. President Swartz signed a letter of support for the student services program which is needed for accreditation at the Ojibwa Community College. The CEO's office has continued to work on the funding agreement with the college which is anticipated to be completed in the next week or so. The College President is requesting the agreement so the Board of Regents can meet and review it. President Swartz followed up on a request made by Susan LaFerner regarding an alternative source of gasoline op-

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portunity. Swartz talked with Glenn A. Gauthier (LDF), President of Chippewa Business Development Services. Gauthier advised that he was working with a group, Global Trade Group, which is finalizing the gas opportunity and anticipated they'd have something in place around the end of February or by mid-March. Mr. Gauthier agreed to keep President Swartz informed of the progress. President Swartz updated the authorized signatures for the EMJAY retirement plan. The Disabled American Veterans Association will be hosting their first meeting in 25 years at the Ojibwa Casino Resort on Saturday, April 26, 2008. President Swartz has been asked to make an address at their meeting, and the KBIC Color Guard has been requested to post the colors for the meeting. On February 13, President Swartz attended an Ojibwa Housing Authority meeting in Zeba. Tom Chosa has installed a web camera on President Swartz's computer which was paid for by Inter-Tribal Council for video conferencing where they can meet with each other without leaving the office. President Swartz indicated that he has viewed two oversight hearings on the web regarding off reservation casinos which were held at the House: Natural Resources Committee Oversight Hearing on the "Department of Interior's Recently Released Guidance on Taking Land into Trust for Indian Tribes and its Ramifications." President Swartz signed a subcontract with the Michigan Inter-Tribal Council for Mental Health Services. The purpose of this agreement is to advance the provision of mental health counseling, outreach and crisis intervention and administrative services, plus evaluation and planning for the services of Native Americans and to provide services to the mentally ill, emotionally disturbed and substance abusers in accordance with specifications of work to be performed. On March 2, President Swartz plans to travel to Washington D.C. to attend the National Congress of American Indians Executive Council's Winter Session. The 2008 Executive Council Winter Session—Legislative Summit (ECWS) is an excellent opportunity to become involved in NCAI and be a part of the political discussion in Washington. There will be many Native issues before congress this year. In the last week of February, members of Council and Attorney Baker traveled to Grand Rapids to hear KBIC and the State's summary judgment motions for the sales and use tax case.

Attorney John Baker indicated he attended a motions hearing last week regarding the sales and use tax case, along with Tribal Council members, which were held at the Federal District Court before Judge Quist. Four motions were heard, two for the community and two for the State of Michigan. We are expecting a motion on summary judgment within the next 30 days.

Larry Denomie III, CEO, and his report were unavailable for today's meeting. A two month report will be given in April.

Toni Minton presented the Secretary's Report for February 2008. During the month of February 2008, the Tribal Council had one regular meeting and three special meetings. The regular Tribal Council meeting was held on February 2, 2008, and is reported in the March 2008 Tribal Newsletter. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on February 7, 2008: approved meeting minutes for December 6, 2007, December 14, 2007, and September 10, 2005; approved an emergency travel request for Mary Geroux; approved a purchase of building materials from Ojibwa Builders for the armory; prohibited firearms in any tribal buildings except by law enforcement; approved an emergency dental request for Carole Heckworth. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on February 22, 2008: approved meeting minutes for December 20, 2007, and January 5, 2008; approved resolution KB1602-2008 — ANA Language grant for Category III; decided not to move forward with the petition to nullify the January 26 election; approved a letter of support for the Ojibwa Community College to seek funding from the Shakopee Tribe; approved a change order to the Ojibwa Senior Building Renovation in the amount of \$53,701; approved February donations totaling \$3,050; approved performance contracts with Vanilla Gorilla for both radio stations; approved the Tribal President's salary and benefits; rescinded the prohibition of weapons motion from February 7 and to continue with the policy revisions; reinstated the employee from Grievance Hearing Case #002-08. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on February 26, 2008: approved meeting minutes for September 29, 2005; approved a Basic Library grant application for the Tribal Center Library; amended the Tribal Government Personnel Policies to include brandishing a weapon as a factor that could result in immediate dismissal; approved the new Alcohol Beverages License Application.

Jennifer Misegan presented the Treasurer's Report for February 2008. Jennifer stated the Council met on February 22, 2008, and approved the following donations: Student Writer's Organization of KBOCC — \$300 to attend a Native writing confer-

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ence at MSU; Laird Township — \$500 for playground equipment; Baraga Athletic Boosters — \$500 for an Elementary Basketball Tournament; Frank Pallone — \$1,000 as a re-election campaign contribution; National Indian Elders Association — \$500 for their annual conference; and Brownie Troup #400 — \$250 sponsorship. Treasurer Misegan requested of Council to provide copies of their driver's licenses which are needed to complete the updating of the checking account signature cards. Finance meetings are scheduled for March 7 and March 13, where the Casino audits, the year end financial of FY 2007, and at least the first quarter for FY 2008, of the businesses and government funds will be reviewed. On February 19, 2008, Larry Denomie, Susan LaFernier, Francis LaPointe, Jim Nardhi and Treasurer Misegan attended a meeting with representatives from the Employee Benefits, and Blue Cross and Blue Shield to discuss the renewal rates and options to keep costs down. Treasurer Misegan attended the sales and use tax suit hearing with Larry Denomie, Doreen Blaker, Susan LaFernier, Michael LaFernier, Fred Dakota and John Baker which was held in the Federal District Court in Grand Rapids. Treasurer Misegan indicated that our lawyers did a very good job representing the Tribe's case, and Judge Quist stated he would make his decision within 30 days. If anyone has any questions, comments or suggestions, please feel free to contact Treasurer Misegan either by stopping by her office, by telephone or by email.

Tribal Council at this time recognized the service of the former Tribal President Susan LaFernier. Jennifer Misegan gave the presentation — Council wishes to take the opportunity to thank Susan for serving as the President of our Tribe for the past three years. She brought a special gentleness to the office. She was always available for Council as well as the membership. She was extremely dedicated, usually the first one at the Center in the morning and the last to leave. She has put in many hours and we know that she often put the tribe before herself and did not take the time to pamper herself, so they presented her with a gift certificate for an hour massage, manicure and pedicure as well as a huge thank you for all that she has done for our tribe. Miigwetch Susan!

Under new business, President Swartz sought Council wishes on how to handle the trailer park leases. It was the consensus of the Council for President Swartz to authorize new leases and renewals within the President's office. Jennifer Misegan sought approval of the Council in reviving the Constitutional Task Force which has been inactive for some time. It was the consensus of the Council to contact present Constitutional Task Force members to see if they'd like to remain in their position and become active in meetings, or resign, and then to advertise for vacant seats on the Task Force. Jennifer is hoping to reconvene the Constitutional Task Force to meet on a regular basis. Jennifer Misegan sought Council's approval to form an exploratory committee to rebuild the Zeba Hall which would seek grant funding and present ideas of where, when, and what to include. If anyone has pictures available of the old Zeba Hall, please share them by dropping them off at the Tribal Center — care of: Jennifer Misegan. It was the consensus of the Council to move forward with this committee to explore the possibility of rebuilding the Zeba Hall.

Debbie Parrish sought approval by Council for Even Start's GED software as it has a cost of \$3710. Parrish and others were advised of the policy regarding purchases. Purchases can be made directly by the department head that are up to \$1000. If the cost of the purchase is \$1000 up to \$5000, it needs the approval of both the department head and the CEO. If the cost of the purchase is above \$5000, Tribal Council approval for the purchase is necessary. The CEO office will send out a memo that will clarify these procedures.

Don Carlson, a member of the audience, requested Council blacktop Bear Town Road near the intersection with M38. The road is rough with large holes and is quite hard on automobiles. A discussion occurred of how this road damage occurred. It was the consensus of Council for Tribal Construction to blacktop Bear Town Road from the Tribal Center to M38 to correct the problem. Carlson made mention of the road in Herman as needing work also. Council will notify Jason Ayres and Tribal Construction regarding this matter.

Council moved into closed session with President Swartz and John Baker on the agenda.

BIA Scholarship Deadline

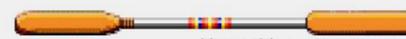
The deadline to apply for a BIA Scholarship for the 2008-09 academic year is May 1, 2008.

Applicants must be enrolled KBIC members, residents of Michigan attending a two or four year accredited Michigan college in pursuit of a two or four year degree and must complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

Applications are available from the Education Office, Keweenaw Bay Tribal Center, 16429 Bear Town Rd. Baraga MI 49908.

For more information, please contact Amy St. Arnold, Education Director at 906-353-4117 or amy@KBIC-nsn.gov.

2008 Children's Annual Pow-wow



Hosted by

Hannahville Indian Community Early Head Start/Head Start

At the:
Nah Tah Wahsh P.S.A
School Gymnasium
Wilson, Michigan

Date:
Saturday, April 19, 2008
12:00 pm ~ 5:00 pm
Grand Entry @ 1:00 pm
Feast to Follow!
(BRING A DISH TO PASS)



Host Drum:
Ditbasin
Hannahville Indian Community
Master of Ceremonies:
Rodney Frye, Sr.
Hannahville Indian Community
Head Veteran Dancer:
Quentin Shawano
Kesheena, Wisconsin
Head Male Dancer:
Parker Trudeau,
Hannahville Indian Community
Head Female Dancer:
Betsy Trudeau,
2007-2008 Miss Potawatomi Nation
Hannahville Indian Community

First 4 drums to register will receive an honorarium!

FOOD, RAFFLES & FUN for the whole family!

(Educational and Informational tables available)

All dancers dressed in regalia
will receive an honorarium.

This is a school-event,
please honor all rules.

Vendors contact:
Julia Schroeder, Head Start Director at 906-466-0279
or for other information contact: Jessica McCullough, at 906-466-9243

Sponsored by Inter-Tribal Council of MI, Inc. Early Head Start and Head Start Programs
NO Alcohol, Drugs or SMOKING allowed on school grounds! Public is Welcome!

EVEN START NEWS



Travis Seppanen (left), KBIC Even Start student, poses with adult education teacher John Deline (right) to mark Seppanen's successful completion of his GED through the tribal family literacy program.

March into Spring by Enrolling in the KBIC EVEN START Family Literacy Program

Earn your GED/High School Diploma
Early Childhood Programs for children
Improve parenting skills
Incentives for participation
Transportation and childcare available

Even Start is **free** to all Tribal and Non-Tribal members in Baraga County.
Now open to Tribal Members in the Marquette area.

Call 353-8161 to register
KBIC EVEN START—755 Michigan Avenue—Baraga, MI 49908

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GEAR UP Program Overview

The State of Michigan had been awarded a six-year grant by the U.S. Department of Education to increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in post-secondary education. This program is called Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs or GEAR UP. The GEAR UP/College Day (GU/CD) Program aligns with the recommendations of the Lt. Governor's Commission on Higher Education & Economic Growth. These recommendations support the doubling of the number of college graduates in Michigan within the next 10 years.

Michigan Technological University's GEAR UP program is designed to expose students, many of who may be first generation college students, to what college is all about. The schools we will be serving include L'Anse/Baraga area as well as Hannahville and Watersmeet. Program opportunities for students and parents will include career awareness and skill development presentations, presentations to increase college readiness and what students need to do to prepare for college while still in high school, financial aid workshops and visits to Michigan Tech's campus.

The GEAR UP program staff at Michigan Tech is very excited to be working with local students and parents to prepare for the future! GEAR UP contacts: Heather Simpson, Michigan Tech GU/CD Coordinator, Cody Kangas, Michigan Tech GU/CD Association Coordinator, Lori Muhling, Native American Outreach Coordinator.

ONLINE TUTORING IN MATH AND SCIENCE

At KatieKares.com we realize that once our minds are opened to the power of knowledge and education, our opportunities are endless. Our excitement about learning and teaching ultimately ignites the same enthusiasm in students. We want students to have the foundation that they need to pursue their dreams. Therefore, we are offering quality online tutoring in math and science from the privacy of their homes. For more information, email us at admin@katiekares.com.

Subject areas available for tutoring at KatieKares.com

Grades 7-9 Math	Grades 7-9 Science	Grades 10-12 Math	Grades 10-12 Science	Grades 10-12 AP Math and Science
General Math	General Science	General Math	General Science	AP Calculus
Pre-Algebra	Physical Science	Algebra	Biology	AP Statistics
Algebra	Biology	Pre-Calculus	Chemistry	AP Biology
		Calculus	Physics	AP Chemistry
		Geometry		AP Physics
		Trigonometry		

NFEC EITC Update — Economic Stimulus Payments

In early March, the [Internal Revenue Service](#) sent notices informing more than 130 million households that they may be eligible for an economic stimulus payment. The letters are part of an extensive outreach effort to alert people that they must file a 2007 tax return to receive the payment.

Organizations that serve people who have a [disability or are elderly](#) may wish to make sure their clients file their taxes in 2007 even if they do not need to file and do not expect a refund. The law stipulates that the rebate check may not to be considered in any federal benefits eligibility test.

[Starting in May](#), millions of households will be receiving checks or deposits into their bank accounts of \$300, \$600, \$1,200 or more. In most cases, the IRS will distribute the funds to the same address or account number that tax refunds were sent. Thus, people who file their taxes early and electronically will receive the payments sooner. If a split refund form ([Form 8888](#)) was used, the stimulus payment will be sent in check form only. Also, filers who received Refund Anticipation Loans will receive their payments via check.

The first transfer of payments will be made to those filers who received a refund via direct deposit. If a filer owes money or expects no refund, the payment can still be provided via direct deposit as long as the filer includes a routing number and account number on their tax return. Checks will then be sent out over a period of three weeks or so.

\$300 - \$1,200 Payments to [Eligible Recipients](#)

Individuals earning less than \$75,000 annually will receive a check for up to \$600. Couples earning less than \$150,000 annually will receive up to \$1,200. Payments would phase out beginning with individuals with more than \$75,000 in adjusted gross income (AGI) and couples with more than \$150,000 in AGI.

- Families will also receive \$300 for each child younger than 17.
- Additionally, workers who can verify that they earned at least \$3,000 in 2007 and have little to no tax liability will be eligible for payments of \$300 although they must file their taxes.
- Seniors, disabled veterans and veterans' widows who can verify \$3,000 in Social Security or veterans' disability benefits in 2007 are eligible to receive payments of \$300.

The determination of income and children is based on the filed 2007 tax return. To receive the funds, 2007 income taxes must be filed with a social security number. ITINs or individual tax identification numbers will not suffice. The funds will not arrive until after May.

To receive the stimulus payment, taxes must be processed by the IRS by December 31, 2008. This means that taxes need not be filed by April 15 to receive the payment. Filers should aim to submit their tax forms by October.

Choose to Save

While the message from policymakers has encouraged using these funds on goods and services, asset advocates can use these payments as an opportunity to promote savings and wealth building. Savings is the means that enables families to withstand medical emergencies and other financial shocks, purchase assets and ensure a prosperous future.

“EARTH DAY: Remember the Four R's — Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rethink”

This year “Earth Day” is April 22. It is the annual celebration of the environment and a time to celebrate our gains that we have made and to access the work still needed to protect the natural gifts of our planet. Taking care of our earth is not just a responsibility—it's a privilege. Earth Day is observed around the world, although nowhere is it a national holiday, and YOU can make a big difference. There has been environmental progress because of the efforts of many. The air we breathe is cleaner, between 1970 and 2005, total emissions of the six principle air pollutants in the United States declined by 53% which has been tracked by the EPA. The U.S. is gaining wetlands between 1998 and 2004, the net gain was 191,750 acres. The ozone layer is also recovering. According to the United Nations, the ozone layer is expected to slowly recover over the next 50 years as a result of the elimination of ozone-depleting chemicals.

Let us continue with this progress. We can learn how to create “greener” energy efficient, comfortable and healthy homes. Pay attention to how you use water; the little things can make a big difference: watch for leaks, turn it off whenever you can, wash your clothes in cooler water, and drink tap water instead of bottled water if you can. Leave your car at home (especially with the gas prices). If you can stay off the road just two days a week, you will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by an average of 1,590 pounds per year. Combine your errands (post office, grocery store, bank, etc). Walk or ride your bike to work, school and anywhere you can or carpool. You will reduce greenhouse gases while burning calories and improving your health. We can learn how to compost our kitchen and yard waste which will reduce the amount of trash we send to landfills. Compost makes a great

natural fertilizer, and it is easier to do than you think. We can also begin using compact fluorescent light bulbs that use ¼ of the energy of incandescent bulbs. Remember to snip apart the six-pack plastic rings before you throw them away as they can entangle birds, fish and small animals. Also don't throw out old batteries because they contain mercury that can leak into our groundwater or be burned and released into the air. Try rechargeable batteries. Remember the four R's: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rethink.

As you can see, there are many things we can do to protect and save our earth. My goal is to begin a recycling and other “green” programs for our Community in the very near future. I commend all of you who are already using these tips and to those who help every year with spring cleanups of our homes, roads and cemeteries. Be watching for the Spring clean up dates and information on another clean sweep. We can be proud and celebrate the gains that we have made in protecting the gifts given to us by our God and Creator. I am also proud of your continued opposition on sulfide mining. Please call me if you have any questions and suggestions, and please continue to pray that our beautiful land and water remain free of contamination for us to continue to enjoy. There are also many great ideas on the internet. We wish all of you a very happy Spring!

“Save The Earth”

People everywhere, breathe the same air, share the same seas, live together on the land. People everywhere who learn, plan, work, care... can save the Earth.

-Betty Miles

~Susan J. LaFernier, Vice President

SUMMER COLLEGE INTERN PROGRAM

The Tribal Council has approved funding for a Summer College Intern Program. Five students will be placed with tribal departments for 14 weeks this summer, working 32 hours per week @ \$8.20 per hour. Students must be KBIC members, attending college full-time during the 2007-08 academic year and continuing during the 2008-09 academic year, must have a minimum GPA of 2.00 and must provide proof of GPA, full-time status and college major. If the number of students applying is greater than the number of positions available, the highest GPA's will be used to determine placement.

To apply, please contact Pauline Spruce at the Personnel Office at the Tribal Center. Her phone number is 353-6623, ext. 4140. The deadline to apply is May 16, 2008, at 4 p.m. Students could begin work as early as May 27. Applications will be accepted after May 16th if all positions are not filled.

If you have any questions regarding the Summer College Intern Program, please contact Amy St. Arnold, Education Director, at 353-4117 or at amy@KBIC-nsn.gov.

Three Fires Artist Needed.

The Homecoming of the Three Fires Powwow Committee is seeking a T-shirt design for the powwow that will be held June 14-15, 2008. The T-shirt design will be selected from the submissions that meet the following criteria:

- Artist must be a member or descendent from a Three Fires Tribe (Ottawa, Chippewa, Potawatomi) and submit a copy of their tribal I.D. or other documentation.
- Original artwork must be submitted and becomes the property of the Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians.
- Include artist's name, address, telephone number and/or email address on the back of the design.

Theme: **Honoring the Continued Gathering of the People of the Three Fires.**

Deadline: April 10, 2008, received in our office.

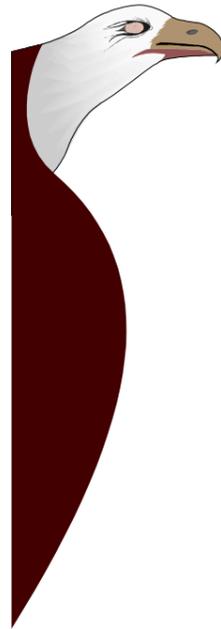
Size limitation: 8 1/2" X 11"

Colors: Four maximum (To be considered for T-shirt design.)

Any work submitted after the deadline will not be considered for the t-shirt logo, but may be used in promoting the powwow.

Original artwork becomes the property of Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians.

Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians
ATTN: Ron Yob
1252 Plainfield, N.E., Ste. B
P.O. Box 2937
Grand Rapids, MI 49501-2937



Anishinaabe Anokii

First People's Work Center

A small business development and support center sponsored in part by a grant from the ANA that is focused on Native American-owned businesses and entrepreneurs. Anokii staff assist Native Americans and non-Tribal members in becoming successful and profitable business owners.

Anishinaabe Anokii services include:

- Tribal Business Owner Directory
- Business Development Resources
- Fax, Copier, Computer & Internet Services, Meeting Room
- Business Support & Developmental Education Classes
- Confidential Credit Counseling & Financial Literacy Classes
- "Indianpreneur" Business Development Program

8:00 am-4:30 pm

Ojibwa Industrial Park
Baraga, MI 49908

Tel: (906) 353-2626
Fax: (906) 353-2627

Timothy W. Shanahan,
Business Counselor

Tina Durant,
Services Coordinator

1ST STEP COUNSELING SERVICE

If you are interested in starting or buying a business and don't know what to do next...

Call Tina Durant @ (906) 353-2626 at the Anishinaabe Anokii Center.

She will set you up with an appointment with a certified business counselor in the Baraga County area. Sessions are free and confidential.



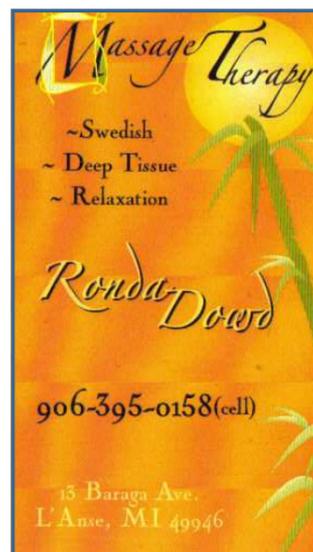
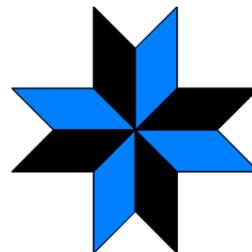
NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR "DREAM CATCHER" AWARD

The KBIC Even Start Family Literacy Program recognizes the efforts of community individuals to honor children through their efforts in the areas of early childhood education, social services, parenting and mentoring. As part of the National Week of the Young Child celebrated across the country (April 13-19, 2008) KBIC Even Start is spotlighting the people who make a positive difference in the lives of young children in our community.

As a Family Literacy Program, KBIC Even Start emphasizes four areas of education for the low-income families it serves. By addressing the literacy needs of the entire family, KBIC Even Start places emphasis on meeting family education goals through adult education, early childhood education, parenting and interactive literacy activities. The program works in collaboration with many community programs and services to meet these goals and appreciates the dedication of parents, teachers and partners. Through a strong web of support, children in our community are able to learn and grow through the inspiration and talents of caring adults.

The "Dream Catcher" award will be announced during April's Week of the Young Child. This award is KBIC Even Start's tribute to the caring men and women who, in many different ways, contribute to the education and welfare of young children ages 0-8 assisting them in their ability to "catch their dreams." The public is encouraged to help us recognize any adults whose parenting, teaching, or community service benefits the young children of Baraga County.

Nominations for this year's Dream Catcher Award can be submitted to the KBIC Even Start office at 353-8161 or by e-mail at mdeline@kbocc.org. Please submit the name of your choice, phone number, and reason why this person deserves to be recognized. Deadline for nominations: noon, Monday April 7th.



Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Employment Opportunities

For a current job listings, complete job announcements, application 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:

<http://www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/personnel.htm>

Summer Interim — May 16 deadline

Recreation Facility Attendant — April 3 deadline

THPO/NAGPRA Technician — April 3 deadline

Health Director — open till filled

On Call positions:

- * LPN
- * RN
- * Unit Manager
- * Account Executive/Sales
- * Child Care Provider
- * Cashier
- * Receptionist/Clerical Worker

NEW EMPLOYEES



Elementary Tutor for the Baraga Area Schools —

Michael Duschene of Baraga, a KBIC member, has been recently hired as KBIC Elementary Tutor (Grades K-6) in the Baraga School. He was born and raised in Baraga but has lived most of his life in Illinois. He returned to Michigan and went to college at Michigan Tech where he received a Bachelors' degree. He has always had an interest

in the education of the youth of our Community. He served on the education committee and is on the scholarship selection committee for Michigan Indian Elders Association. This new position is giving him the opportunity to continue his interest by interacting and helping the young students of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.



Beth Dix- Elementary Tutor for the L'Anse Area Schools —

Beth Dix, a KBIC member, has been recently hired as KBIC Elementary Tutor (Grades K-6) in the L'Anse School. Beth and her husband, Dave, live in L'Anse with their four children, Jordan, Cassie, Samuel and Sarah. Beth was born and raised in Baraga County, and is the daughter of Garry and Helen Tollefson who formerly owned The Baraga Drive-In for 22 yrs. This gave her the opportunity to work at the Drive-In for 15 years. She graduated from L'Anse High School and has four years of college education. Beth

has been very active in the school system substitute teaching, volunteering, and serving as President of the CJ Sullivan PTO. She currently is serving on the L'Anse Area School Board of Education. Beth indicated, "I applied for this job because I strongly believe in the importance of education and enjoy working with children. I hope to establish a strong working relationship with the students and help them achieve their highest potential. I look forward to servicing the KBIC students."



NMU's 16th Annual "Learning To Walk Together" Powwow continued:



(6) Ningodwaaswi

**BAY MILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
NISHNAABEMWIN PANE IMMERSION PROGRAM
Keweenaw Bay Indian Community - Baraga**

Immersion Weekends 2008

Dates	Classes	Instructions
April 4, 5 & 6 May 30, 31, & June 1 June 20, 21 & 22 July 11, 12 & 13 August 8, 9 & 10	NP161—Ojibwe Immersion I, 8 cr. NP162—Ojibwe Immersion II, 8 cr. NP262—Listening Comprehensive II, 8 cr.	Barb Nolan, Rhonda Hopkins

The program is designed to facilitate the language student's acquisition of the Nishnaabe language by developing their ability to understand the content of fluent speakers' speech, respond to that speech appropriately and produce an advanced level of spontaneous Nishnaabemwin speech.

The program is intended for students deeply interested in, and committed to acquiring ability to comprehend and speak Nishnaabemwin.

Guiding Principles for Immersion Instructors:

- The instructor will speak only Nishnaabemwin to the students and to other speakers.
- The instructor will make repeated, varied and reasonable attempts to facilitate the student's understanding of what is being communicated in Nishnaabemwin.
- The instructor will continually assure the students that listening in and of itself is crucial to Nishnaabemwin acquisition.
- The instructor will never force students to speak Nishnaabemwin.
- The instructor will respect that it is the student's decision when and whether to speak Nishnaabemwin.
- The instructor will never publicly correct nor criticize a student's attempt to produce speech.
- If a student produces speech that is grammatically incorrect, the instructor will continue as if the student made no mistake in speech production.
- If a student produces speech that is factually incorrect, the instructor will restate correctly what the student was trying to say.
- The instructor will continually assess the comprehension level of the students and make reasonable attempts to adjust the level of speech to accommodate the students.

Guiding Principles for Immersion Students

- The students will listen attentively to the instructor while fully understanding that active listening leads to comprehension, that comprehension eventually leads to speech production and that this process will be difficult until the students have actively listened to an immersion instructor for at least 2,000 hours.
- The students will make every effort to understand what the instructor is trying to communicate and will not become discouraged when unable to comprehend.
- The students will make reasonable efforts to increase their hours of active listening.
- The students will make a good-faith effort to minimize their use of English in attempting to communicate.
- The students will respect the wishes of other students who do not want to hear English, and will refrain from using English when communicating with those individuals during class time.
- The students are solely responsible for the decision of when and whether to speak Nishnaabemwin.
- The students fully recognizes that their capacity to understand what is being said in Nishnaabemwin will exceed their ability to speak in Nishnaabemwin.
- The students will never criticize other students nor publically correct another student's speech production.

For More Information:

Call Geraldine Mantila, KBIC Culture Committee Chairman, 906-353-6623, Ext. 4134 or 906-353-7020.

KBIC members can take the class at no charge for tuition and fees. Students must also be enrolled at BMCC.
To register visit www.bmcc.edu or call Wade Teeple, Off-Campus Coordinator for enrollment/fees at 1-800-844-BMCC
Registration will take place at the first weekend of class, April 4-6, 2008.

Classes are held at the KBIC Cultural Building, Ojibwa Powwow Grounds, Baraga, MI 49908.

Our Deepest Sympathy

VANESSA JOAN GAUTHIER

(February 13, 2008 - March 8, 2008)

Vanessa Joan Gauthier, infant daughter of Melissa McSawby and Jamie Gauthier went to be with an Angel of God on March 8, 2008, at the Baraga County Memorial Hospital. Vanessa was born February 13, 2008, in Hancock, Michigan, and although her time here was short, she brought great joy and was loved very much by her family. The short little time she was here with us she was our everything, our world, our angel. Everyone who met her couldn't help but to fall in love and smiled the moment they saw her. She will always be in our hearts with us until we see her again.



"Angel's Hands: Hands that hold a little one, safe and snug upon their lap. Rocking when the day is done, or just in time to take a nap. Little treasures told in stories, teaching right from wrong, or the sound of a whisper, have come to mean so much, leaving precious memories forever. An angel's hands gently held me, caressing me with their love. Leaving behind a precious memory, of an angel's sweet love." author unknown.

Surviving as her parents Melissa McSawby of L'Anse and Private First Class Jamie Gauthier who is stationed in Iraq; maternal grandparents Colleen and John DeRoche of Zeba; paternal grandparents Cathy (Al) Shelfoe of Baraga, and George Gauthier of Baraga; paternal great grandmother Joan Gauthier of Baraga, maternal great grandparents William and Gretchen Emery of Zeba; great great uncle Jerry Lee (Cindy) Curtis of Baraga; great aunt Jody Miller of Zeba; aunts and uncles Carmen, Nellie, Josh, Tricia, Justin, LeRoy, Kyle, Rebecca and Trisan; several more aunts, uncles, great aunts and uncles, and many cousins.

Preceded in death are maternal great great grandmother Alice Curtis, maternal great grandmother Georgianna Emery; maternal great grandmother Beverly Miller; paternal great grandfather LeRoy Gauthier.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, March 13, 2008, at the Jacobson Funeral Home. Rev. John Henry officiated. The Jacobson Funeral Home of L'Anse assisted the family.

SAMUEL L. SPRUCE

(November 4, 1935 - February 24, 2008)

Samuel L. Spruce, age 72, of Keshena, Wisconsin, passed away on February 24, 2008, at his home. Samuel was born on November 4, 1935, the son of the late Samuel and Margaret Spruce. Sam served in the United States Army during the Korean War and was honorably discharged on January 25, 1957. On December 20, 1962, he was united in marriage to Veronica Nunway in Shawano. After he moved to that area, 35 years ago, he worked as a Tribal Police Officer for the Menominee Tribe. He also owned and operated his own trucking company with his sons and was employed at Menominee Tribal Enterprise as a truck driver in the mill and later at the Menominee Casino as a security guard. Sam and Vera were foster care parents for many children. Veronica preceded him in death in 1998. Sam was a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, St. Anthony's Catholic Church and the Menominee Snowmobile Club. He enjoyed bowling and bowled on a number of different leagues. He enjoyed shooting pool, playing bingo and slots, hunting, fishing, picking berries, playing poker with family and friends, attending powwows and spending time with his many children and grandchildren. He was a loyal Packer fan, Cubs fan, San Antonio Spurs fan, and #17 Matt Kenseth was his favorite NASCAR driver.

Sam is survived by his children, Jerry (Girl) Nunway of Keshena, Samuel "Oscar" (Kelly) Spruce Jr. of Oneida, Marvin "Zeb" (Toni) Spruce, Sr. of Green Bay, Jeffrey "Razz" Spruce of Keshena, Violet (Allen) Ninham of Gresham, Carol (Bill) Tyler of Keshena, Debra (John) Spruce of South Branch, Margaret (Kurt) Spruce of Keshena; special daughter, Theresa Penass; 21 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; his special little buddies, Sam Bug, Tiny, Nevaeh, Ernie, Shay, Allie, Bert; and two special granddaughters who cared for Grampa through his final days, Sam Turtle and Lora Mouse. Sam is further survived by four sisters Eleanor Seppanen, Evelyn Holappa, Rosemary (Alex) Haataja, of Zeba, MI, and Barbara Mantila of Baraga, MI, one brother, Ronald (Betty) Spruce of Zeba, MI; and one sister-in-law, Elda Marie Dickie of Keshena. Sam was preceded in death by his wife, Veronica; his son, Rick Nunway; two grandchildren, Jacqueline Nunway, Mitchell Richard Peters; his parents; and three brothers, Robert Spruce, Russell Spruce and Kenneth Spruce.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, February 28, 2008, at the St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Neopit, WI, with the Rev. David Kiefer officiating. Military Rites were conducted by the Menominee American Legion Post #497 and the Veterans of the Menominee Nation at the church following the service. Swedberg Funeral Home in Shawano, WI, assisted the family with the arrangements.

LESTER E. "OGIMAA-GIIZHIK" DRIFT JR.

(April 24, 1965 — March 18, 2008)

Lester E. "OGIMAA-GIIZHIK" Drift Jr., age 42, of L'Anse, Michigan, passed away suddenly Tuesday, March 18, 2008, at Baraga County Memorial Hospital. He was born in Duluth, MN, on April 24, 1965, the son of Lester E. and Karen (Strong) Drift Sr. Lester attended school in Orr, Minnesota. He married the former Frances Chosa in Zeba, on July 12, 1987. Lester owned and operated his own roofing company, Drift Roofing in L'Anse. He was a member of the Bois Forte Indian Community in Nett Lake, MN, and the L'Anse Area School Board. Lester enjoyed attending and participating in powwows, coaching little league, bingo and playing computer chess.

Mr. Drift is survived by his loving family; wife, Frances, children, Alden (Angela) Connor of L'Anse, Dan (Beth) Connor of L'Anse, Tiara Drift, Taylor Drift, Tiana Drift, Trinity Drift, Tina (John) Messer, Tanya Miller, and Teresa Miller all of L'Anse, eight grandchildren, his parents, brothers Peter (Lori) Drift, Mark Drift, and Bart Drift, sisters Karlene (Donald) Chosa, and Farrah Drift. Numerous nieces, nephews and cousins also survive. He was preceded in death by his grandparents.

Traditional funeral services for Mr. Drift were held on March 22, 2008, at the Ojibwa Community College gymnasium, Baraga, Michigan. The Reid Funeral Home of L'Anse assisted the family.



Attention - All Tribal Youth, ages 16-18, interested in a Health career?

There is only three weeks left to apply to the American Indian Physicians Association (AAIP) to be selected to participate in the 11th Annual National Native American Youth Initiative (NNAYI). NNAYI is designed to better prepare American Indian/Alaskan Native (AI/AN) high school students to remain in the academic pipeline and pursue a career in the health professions and/or biomedical research. NNAYI's curriculum is presented in a series of lectures, interactive workshops, and field trips. Students learn about various health professions, college and medical school admission process, financial aid resources and health care issues affecting AI/AN communities as our own. Students will get the opportunity to network with AI/AN professionals and learn more about mentoring and shadowing opportunities with AAIP member physicians.

Eligibility

The AAIP will select 60 AI/AN high school students, age 16-18, to attend the 11th Annual Patty Iron Cloud NNAYI program to be held June 21-29, 2008, in Washington, DC. Students planning to enter health careers are eligible to apply. Students must have a minimum cumulative 2.5 GPA (A= 4.0). Students will be selected on the basis of scholastic achievement, demonstrated interest in the fields of health sciences or biomedical research, leadership skills and personal attributes. The AAIP scholarship pays for lodging, most meals and travel expenses to and from Washington DC.

NNAYI is not a summer camp! It is an intense enrichment program that consists of a rigorous schedule of all-day sessions. You must be prepared to work hard and use your own initiative to take advantage of this learning opportunity!

All information can be found at the www.aaip.org/programs/nnayi/nnayi.htm website. Copies of applications are available at the Youth Programs offices. We will assist you in filling out your applications. Contact us at 353-4644 or 4643. Application deadline is April 18, 2008.

**KEWEENAW BAY YOUTH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting, March 10, 2008**

Call to Order- The regular meeting of the KBIC Youth Council was called to order by President, Tashina Emery, at approximately 7:45 p.m.

Present – Tashina Emery, President, Angelica Bogda, Vice President; and Ethan Smith, Treasurer; were all in attendance. Members of the youth in attendance were: J. Chaudier, R. Voakes and D.J. Chaudier. Rez Runner practice was also in session. Carole LaPointe, Youth Director, was in attendance.

Treasurer Report – Ethan Smith, Treasurer, gave a verbal report that \$752 was made at the Valentines Dance(s) on February 15th.

Secretary – DeAnna Varline, Secretary, was absent. Youth Director took the meeting minutes.

Discussion – There was motion made by Ethan Smith to look into new lighting and Dance equipment for the Youth Club. The Youth Director will get three bids for this and present it to the committee at the next meeting. The attendance drawing was held. Ethan Smith won a \$25 gift card from Shopko. The next drawing will be at the May 2008 meeting. Each person attending tonight will be eligible for the next drawing. There are currently four Rez Runner Teams. Their practice schedule is posted throughout the building and on the youth weblink at www.ojibwa.com. The youth calendar is posted on the website too.

There is a sign-up sheet for the dances on Friday, March 14th. There is a sign-up sheet for the NMU Powwow on Saturday. Everyone must be signed up by Wednesday, March 12, 2008.

There is a TLC Conference in Stephenson, in April. Several youth signed up to go. The next meeting will be on April 7, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. Carole LaPointe talked about the NAIG (North American Indigenous Games).

Respectively submitted,
President, Tashina Emery (Acting) Secretary for DeAnna Varline

**JESSICA KOSKI WINS FULL SCHOLARSHIP TO
SEMESTER IN WASHINGTON PROGRAM**

*Classes, practicum, Internship make up unique Washington, D.C. experience
Real World Political Training in the heart of our Nation's Capital*

WASHINGTON, D.C.— Jessica Koski, a junior at Michigan Technological University, has been accepted to participate in the Native American Political Leadership Program (NAPLP) at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., sponsored by AT&T. This program brings together undergraduate and graduate Native American, Native Hawaiian, and Alaskan Native students from around the country for an intensive semester of coursework, hands-on skills practicum with political professionals and meetings and events with key national leaders and organizations. For example, a recent group of NAPLP students met with Barry Jackson, Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of the Office of Strategic Initiatives as well as Justice Scalia of the U.S. Supreme Court, and Commissioner Michael Toner of the Federal Election Commission. NAPLP students take advantage of their time here by interfacing with National Indian Education Association, the Smithsonian Museum and the U.S. Congress. Students this semester will continue to meet with national leaders and organizations but with an added eye toward the competitive Presidential election. Students are volunteering for campaigns, attending events and rallies, and taking full advantage of their time inside the beltway.

Koski has accepted an internship with the Office of Indian Affairs House and will participate in the program's legislative practicum in which she will work as part of a team of students under the tutelage of a professional lobbyist in developing a lobbying plan for current revisions to No Child Left Behind.

The Semester in Washington Program offers undergraduate students the opportunity to study and earn credit toward their degree at George Washington University while experiencing the nation's capital and developing career direction for their post-graduation endeavors. For more information on the Semester in Washington, call 1-800-367-4776 or check the program's web site at <http://www.semesterinwashington.org>.

BOY'S NIGHT OUT



KBIC Youth Boys Night out was held on Friday, March 7, and was great fun for all who attended. Bill Jondreau, Irvin Smith and Gary Loonsfoot Jr. chaperoned the group of twelve boys, ages four-twelve. The boys attended the Northern Michigan Wildcats versus Ohio State college hockey game which was the first round of the CCHA playoffs. Northern Michigan was beat four to three on this night but did win the series — two games to one. The boys enjoyed dinner at the Coney Express, attended the hockey game and received an NMU mini hockey stick compliments of the KBIC Youth Club.

KBIC Diabetes Program Events

Diabetic Foot Care Clinic

Care includes nail trimming and foot exam.

Friday, April 11th in the KBIC Dental Clinic.

To schedule an appointment contact Heather at 353-4546
or Kathy at 353-4519.

**Diabetes Talking Circle
& Education**

Best Western Lakeside Inn - Baraga, MI

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Lunch is provided.

Thursday, April 17th : What Can I Eat?

Learn how you can earn a prize valued at \$20 or greater!

For more information contact Kathy at 353-4519
or Heather at 353-4546.

Hatha **YOGA**

8 Week Program

Starting April 21st

Mondays & Thursdays

Ojibwa Motel Chippewa Rooms

Chair 3:00 p.m.

Floor 4:30 p.m.

Registration is required. To register contact Heather at 353-4546.

April 2008

Notice: There will be *limited* use of the Niiwin Akeea Youth Gym, beginning 4/6/08, as there will be MDOC Officer Cadet training taking place from 6:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. daily, Monday through Friday. **Dates of use will be:** 4/6/08 – 4/18/08. Please inquire with Youth Director, facility attendants, for any use of the gym. There will be posted times for Open Gym and walking. Miigwetch for your cooperation during this time.

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

MDOC = Michigan Dept. of Corrections classes; ASP = After School Programming, BCG = Baraga County Gymnastics, FE = Future Entrepreneurs, RRI – Rez Runners Team 1, RR2 – Rez Runners Team 2, etc.

NOTICE: If there are no volunteers available for Open Gym, it will be cancelled. No youth allowed in the gym unattended! Volunteers wanted!

6 Regalia — 2-6pm; BCG 4-7 pm; 4th grade boys 2-4 pm; Open Gym 7-9

7 MDOC 06:30-15:30; ASP 3:30-5:30 pm; Youth Committee meets 5 pm; RR1 3:30-5:30 pm; RR2—6-7:30 pm; RR3 7:30-9:30 pm

13 Regalia — 2-6pm; BCG 4-7 pm; 4th grade boys 2-4 pm; Open Gym 7-9

14 MDOC 06:30-15:30; ASP 3:30-5:30 pm; Youth Council meets 7 pm; RR1 3:30-5:30 pm; RR2—6-7:30 pm; RR3 7:30-9:30 pm

20 Regalia — 2-6pm; BCG 4-7 pm; 4th grade boys 2-4 pm; Open Gym 7-9 REZ Runners Tourney at GTB

21 ASP 3:30-5:30 pm; RR1 3:30-5:30 pm; RR2—6-7:30 pm; RR3 7:30-9:30 pm

27 BHS Prom, clean up by 2 pm; Open gym 7-9 pm

28 ASP 3:30-5:30 pm; RR1 3:30-5:30 pm; RR2—6-7:30 pm; RR3 7:30-9:30 pm

1 April Fool's Day; ASP 3:30-5:30 pm; BCG 4-9 pm; Karate 6-6:50 pm

8 MDOC 06:30-15:30; Early Head Start Gym Day 10-11 am; ASP 3:30-5:30 pm; BCG 4-9 pm; Karate 6-6:50 pm

15 MDOC 06:30-15:30; ASP 3:30-5:30 pm; BCG 4-9 pm; Karate 6-6:50 pm

22 EARTH DAY! NMU Earth Day Summit; ASP 3:30-5:30 pm; BCG 4-9 pm; Karate 6-6:50 pm

29 ASP 3:30-5:30 pm; BCG 4-9 pm; Karate 6-6:50 pm

2 ASP 3:30-5:30 pm; Brownies 6-7 pm; RR4—4:00-5:30 pm; RR2—5:30-7 pm; RR3—7:30-9:30 pm; FE 5:30-7:30pm

9 MDOC 06:30-15:30; ASP 3:30-5:30 pm; RR4—4:00-5:30 pm; RR2—5:30-7 pm; RR3—7:30-9:30 pm; FE 5:30-7:30pm

16 MDOC 06:30-15:30; ASP 3:30-5:30 pm; RR4—4:00-5:30 pm; RR2—5:30-7 pm; RR3—7:30-9:30 pm; FE 5:30-7:30pm

23 NMU Earth Day Summit; ASP 3:30-5:30 pm; RR4—4:00-5:30 pm; RR2—5:30-7 pm; RR3—7:30-9:30 pm; FE 5:30-7:30pm

30 ASP 3:30-5:30 pm; Brownies 6-7 pm; RR4—4:00-5:30 pm; RR2—5:30-7 pm; RR3—7:30-9:30 pm; FE 5:30-7:30pm

3 Language Table @ Ojibwa Resort, 7:00 pm; ASP—3:30-5:30 pm; 6th grade boys 3:30-5:30 pm; 3rd grade girls 5-7 pm; Open Gym 7-9 pm

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24 Language Table @ Ojibwa Resort, 7:00 pm; ASP—3:30-5:30 pm; 6th grade boys 3:30-5:00 pm; 3rd grade girls 5-7 pm; Open Gym 7-9 pm

4 Language Table @ OCC, 7:00 pm; ASP 3:30-5:30 pm; RR4—4-6 pm; RR3—7:30-9:30 pm

11 Language Table @ OCC, 7:00 pm; MDOC 06:30-15:30; ASP 3:30-5:30 pm; RR4—4-6 pm; RR3—7:30-9:30 pm

18 Language Table @ OCC, 7:00 pm; MDOC 06:30-15:30; MDOC Graduation in gym 15:30; ASP 3:30-5:30 pm; RR4—4-6 pm; RR3—7:30-9:30 pm

25 ARBOR DAY! Language Table @ OCC, 7:00 pm; Decorate for BHS Prom

5 4th grade Girls Bball—8-9:30 am; 6th grade girls Bball—10-12 noon; Open Gym 7-9 pm

12 4th grade Girls Bball—8-9:30 am; 6th grade girls Bball—10-12 noon; Open Gym 7-9 pm

19 4th grade Girls Bball—8-9:30 am; 6th grade girls Bball—10-12 noon; Rez Runners GTB Tourney; Hannahville Headstart Powwow

26 BHS Prom

Events occurring throughout KBIC are welcome to be listed. Please contact newsletter@kbic.nsn.gov to list your event. Events are more detailed FYI within the newsletter. For up-to-date event listing, please visit www.ojibwa.com and click on calendar. For Youth events (underlined) please contact 353-4643/Main Office at Youth Club, or 353-4644 for the facility attendants or the Kitchen/craft rooms. Youth calendar subject to change, please check out KBIC Youth Club website @ www.ojibwa.com

ABORIGINAL AUSTRALIANS VISIT NMU FOR INDIGENOUS SUMMIT

MARQUETTE—Northern Michigan University will host its first Indigenous Earth Day Summit on Tuesday, April 22 and Wednesday, April 23. All activities are free and open to the public. They will be held in the Great Lakes Rooms of the University Center.

The summit will include films, roundtable action workshops and presentations on a variety of international Indigenous environmental issues, such as Great Lakes health, the revitalization of traditional ecological knowledge and the impacts of industrialism and climate change on Indigenous peoples and communities.

An Aboriginal Australian delegation will give keynote presentations during the event. Its members are part of an international Indigenous project called Traditional Knowledge Revival Pathways (TKRP).

“As Indigenous people, we have a responsibility to the earth,” said John Hunter of the Australian delegation. “The earth is our mother; she gives us life and sustains us. We need to protect and heal our country and community in order for future generations to exist. Only as united communities joined in local, regional, national and international alliances can we rise to meet the environmental challenges of the 21st century.”

Hunter, who has worked with TKRP for two years, records traditional knowledge from Indigenous elders as a means of restoring Indigenous traditions and revitalizing knowledge. He said the process brings Indigenous communities together by honoring the elders for their knowledge and re-involving the youth with their communities and cultural traditions.

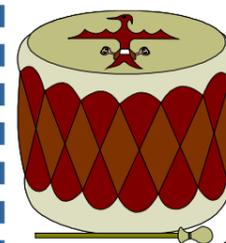
“Our goal while in Marquette,” Hunter said, “is to gather support to assist our Anishinaabeg hosts and others to establish international links with Australian Aboriginal communities in an effort to record and maintain our traditional knowledge and apply it for the benefit of country and community. This is part of healing the pain and destruction of the past to create growth that will help develop new sustainable lifeways based on the traditional wisdom of our ancestors in combination with contemporary technology.”

An Earth Day music jam is also planned with a performance on the traditional didgeridoo.

Even though there is no charge to attend, registration is recommended—and it is required for those planning to attend meals at the summit. For more information or to register, visit www.nmu.edu/nativeamericans or call 906-227-1397. A full schedule, when available, also will be posted on the Web site. For more information about the TKRP, visit www.tkrp.com.au.

The summit is sponsored by NMU's Center for Native American Studies, Environmental Science Program and Office of International Programs. The Aboriginal Australian Delegation is also part of NMU's International Speakers Series.

OJIBWE DRUM SONGS DOCUMENTARY PREMIERE, April 4, 2008, 7:00 p.m., Northern Michigan University, Jamrich Hall 102



“Ojibwe Drum Songs” is a documentary revealing a glimpse into the life of one Ojibwe elder, his stories and the songs that come to life around the drum. Blending story, song and dance, the filmmakers portray individual songs sharing with viewers their lessons. The film also follows the men, women and children who have become family while singing together over the past several years.

\$5 general public. \$3 students. Children FREE

A fry bread sale will also be held as a fundraiser for the NMU Native American Student Association.

Sponsored by the NMU Sociology & Social Work Department and hosted by the NMU Center for Native American Studies.

For more information, contact Dr. Michael Loukinen at 906-227-2041.

OJIBWEMOWIN

Iskigamizige Giizis — Maple Sugar Making Moon — April

Ziigwan

Spring

Mii azhigwa ani-ziigwang igo gaye goon ani-ziigwang.

It is now toward spring and the snow is melting away.

Wiiba da-baakibiiyaa imaa wiikwedong.

Soon the bay will be open.

Mii apii anishinaabe eskigamiziged.

This is when the Indian goes sugar-bushing.

Zhiiwaagamiziganikewaad, odaabajitoonaawaan biskitenaaganan miinawaa iniw negwaakwaanan.

When they make syrup, they use sap-collecting containers and spiles.

Endaso-giizhik idash igo naadoobiiwag.

Every day they haul sap.

Mii go gaye eni-ishkwaa-iskigamizigewaad, odizhi-ozhitoonaawaan iko iniw ziiga'igaansan gii-miinimind abinoojiinyan.

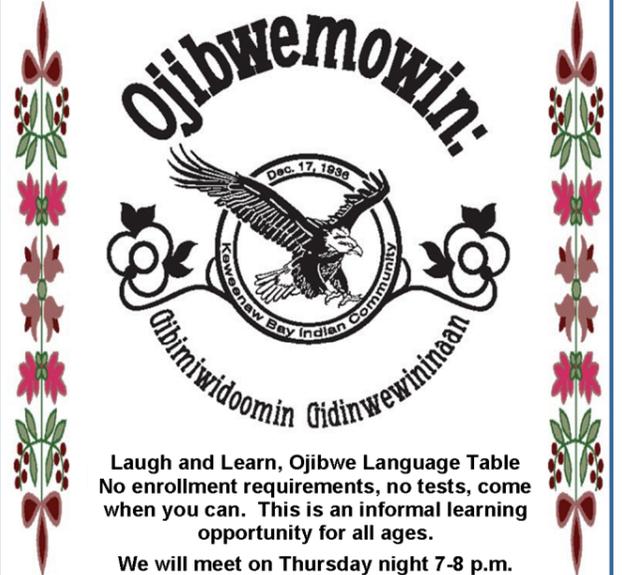
When they near finish boiling sap, they make sugar cakes which are given to the kids.

Aapiji go gii-maminwanjigewag iko anishinaabeg mewinzha yiiban isa go.

The Indians used to eat quite well long time ago.

Gaa-tibaajimod Wayaaseshkang

HELP EACH OTHER LEARN & SPEAK



Laugh and Learn, Ojibwe Language Table
No enrollment requirements, no tests, come when you can. This is an informal learning opportunity for all ages.

We will meet on Thursday night 7-8 p.m.

@ Ojibwa Resort Conference Rooms,
and on Friday nights 7-8 p.m.

@ Ojibwa Community College

Please bring snacks/beverages to share
Contact Debra Williamson (906) 353-4178

NOTICE TO KBIC TRIBAL MEMBERS:

Tribal Members in Baraga County without an address or fire sign, please contact Donald Takala and one will be assigned. The cost will be covered by the Tribal Council.

Donald Takala, 911 Coordinator
12 N. Third Street
L'Anse, MI 49946
524-6911
baraga911@up.net

AABINOOJIIYENS



Meet Benjamin Ryan Shelifoe born 01/08/2008, to Lizbeth Ekdahl and Gerry Shelifoe. Benjamin was 8 lbs. 2 oz. and was 21 inches at birth.



Meet Jermaine William Boshey born 03/07/2008, to Andrea Marie Strong and Steven Boshey Jr. Jermaine was 6 lbs. 8 oz. and was 19 inches at birth. Grandmother is Becky Chosa.



Meet Breanna Jondreau born 03/05/2008, to Elizabeth Sherman and Jerry Jondreau. Breanna was 8 lbs. 1½ oz. and was 19½ inches at birth.

Third Moby Reunion, Saturday, September 13, 2008, 12 noon—4 pm; Grand Traverse Band Benzie Tribal Center, 7282 Hoadley Road, Benzonia, Michigan. Please bring your favorite dish to pass plus your table service. Don't forget your cameras, family history and photos to share. Please bring \$1 gift for our buddy bingo table per person attending. Thank you all for the pictures and history of your families you brought and told us about previously. Your gift of kinship and friendship makes our family proud to know each and everyone of you. See you at the reunion: Cathy Philo, 231-276-0048, email :CPhilo504@hotmail.com.

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