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**All You Need To Know About The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community  
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## KBIC PARTICIPATES IN MICHIGAN TECH'S PARADE OF NATIONS



It was a beautiful late summer morning for this year's Parade of the Nations held September 19, in Houghton County. Members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community joined efforts with Michigan Tech's AISES to represent Native American Nations in Michigan Tech's annual event. There were colors and culture

from over 70 countries displayed as the parade which began in Hancock marched over the bridge to Houghton and concluded at Dee Stadium.

Parade of Nations Director, Lori Muhlig (a Keweenaw Bay Indian Community member)

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## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MONTH—A MESSAGE FROM THE GRANDMOTHERS

We are very concerned with the violence that continues in our communities and our homes. We want the domestic violence, sexual abuse, incest, and violence perpetrated against our women and children to stop.

We, as grandmothers, mothers, aunts, sisters, wives, and daughters are saying, "NO MORE!!" There can be no future for our children as long as this violence continues. We can no longer stand by in silence and watch this happen to the women and children in our communities. We must stand up for our women and children and be their voice. We are inviting all grandmothers, leaders, colleagues, and community members to walk with us and show our women and children that we honor them as sacred gifts and that we will protect them.

We have historically been the nurturers and caregivers of our babies. We, as women, have become victims. We have watched gen-

erations of our children become victims. Our men, themselves, have been victims, and in turn, many of our men and women have become victimizers. Enough!!!! Despite the damage and painful history, our hearts are not on the ground, our nations are not conquered, and we don't want to see the members of our community hurt anymore!

On October 9, 2009, beginning at 5:00 p.m., we will walk from the corner of McGillan and Lyons Streets to Niiwin Akeaa Center in honor of our (late) Tribal member, Chelsey LaFernier, and others who are now survivors of domestic violence. We will have a ceremony, drums, and a feast. Ruth Oja, Hannahville's Victim's Advocate and Kim Pepin, from Hannahville's Tribal Police Department will speak sharing their wisdom and awareness about these sensitive matters. We encourage and welcome the entire community to be involved.

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### Tribal Council Members:

- Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President
- Susan J. LaFernier, Vice-President
- Toni Minton, Secretary
- William E. Emery, Asst. Secretary
- Jennifer Misegan, Treasurer
- Elizabeth D. Mayo
- Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.
- Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews
- Jerry Lee Curtis
- Frederick Dakota
- Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.
- Isabelle H. Welsh



### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- September 12, 2009, Tribal Council meeting
- Even Start Literacy Grant
- KBIC Social Security Corrections
- 2009 KBIC Forestry Recipient Scholarship Chosen
- KBIC Youth goes to Chicago
- KBIC Participates in Parade of Nation
- Seniors Enjoy Summer Picnic
- Even Start FAQ's
- Drug Conviction Report
- Aabinoojiyens
- Deepest Sympathy

### Your presence is requested

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Chelsey LaFernier  
Memorial Walk

Contact person: Wanda Seppanen  
906-353-4533

Walk will begin on corner of McGillan and Lyons Street and will end at the Niiwin Akeaa Center. Held on 10/09/2009 at 5:00 p.m.

## September 12, 2009 — Tribal Council Meeting

The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on September 12, 2009, at the Big Bucks Bingo Hall. Susan LaFerner presided over the meeting with Toni Minton, William E. Emery, Jennifer Misegan, Jerry Lee Curtis, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, and Isabelle Helene Welsh present. Vice President LaFerner shared numerous *Thank You* and *For Your Information* items addressed to Council. Reports were given for August 2009, by Vice President Susan LaFerner (see page two), Secretary Toni Minton (see page three), Treasurer Jennifer Misegan (see page four), and CEO Larry Denomie (see page five). Council passed Department Head Reports for July 2009.

On behalf of Rosemary Haataja, Vice President LaFerner presented the topic of water/sewer meters in Zeba, and a request for speed limit street signs on Haataja Road. There currently is a flat rate for water in Zeba. Council consensus is to have the CEO investigate alternative ways to charge for water usage per household unit and to make a recommendation to Council at a later date. Council also assigned the CEO the task of investigating the options to regulate the flow of traffic on Haataja Road.

Don Carlson presented a request as the Baraga County Mine Inspector for travel assistance to attend the 4th Annual National Summit of Mining Communities scheduled October 13-15, 2009, in Butte, Montana. The Summit was created in 2006, in recognition of the diverse environmental and economic effects that mining communities experience as a result of the boom and bust cycles of mining. The format of the meeting will allow the Mining Inspector, Don Carlson, the opportunity to learn from other communities as they share information of how their communities have overcome mining related challenges and how they have moved forward with their own community planning process. His budget allows for the cost of the meeting and his accommodations but is not sufficient to cover the expenses for travel and meals. Mr. Carlson plans to conduct a presentation for the Council and the Community at the November 2009 Saturday meeting. **Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to donate \$1100 from the Mining budget to assist with Don Carlson's travel to the 4th Annual National Summit of Mining Communities, supported by William E. Emery, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**

Council member Elizabeth D. Mayo presented a request to have motorcycles included in the policy for tax reimbursement for State Sale Taxes. **Motion by Michael LaFerner, Sr., for street legal motorcycles to be added to the motor vehicle tax reimbursement policy including the original 20 that are currently registered if the proper required documentation is presented, supported by Fred Dakota, five supported (Curtis, Dakota, M. LaFerner, Matthews, Welsh), four opposed (Emery, Misegan, Minton, Loonsfoot), one abstained (Mayo), motion carried.**

~ submitted by newsletter editor

## VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2009.

Activities Reported by the Vice President, Susan LaFerner, for the month of August 2009.

We all need to commit to do our part 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. I will continue to emphasize that every month is "Energy Awareness Month" and our theme for the year will be a "Commit to Conserve" Campaign. There are simple, everyday measures we can do to reduce air pollution, conserve water reduce/reuse/recycle/re-buy materials, and prevent pollution in general. All of this information is available on the EPA.gov and energy.gov websites.

The 2nd "Protect The Earth" Great Lakes Community Gathering was held August 1-2, at NMU and at Eagle Rock. There was a very good article in our September newsletter. Gary Loonsfoot, Sr., Lisa Denomie, and I walked the miles from the Yellow Dog River Bridge on Clowry (Trail) Road to the Rock. Thank you to everyone who cares and protects our earth and water everyday. "It is our responsibility: Tribe's, residents, municipalities, businesses and visitors to protect and restore the quality of Lake Superior's (and all of our lakes) water, land, and wildlife. The lakes have always been and always will be important to the quality of our lives."

Thank you to our picnic task force for another wonderful summer employee picnic held on August 7, 2009. The weather was beautiful by our Great Lake, and everyone had a great time. Thanks also to those who prepared for the Baraga/Marquette Casino picnics as well.

The Council approved the contract for a paraprofessional training session for 12 people to be held on September 21-24, 2009, which will include the mapping process at the Pinery Cemetery. They will also be receiving information about the importance of historic properties and the types of historic properties found on the Reservation and trust lands of KBIC. We are asking if anyone has information regarding forgotten graves or information on graves that do not have any identification to please call me or Summer Cohen. You will also see landscape changes because of the May 20, 2009 fire that consumed 685 acres around the Pinery Lakes area and Linden Creek. The changes there are already amazing with the new vegetation and growth.

Because of the length of the wellness interest survey, a shortened version of the results was sent to the employees in their paychecks. Sixty-two percent are interested in a wellness program which is great! Results and issues that employees want include: healthy cooking recipes, weight management and stress reduction programs, fitness memberships/discounts and healthy options in our vending machines. We have been conducting task force meetings with our Blue Cross representative to discuss the next steps and recommendations now that the survey has been completed. We are planning a wellness program naming contest. More will be announced in the next week and in the newsletter. It is never too late to encourage positive lifestyle changes that will help us live longer, healthier, happier lives.

We have now been informed of a decision on August 18, 2009, from the administrative law Judge Patterson in our contested case hearing regarding the Kennecott's mining permit and groundwater permit for the Yellow Dog Plains. The decision was 178 pages long, and we are now in the process of preparing written exceptions/comments regarding these decisions that will need to be sent by October 2, 2009. After this filing date, DEQ Director, Steven Chester, will make his final determination and order. Please continue to call/write your elected officials and tell them that the short term benefits are not worth the harmful long term effects on our health, rivers, Great Lakes and wild places because of the great potential for acid mine drainage. Please call me or write if you would like to review the National Wildlife Federation's DVD "Mining Madness, Water Wars: The Great Lakes In The Balance."

Remember to continue to pray for and honor all of our veterans, service men and women, and their families. Also remember those who are ill, have lost loved ones (there have been many in the last month) and for our economic struggles. Let us be thankful for our beautiful area and the warm fall days... and have a wonderful Indian Day on September 25, that recognizes the richness of Native American contributions to the political, cultural, and economic life of Michigan and the United States.

Remember the Drug Tip Line number is 353-DRUG or 353-3784.

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Susan LaFerner, Vice President

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Meet Maxwell McHale Bloxton, born 08/04/09, to Amanda and Mark Bloxton of Ocala, Florida. Max weighed



6 lbs. 14 ozs. and was 19 ¼ inches long at birth.

Maternal grandparents are Laurie and Mark Irwin of Baraga, MI. Paternal grandparents are Lorie and Jerry Bloxton of Inverness, Florida. Maternal great grandmother is Rosemary Haataja of L'Anse, MI.

[www.michigan.gov/helpinghand](http://www.michigan.gov/helpinghand)

This site helps Michigan citizens facing economic hardship find the services they need. Simply click on one of the five tabs for links to information about jobs and training, unemployment benefits, health care, family support and housing.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2009.

In August 2009, the Tribal Council had one Regular Tribal Council Meeting and five Special Council Meetings. The Regular Council Meeting was held on August 15, 2009, and is covered in the September 2009 Tribal Newsletter.

The first special council meeting was held on August 4, 2009. Actions taken:

- Approved the meeting minutes of March 30, 2009;
- Reviewed the Ethics Code;
- Reviewed the Comprehensive Plan.

The second special council meeting was held on August 6, 2009. Actions taken:

- Approved the meeting minutes of June 15, 2005;
- Rescheduled the August Regular Council meeting from August 8, to August 15, 2009;
- Rescheduled the September Regular Council meeting from September 5, to September 12, 2009;
- Approved the following six Resolutions:
  - KB1699-2009 I.H.S. Electronic Health Record
  - KB1700-2009 Tim Gauthier Residential Lease
  - KB1701-2009 Jason Forcia Residential Lease
  - KB1702-2009 Joe LaFernier Recreational Lease
  - KB1703-2009 Shane Pittsley Recreational Lease
  - KB1704-2009 Kathy Manning Recreational Lease;
- Approved applying for the USDA Child Development Grant;
- Approved Jason Ayres to bid on property in Ontonagon;
- Accepted the proposal from Superior National Bank for ATM machines in the Pines and the Ojibwa Casino;
- Approved the Services Agreement with WRR Environmental Service Co.

The next special council meeting was held on August 13, 2009. Actions taken:

- Approved the meeting minutes of April 4, 17, and 20, 2009;
- Continued review of the Ethics Ordinance;
- Agreed to offer the Youth Director position to Cheryne Clements;
- Approved Resolution KB1705-2009 Competitive Local Exchange Carrier;
- Decided not to prepare an amicus brief for the American Legion Case.

The next special council meeting was

held on August 20, 2009. Actions taken:

- Approved the meeting minutes of April 23, and May 2, 2009;
- Approved the timeline for the 2009 Primary Election and the 2009 General Election;
- Approved the Pitney Bowes postage agreement;
- Approved \$100 in emergency funds for Mike Duschene for medical travel;
- Agreed to have Oscar Larson announce all football games on our radio stations;
- Approved the contract with Danielson Contracting for the Old US 41 Water Main Extension Project;
- Denied the request of Brittany Maki for payment of balance owed to Northern Michigan University.

The last special council meeting was held on August 27, 2009. Actions taken:

- Approved the meeting minutes of May 7, and 8, 2009;
- Continued Comprehensive Plan review;
- Approved the FY09 Budget for the Building Inspector in the amount of \$8,575;
- Approved Resolution KB1697-2009 I.H.S. Title V Self Governance Compact;
- Approved the low bid of DP Construction for repair of the Baraga Casino entrance;
- Approved the TSI list;
- Approved Resolution KB1706-2009 Forest Management Deduction Plan FY10;
- Approved a 638 Contract Modification for an additional \$19,000 from the BIA for TSI and tree planting;
- Approved an amendment to the Government Personnel Policy on No Smoking and Chewing Tobacco;
- Approved Resolution KB1707-2009 NCAI membership renewal
- Approved the Consultant Agreement with Fischer Consulting in the amount of \$2,500 for hatchery system improvements;
- Approved August donations totaling \$3,700;
- Agreed to waive the \$20 fee for Michigan Indian Legal Aid Services;
- Approved a donation of \$1,150 for Annette Emery for emergency housing assistance and accepted her proposal to forfeit her Christmas check.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Toni Minton, Secretary

## Social Security Earnings Corrections

KBIC was "out" of the Social Security System from the mid '80's until early in 1999. Because of this, the Social Security Administration's records are incomplete in many cases, which may have a negative impact on retirement income distributions for those affected individuals.

### If you were employed by and had earnings with KBIC for any year(s) from the mid '80's through April '99:

**Check your latest Social Security Statement** which is automatically mailed to you about three months before your month of birth (as an example, those born in July would have their statement sent in April). There is a column for taxed Social Security Earnings and another for taxed Medicare Earnings. KBIC (and you) generally paid the **Medicare** portion of the tax, so the statement should include earnings in that column for those years KBIC was not paying into the Social Security portion of the tax. The Social Security Earnings column may show "0" or an incorrect amount.

- If your yearly earnings amounts for the Social Security and Medicare earnings columns don't match for any individual years prior to 2000, they will probably need to be corrected by the Social Security Office.
- The Marquette office of the Social Security Administration is located at 300 South Front Street, while the Houghton office is at 902 Razorback Drive. **These are the only two offices that are aware of KBIC's unique situation.** Those employees residing in Marquette County should use the Marquette office to correct their statement, and those residing in Baraga, Houghton, and Ontonagon Counties should use the Houghton office. Former employees living in other counties should use whichever of the two offices is closest to their residence.
- **You will not need to produce W-2 forms for the affected years as long as there is a correct record of your Medicare Earnings for each year you worked for KBIC on your statement.** If you had earnings from KBIC during any of the years and your statement **does not** show any earnings in **either** the Social Security or Medicare columns (as may be the case for several long time Native employees who were exempt from the Medicare tax during the period), you **may** have to supply W-2 forms to document those earnings. Check with the local Social Security office in those cases to see if additional documentation will be required.
- **We recommend that you get your records corrected by the local Social Security office as soon as possible** in order to avoid problems at the time of your retirement or disability filing (especially if it is several years in the future when KBIC's unique situation may not be easily recalled by the next generation of Social Security personnel). All that is required is proof of your identity, and they will correct it as you wait. Confirmation will be mailed to you of the corrections and/or reflected on your next yearly statement.
- **Additional questions can be directed to: Jim Nardi at 353-4120 or Julie Raby at 353-6623, ext. 4150.**

## Domestic Violence continued from page one.

To also recognize the sacredness of our women and children, the calling of Grandmothers is to come forward and reclaim their role. We invite others to join us as a symbol to provide a message of hope for our women, children, and the entire community. We also invite our cultural advisors and Tribal leaders to share our vision and stand together on that day to honor all women and children. While we respect our men, our community, and leaders, we recognize that the time has come for the Grandmothers to step forward and take the lead for our children. We invite you to walk with us to demonstrate your support in honoring and protecting the women and children as the first step in a journey towards a brighter future.

Wanda Seppanen,  
Victim's of Crime Assistance Advocate



## AUGUST 2009 TREASURER'S REPORT

The Tribal Council reviewed eleven donation requests for the month of August. The following five were approved:

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| Baraga Flag Football Program                     | \$2,000 |
| — Equipment purchase for grades five and six     |         |
| Four Thunders Drum Group & Singers               | \$ 200  |
| — Gas and food to attend Sugar Island Powwow     |         |
| Women's group to attend Mackinac Island Retreat  | \$1,000 |
| Salvation Army                                   | \$ 500  |
| — Backpacks & school supplies for needy children |         |
| Parade of Nations                                | \$2,000 |
| — Annual MTU event, Sept. 19                     |         |

This month a lot of time was spent reviewing budgets for both the Enterprises and Government programs along with the CEO, CFO, Controller and Assistant CEO. Changes were recommended to be made when errors or miscalculations were found. The Tribal Council budget reviews are in full swing as we have been meeting the last three days. For the first time that I am aware of, these reviews are being held in closed session but open to Tribal members. We are scheduled to continue meeting this upcoming week to complete the process.

I was involved in the grant application process for the proposed L'Anse gas station which was submitted early in the month. We are also working on some very exciting developments, and hopefully we will have good news to report soon!

There has been another default in the Small Business Guaranteed Loan Program and I have been working with the Superior National Bank and our attorney to obtain assignment and handle the Tribe's responsibility of the loan. This should be completed in September. Several deficiencies have been identified with this program. I am also working with Tim Shanahan from the Anishinaabe Anokii to develop agreements and guidelines.

I was contacted by Lt. Det. Jeff Racine from the Upper Peninsula Substance Enforcement regarding the 2% that was allo-

cated to them but was supposed to "pass through" Marquette County. The County had said that their internal process had not been followed and was not going to give the money to UPSET. I made several telephone calls to their attorney, county administrator, and a commissioner explaining the Tribe's intent for the funding and our support for UPSET. It was finally resolved, but not until it was brought before the County Commission, and a vote was taken.

We continue to work toward the development of the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Development Corporation. I attended a meeting with John Baker, Larry Denomie, and Greg Nominelli to discuss the benefits of developing a Tribal Corporation Code as opposed to amending the existing Ordinance as proposed by Lance Morgan, the CEO of Ho-Chunk, Inc. The recommendation of the group was to continue with the amendments rather than begin a lengthy process of developing an entire new code. We presented this to Council, and they agreed. The Economic Development Committee is working on these amendments, and I am very much anticipating that they will be ready within the next couple of months.

On September 3, 2009, I presented a report for fiscal year 2008, to the seniors at their monthly meeting. There were many seniors in attendance. I thought it went well. It was great to see so many interested in the finances of their Tribe.

We are still trying to get names and addresses of service men and women who are serving overseas. Please call me or e-mail them to me. We would like to send care packages to them from the Council.

The deadline to submit requests for 2% is September 30, 2009. Letters of request must be accompanied by a letter from a local unit of government stating that the governmental unit will accept the funds on behalf of the organization requesting them.

As you can see, it has been busy. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments please feel to call me, stop by my office, or send me an e-mail at [tciennifer@kbic-nsn.gov](mailto:tciennifer@kbic-nsn.gov).

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Misegan, Treasurer

## 2009 KBIC Forestry Scholarship Recipient Chosen



Gerald Jondreau, a Michigan Technological University freshman from Baraga, has been selected as the first recipient of the Tribe's KBIC Forestry Scholarship. The Tribal Education Committee reviewed the applicants and selected Jondreau to receive the scholarship.

Jerry is majoring in Forestry. He attended Gloucester High School and Ojibwa Community College. He has been employed at the KBIC Natural Resource Department as a Technician for the past three years.

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

This scholarship amount is \$2,500 twice per year for up to four years and will be awarded to a new student each fall. Applicants must meet the following criteria: be an enrolled Tribal member, attend an accredited college/university as a full-time student; pursue a degree in Forestry documented by their college and be a resident of Michigan, Wisconsin, or Minnesota. Applications for the 2010-11 academic year will be available in June 2010. For more information on this scholarship, please contact Amy St. Arnold, KBIC Education Director, at 906-353-6623, ext. 4117.

### CHS Referral Process,

submitted by Becky Tussing

In the course of your medical treatment plan, the KBIC physician may write a *referral* for specialized care that cannot be accomplished here in our clinic.

- A referral is a recommendation for treatment/test only! Referrals have priorities I, II, and III.
- Referrals are not guaranteed for payment.

If the doctor determines that the test or service is a life threatening emergency, the test will be scheduled without CHS approval.

To receive payment for services referred out of the clinic, you need to wait for

prior approval of your referral (*after* the weekly CHS Board Review meeting) to find out if the test is approved.

The CHS Board must review the referral to make the determination for approval of payment.

Patients have the right to have the test done without prior approval from the CHS Board; however, payment cannot be guaranteed by us. You may end up paying yourself.

All payments are based on fund availability.

If you would like to have your test done without waiting for the CHS Board approval, see Elvera Lantz, CHS Clerk for more information. She can be reached in the CHS office on the first floor or by calling 906-353-4537.

The library has received the illustrated edition of *Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee* by Dee Brown. It is cataloged as "reference" meaning it cannot be checked out of the library, but you can look it over here in the library. Thank you to the persons who took advantage of the book return amnesty for the month of September. I am going extend it for one more month. So, to those of you who didn't get the chance to return library materials, please try to do so in October.

Mary Bergerson,  
Ojibwa Community Librarian



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

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

Karate will be held on Saturday mornings starting in October. Beginners will be from 10am-10:45am and Intermediate at 10:45-11:30am. You can contact Eddy Edwards at 353-7117 ext.113 or Cheryne at 353-4643 for more details."



## CEO'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2009.

Activities Reported by the CEO Larry Denomie for the month of August 2009.

Fiscal year 2010 budget planning meetings consumed a good portion of the month. The budget review team, consisting of myself, Sarah Smith—Assistant CEO, Francis LaPointe—CFO, Dawn Richards—Controller, and Jennifer Misegan—Council Treasurer, met throughout the month with staff to prepare their budgets for Council review. The Council is currently in the process of reviewing the submitted budgets and will continue that process through mid September. We are hopeful that budgets will be approved prior to the start of next fiscal year which begins on October 1.

Installation of the Old US 41 water line project is underway and is estimated to be completed late September to early October. The project is being completed by Danielson Contracting with Tribal Construction Company involved as a subcontractor.

We are continuing to work on the new gas station to be located on the US 41 corridor in L'Anse, near the site of the new Baraga County Memorial Hospital. The Tribe has applied for grant funding for constructing a new business. We should know whether it will be funded in the next few months.

The Tribe recently approved criteria for children to be served by their Pre-primary education program as well as the day care program. The program will serve KBIC enrolled children first, and then children of enrolled KBIC members, other KBIC descendants, then children enrolled with other Tribes.

The KBIC Headstart and Early Headstart programs have been requested to follow the same selection criteria. The CEO's office will work with the Policy Council of the programs and the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, who currently receives funding from the Federal Government for the programs to get that accomplished. The two programs currently have selection processes which utilize a point

scoring system to enroll children. The Council doesn't agree with the system currently used in that it isn't serving the children they would like it to.

The Donald LaPointe Health Center expansion project will soon be underway. Bidding on the renovation and expansion project will be advertised in the next couple of weeks. Once a contractor is selected, work will begin yet this fall. The project will move forward in phases with the exterior and renovation of the first and second floor areas currently closed due to the water damage first. Sarah Smith, Assistant CEO, who is managing the project will be presenting Council with more information next week.

Tami Lorebecki, who currently directs the Office of Child Support Services for the Tribe, has submitted her resignation. Her last day will be September 18, 2009. Tami was instrumental in getting the office up and running which is located at the Tribal Court facility. Judge Violet Friisvall Ayres oversees the program and will be working with the Personnel Office on getting the position posted and filled as soon as possible.

The Tribe's Eagle Radio operations have expanded to include local news. Mark Wilcox has been hired as the News Director and began broadcasting the end of August. The addition of local news has been long coming and is a welcomed addition to the station's offerings. Derek Sever, General Manager of the stations, indicated sponsoring of the news by local businesses has been well received. Derek, who is a former employee from the early days of the stations, is also back on the air. *Deve at Dawn*, as the program is known, aired on September 4, 2009. The stations provided a picnic in the parking lot to kick off the show and thank the local community for their ongoing support of the stations at the Hancock studio the same day.

As always, if anyone has questions, concerns, or issues the CEO's office can assist with please don't hesitate to stop by, call or e-mail at [larryd@kbic-nsn.gov](mailto:larryd@kbic-nsn.gov).

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Larry J. Denomie III, CEO

According to the State of Michigan website "Transportation accounts for 74.3% of Michigan's oil consumption and is the major source of air pollution." The U.S. Department of Energy recognizes the need to promote energy efficiency and provides consumer information in order to encourage more efficient use of petroleum-based transportation. There is information on hybrid vehicles, alternative fuels, and programs such as the Clean Cities Program available on the State of Michigan's website. The Clean Cities Program is a national government-industry partnership which provides strategies as well as technical and funding resources to support local decisions to adopt practices that reduce the use of petroleum in the transportation sector. Two of their foci which could be readily implemented with minimal change in this area are idle reduction technology and fuel economy measures. There are also incentive programs, such as Michigan's Promoting Active Communities (PAC) Program which assists in creating safe, walkable, bikeable, more active communities and recognize communities for their achievements.

Some suggested changes are provided which can be made right now to make difference in your fuel consumption and vehicle wear. Why not try one or more?

- Alternative transportation. If possible use telephone, e-mail, walk, or bike to where you need to go.
- Plan trips. Combine shopping and errands. Planning gives you time to make sure you have lists, shortest route mapped out, and best roads. It allows you to choose off-peak hours on the road, so you don't sit in traffic.
- Rideshare. Michigan Department of Transportation has many helpful hints on their website for carpooling, a local rideshare office, and pickup points. Even occasional carpooling conserves; consider doing so once a week.
- Idle reduction. Electronic fuel-injected vehicles need less than five minutes to warm-up in sub-zero temperatures; one minute should be sufficient on most days. Excessive idling can cause carbon buildup, more wear on internal parts, and reduce fuel economy. Auxiliary heaters can be installed to keep the interior comfortable.
- Vehicle maintenance. Keep engine properly tuned, tires at recommended air pressure, use lowest octane gasoline recommended by the manufacturer.
- Weight removal. Remove bicycle and ski racks when not in use. Remove unnecessary items from inside the vehicle.
- Ecodriving. Drive speed limits or below; do gradual changes, starts, and stops; use overdrive gears; and cruise control. Avoid tailgating and pumping the accelerator pedal.
- Cabin control. Under 40 mph, use the flow-through ventilation on your vehicle or roll down the window. On the highway, use the air conditioner to avoid aerodynamic drag with open windows.

~ submitted by Evelyn Ravindran

## KBIC YOUTH TRAVEL TO CHICAGO



The youth traveled to Chicago, IL, on August 24, 2009. During their four-day journey, they spent a day at Great America/Six flags in Gurnee, IL and attended a concert while at Six Flags. They also got to experience a Chicago Cubs game and did lots of Chicago sight seeing. Chaperones this year were Shellie Denomie, Tony Loonsfoot, and Vicky Mleko.

In order to attend the trip, youth were required to have 25 or more hours of volunteer time recorded throughout the year. Thank you for all your hard work kids!

Pictured are (right-left) Shane Bryan, Vanessa Beaver, Tashina Emery Kauppila, Deena Misegan, Jade Chaudier, Durwyn Chaudier, Angelica Bogda, and Hope Minton. They are pictured in front of "The Bean" at Millennium Park in Chicago. (photo by KBIC Youth Club.)

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who is employed as the Multicultural Affairs Native American Outreach Coordinator for Michigan Technological University, organized the annual event. The Parade of Nations is a celebration of diversity in the community and on the Michigan Tech Campus. The Keeweenaw Bay Indian Community is a proud sponsor of the annual event.

"This year's theme was Dancing with Diversity. The Michigan Tech AISES group teamed up with the National Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers in the float

competition, and their float won first place," stated Lori Muhlig.

This year Ms. Muhlig choose to bring in *Boliviamanta*, a Bolivian group to the Upper Peninsula for the event's special attraction. *Boliviamanta* performed Friday evening, September 18, at the Memorial Union Building, participated in the Parade of Nations, and performed at the Multicultural Festival at Dee Stadium directly following the parade.

~ submitted by newsletter editor

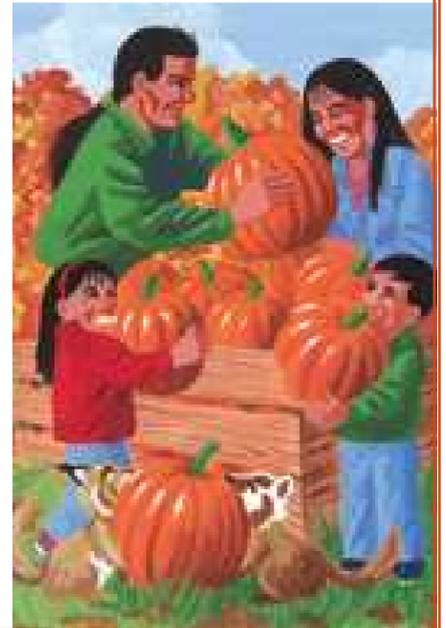


**October 2009  
Calendars Events**

- Oct. 3** — Regularly scheduled Saturday Council meeting—held in Harvey Community Center, 10 a.m.
- Oct. 6** — Afternoon Tea, 1:30 p.m.
- Oct. 9** — "Memorial Walk for Chelsey LaFernier" 5 p.m.
- Oct. 15** — Open House at Even Start
- Oct. 17** — Harvest Feast Place/Time TBD
- Oct. 20** — Ojibwa Senior's Regular Meeting
- Oct. 22** — Ojibwa Senior Pasty Sale
- Oct. 23** — Speakers' Forum, 10 a.m.
- Oct. 24** — Spirit of the Harvest Powwow, 12 noon
- Oct. 30** — Youth Halloween Dance, 7 p.m.
- Oct. 31** — Youth Club Halloween Party 12 p.m.; Happy Halloween

~ submitted by newsletter editor

Events occurring throughout KBIC are welcome to be listed on the Calendar of Events. Contact newsletter@kbic.nsn.gov to list your events. Some events are more detailed FYI within the newsletter. For up-to-date event listings, visit [www.ojibwa.com](http://www.ojibwa.com) and click on calendar. For Youth events, see @ [www.ojibwa.com](http://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.



**SPIRIT OF THE HARVEST  
POWWOW**

**Saturday, October 24, 2009**

Event is free,  
Public is  
Welcome!

**Speakers' Forum Friday, October 23, 2009**

**Rozsa Center, 10 am - 2pm**

- Featured speaker on language
- Hoop dancer
- Crystal Shawanda

**Saturday, October 24, 2009**

**Student Development Complex (SDC)**

**Multi-purpose Room**

**12 noon - One Grand Entry**

**1:30 pm. Hoop Dancer**

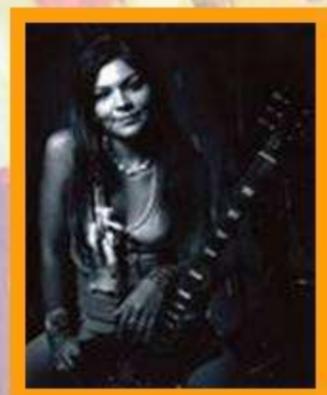
**6 p.m. Feast for Dancers/Drummers at the Memorial Union Bldg.**

For more information on any of these events please contact: Lori Muhlig at [muhlig@mtu.edu](mailto:muhlig@mtu.edu) or call 906-487-2920

**Full Concert Saturday evening, October 24, 2009, by Crystal Shawanda**

**Order tickets on-line**

[www.rozsa.mtu.edu/](http://www.rozsa.mtu.edu/) or call 906-487-3200



## KBIC YOUTH HALLOWEEN PARTIES

**7-12 Halloween Dance**  
 Friday, October 30th  
 8 pm - 12 midnight  
 Food, Prizes, Music!  
 Cost: \$2 with costume,  
 \$5 without costume  
 Best Costume Wins \$50!

**Little Kids (K-6) Party**  
 Saturday, October 31st  
 12 - 3 pm  
 at Niwin Akeaa Facility  
 Food, games, prizes!  
 Costume Judging will begin promptly at 12:30  
 \$\$\$ Prizes given to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place  
 for each age category!

**To Volunteer and help with decorating and party activities please contact:**  
 Cheryne @ 353-4643  
 Paul or Alice @ 353-4644

**Happy Halloween**

These youth activities are being brought to you by the KBIC Youth Program

## SELF-DEFENSE SEMINAR

In part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the KBIC Youth Program will be holding a Self-Defense Seminar for females ages 12 and up. The seminar will be put on by the "Professional Defense Specialists" of Marquette and held in the gym at the Niwin Akeaa Recreational Facility. Please wear comfortable clothing as you will be participating in hands-on defense techniques. Food and refreshments will be provided.

- Please call Cheryne @ 353-4643 for more details.



**KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY**  
**OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES**

427 N. Superior Ave. • Baraga, MI 49908  
 In Tribal Court Building  
 Phone: 906-353-4566 • Fax: 906-353-8132  
 • Email: [ocss@kbic-nsn.gov](mailto:ocss@kbic-nsn.gov)

**"Your Children...Our Priority"**

We provide the following services:

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

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

## SENIORS ENJOY SUMMER PICNIC

The Department of Human Services Community Health staff organizes and holds the annual senior picnic. This year the theme revolved around the 9-11 recognition holiday (patriotic) and was held on the afternoon of Friday, September 11. This annual event is something the late Denise Marth initiated using an unique way to utilize grant funding to promote preventive education to our senior citizens and is

Continued on page eight.

### VOLUNTEER

**KBIC Youth and Parents**

Sign-Up to Volunteer at the Chelsey LaFermier Memorial Domestic Violence Awareness Feast and Speaker Forum

We will need youth/parents to help set-up tables and chairs, help with serving for dinner, and clean up.

Time volunteered will go towards volunteer hours for Youth Trip 2010

Sign-up sheet will be available at the Youth Center. Please call 353-4643 or 353-4644 for more details!

Ladies, join us for  
**Afternoon Tea**  
 Tuesday, October 6th  
 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
 Ojibwa Senior Center

October is the month for National  
*Breast Cancer Awareness*  
 &  
*Domestic Violence Awareness*

For more information or to register contact Heather at 353-4546.

Sponsored by KBIC Community Health, Diabetes Program, BCCP, VOCA



Photos provided by DHHS staff. (Left) (l to r) Manny Durant, Ray Aho, Pat Keippela, and Bob Keippela; (center) Lois and Roger Bodga; (right) Diane Charron, Evelyn Holappa, and Bev. Lussier.

| <b>OCTOBER 2009</b>   |   |   |   |                                       |  |  |
|---|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| Sun   | Mon   | Tue   | Wed   | Thu                                   | Fri  | Sat  |
|  | *KBIC Youth Programs provides rides for any kids participating in After School Tutoring from LHS or BHS | *Please remember to sign in at every open gym you attend! | *To Volunteer for any present or future Youth Events please call Cheryne @ 353-4643 | 1<br>Open gym 6-9                     | 2<br>Open gym 6-9  | 3<br>Karate<br>Beginners @ 10am<br>Intermediate @ 10:45 am                                 |
| 4<br>Halloween Decorating 4-6<br>Men's open gym 6-8                                 | 5<br>Youth Committee @ 5pm<br>Open gym 6-9  | 6<br>Self-Defense Seminar<br>TBA                          | 7<br>Turn off TV Day!<br>Open gym 3:30-9  | 8<br>Cubscouts @ 5:30p<br>No open gym | 9<br>Domestic Violence Awareness Dinner and Speaker Forum @ 6pm - Youth Volunteers Needed! | 10<br>Hayes Corn Maze - call 353-4643 for details!<br>Karate 10a & 10:45a                  |
| 11<br>Essay winners gone to NCAA Conf. in Palm Springs, CA                          | 12<br>Youth Council @ 3:30pm  | 13<br>Open gym 6-9  | 14<br>Open gym 6-9  | 15<br>Floor Hockey 5-7                | 16<br>Youth home from NCAA   | 17<br>Karate<br>Beg. 10a Int. 10:45a   |
| 18<br>Halloween Decorating 4-6<br>Men's open gym                                    | 19<br>Open gym 6-9  | 20<br>Open gym 6-9  | 21<br>Party Decorating<br>No open gym   | 22<br>Party Decorating<br>No open gym | 23<br>Party Decorating<br>No open gym  | 24<br>Halloween Party!<br>K-6 @ 12p<br>7-12 dance @ 8p                                     |
| 25<br>Men's open gym 6-8  | 26<br>Open gym 6-9  | 27<br>Open gym 6-9  | 28<br>Open gym 6-9  | 29<br>Floor Hockey 5-7                | 30<br>Open gym 6-9   | 31<br> |

Calendar subject to change. Call Cheryne @ 353-4643 for any questions.

## Chelsey LaFermier Memorial Walk



**Friday, October 9th**  
 5:00 p.m.

**Center of McGillan & Lyons  
 To Niwin Akeaa Center**

Wear a purple shirt

- Drum/Plein Speakers
- Homecoming for family following walk

For more information, call Wendy Sappinen, at 353-4525

In *Keweenaw Bay Indian Community v. Rising*, 2009 WL 1811880 (6th Cir.), the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (Tribe) and the State of Michigan had previously entered into a tax agreement. When the agreement expired, the State assessed certain **sale and use taxes** against the Tribe, and when the Tribe declined to pay them, set the amount of the alleged taxes off against payments due the Tribe under various federal programs (Medicaid, WIC, Federal Safe and Stable Families, and Federal Child Day Care). The Tribe sought prospective declaratory relief that the set-offs and any future set-offs were illegal and sought injunctive relief requiring the State to restore the payments. More broadly, the Tribe contended that the State's imposition of the sales and use taxes violated the Civil Rights Act of 1870 (42 U.S.C. § 1983) and Federal Indian Tax law. The district granted summary judgment in favor of the State. On appeal, the Sixth Circuit held that (1) it would not rule on the State's right to collect sales and use taxes within the Tribe's reservation because there were no allegations of an erroneous refusal to refund by the State, (2) the Tribe's 1842 treaty with the United States did not impose an independent barrier to the State's collection of taxes, and (3) whether the Tribe could bring an action against State officials under the 1871 Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1983 depended on whether its claim for federal funds was based on its sovereign status, or its status as a social services provider, a determination to be made by the district court on remand.

Cited from *Indian Nations Law Update*  
Godfrey & Kahn, Attorneys at law,  
July 2009, issue

Submitted by Peggy Minton, Tribal President's Sec.

## Our Deepest Sympathy

### Robert W. "Bob" St. George

December 12, 1947—August 28, 2009

Robert W. "Bob" St. George, age 61, of L'Anse, MI, passed away Friday, August 28, 2009, at Marquette General Hospital. He was born in Zeba, on December 12, 1947, the son of the late William and Mae (Rose) St. George. Bob graduated from L'Anse High School in 1966. He was employed by the State of Michigan as a Correction Officer until his retirement in 2007. Bob was a member of Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, the Bunny Club, and the Arvon Outlaw Club. He was an avid hunter and enjoyed four-wheeling and spending time at camp.

Mr. St. George is survived by his loving daughters, Jennifer "Peeky" St. George of L'Anse, Kerry (John) Varline of Baraga, and Michelle St. George of L'Anse, grandchildren, Johnny, Ashley, Amber, Kyle, and Brendan, one nephew, and numerous other family members. He was preceded in death by his brother Robert Horton.

A memorial service for Mr. St. George was held on Thursday, September 3, 2009, at the Reid Funeral Service and Chapel, L'Anse. Following the service, friends were invited to join the family at Bob's favorite hangout, Billy the Finns.



We would like to thank all the Tribal members who helped us out in our time of sorrow. Thank you to those who attended the service, sent cards, and helped with the luncheon. Everything is greatly appreciated.

~ The family of Anita White.

## KBIC Youth Program Activity Fund Criteria\*

- To qualify for the Activity fund, **the child must be an enrolled KBIC member or a child of an enrolled KBIC member.**
- Must have physical custody of child that you are submitting receipts for.
- Members must live in the service area of Baraga, Houghton, Ontonagon and Marquette County.
- Each fiscal year, an amount is designated by the KBIC Tribal Council, for each child, age 0-17. The amount is currently **\$125.00**. The fiscal year begins on October 1.
- It is the parent/guardian responsibility to keep track of how much is spent for each child.
- You must submit a receipt and request form for all funding reimbursements.

### Requests that will be paid must fall under the criteria listed below:

- Organized extracurricular activity fees, athletic fees, in or out of school.

(Example –basketball, gymnastics, skating, hockey, skiing, swimming, football, etc.);

- Athletic equipment, to be used for team sports;
- Sports, bible, and culture camps;
- School-related activities, such as: band, youth in government, driver's education, and school pictures;
- School clothes.

Please submit receipts with designation of what the receipt is for to the Youth Director. The Youth Director will make out the requisition form and send it to accounting for processing. Processing requests takes **three-five days**. The check can then be picked up from the Youth Director, unless other arrangements have been made.

For more information, please call the Youth Director at 353-4643, or come to the Youth Building Office located adjacent to Ojibwa Community College, or e-mail Cheryne Clements at [Cheryne@kbic-nsn.gov](mailto:Cheryne@kbic-nsn.gov)

\*Criteria subject to change for the 09-10 fiscal year

### Senior Picnic continued from page seven.

something DHHS staff and seniors continue to look forward to every year. The exercise promotion component (dancing) was made available through music provided by a local senior group. Manny Durant joined in. The seniors enjoyed a meal of tenderloin steak, potatoes, corn, and salad. Fun was had by all.

~ submitted by newsletter editor

## FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS

### NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS\* FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS UNITED STATES AND ALASKA (Effective October 1, 2009)

| Household Size         | 48                       | Alaska        |
|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
|                        | Contiguous United States | Income Limits |
| 1                      | \$1,044                  | \$1,369       |
| 2                      | \$1,356                  | \$1,759       |
| 3                      | \$1,667                  | \$2,149       |
| 4                      | \$1,991                  | \$2,539       |
| 5                      | \$2,329                  | \$2,929       |
| 6                      | \$2,666                  | \$3,334       |
| 7                      | \$2,978                  | \$3,724       |
| 8                      | \$3,290                  | \$4,114       |
| Each additional member | + \$312                  | + \$390       |

\*The net monthly income standard for each household size is the sum of the applicable Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) net monthly income eligibility standard and the applicable SNAP standard deduction.

#### Income Deductions—see 7 CFR 253.6(f)

**Dependant Care Deduction** — Households that qualify for the dependent care deduction are allowed a deduction of actual dependent care costs paid monthly to a non-household member.

**Earned Income Deduction** — Households with earned income are allowed a deduction of 20 percent of their earned income.

**Medicare Part B Medical Insurance and Part D Prescription Drug Coverage Premiums** — Households that incur the cost of Medicare Part B medical insurance and/or Part D prescription drug coverage premiums are allowed a deduction for the monthly cost of the premiums.

**Child Support Deduction** — Households that incur the cost of legally required child support to or for a non-household member are allowed a deduction for the amount of monthly child support paid.

\* Cannot be on food stamps.

## KBIC FLU VACCINE CLINIC

KBIC Health Dept. 2nd Floor

Walk-in's Welcome ~ 8:30 - 4:00

### Dates

Tuesday, September 1st, 8th & 15th

Thursday, September 24th

Every Thursday in October

Tribal Members, Descendents, & Non-Native Household Contacts

Bring your insurance card.

Call Kathy at 353-4519 or Heather at 353-4546 for more information.

### Attention Homebound Clients

If you are unable to attend the flu clinic and would like a nurse to visit your home to give you the flu shot call Kathy at 353-4519.

Sponsored by KBIC Department of Health & Human Services

## DRUG CONVICTION REPORT



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

### **Ashley Denomie, case # 09-110, controlled substance (use) - 1<sup>st</sup> offense**

**Factual basis:** Failed a drug test. Admitted to use of an illegal substance, marijuana.

**Sentenced on 07/21/2009 to:**

1. \$150 fine.
2. 12 months standard drug and alcohol restricted probation with a \$10 monthly probation fee. Defendant will be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing.
3. 90 days jail, 80 days suspended, 10 days to be served. Jail time may be served on tether. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging and/or tether.
4. The Defendant is to continue with her current substance abuse program and is to submit proof to the Probation Officer on a weekly basis.
5. The Defendant is to perform 10 hours of community service.
6. The Defendant is to perform a job search and submit proof to the probation officer on a weekly basis.
7. The Defendant is subject to random PBT and drug testing and is financially responsible for any drug or alcohol testing fees.

### **Annette Emery, case # 09-120, controlled substance (use) - 1<sup>st</sup> offense**

**Factual basis:** Use of an illegal substance and narcotics – hydrocodone and marijuana.

**Sentenced on 07/22/2009 to:**

1. \$500 fine.
2. 6-12 months standard drug and alcohol restricted probation with a \$10 monthly probation fee. Defendant will be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing.
3. 90 days jail, 70 days suspended, credit for 1 day served, 19 days to be served. Defendant is financially responsible for costs of lodging and/or tether.
4. The Defendant is to perform 10 hours of community service.
5. The Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and is to follow the recommendations of that screening until successfully discharged.

### **Lisa Chosa, case # 09-114, controlled substance (use) - 1<sup>st</sup> offense**

**Factual basis:** Failed a drug test. Admitted to use of an illegal substance, marijuana.

**Sentenced on 08/03/2009 to:**

1. \$150 fine.
2. 12 months standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10 monthly fee. Defendant will be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing.
3. 90 days jail, 80 days suspended, 10 days to be served. Time may be served

on a tether if the Defendant has a negative drug test. Defendant is financially responsible for costs of lodging and/or tether.

4. 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 continue with mental health counseling.
6. The Defendant is to supply the Probation Officer with a doctor's note stating that prescribed pain medication is to be taken as needed. If the Defendant cannot supply the Probation Officer with requested prescription information, she is to report to the Baraga County Jail on Thursday, August 6, 2009, at 6:00 p.m.

### **Fanchon Picard, case # 09-181, controlled substance – (use) 1<sup>st</sup> offense**

**Factual basis:** Failed a drug test. Admitted to use of an illegal substance, cocaine.

**Sentenced on 08/18/2009 to:**

1. \$500 fine.
2. 12 months standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10 monthly fee. Defendant will be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing.
3. 90 days jail, 60 days suspended, credit for 2 days served, 28 days to be served on tether with sobrieter. When the Defendant has completed the 28 days on the tether, she is to report twice a week for PBT and random drug testing until Probation Officer orders otherwise. Defendant is financially responsible for costs of lodging and/or tether.
4. 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 continue with mental health counseling recommendations.
6. The Defendant is to perform 16 hours of community service.

### **Stacy DeCota, case # 09-143, controlled substance – (use) 1<sup>st</sup> offense**

**Factual basis:** Failed a drug test. Admitted to use of prescription drugs that she did not have prescription for – morphine and hydrocodone.

**Sentenced on 08/18/2009 to:**

1. \$200 fine.
2. 18-24 months standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10 monthly fee. Defendant will be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing.
3. 45 days jail, credit with 20 days served. The Defendant is to serve 25 days but may be released for inpatient treatment. Upon completion of treatment, the remaining jail time will be suspended. Jail time is to run consecutively with case #09-142. Defendant is financially responsible for costs of lodging and/or tether.
4. Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and is to follow the recommendations of that screening until successfully discharged.

### **Robert Ekdahl, case # 09-215, controlled substance – (possession) 3<sup>rd</sup> offense**

**Factual basis:** Possession of an illegal drug – marijuana.

**Sentenced on 09/10/2009 to:**

1. 90 days jail, 90 days suspended. Defendant is financially responsible for

costs of lodging and/or tether.

2. The Defendant is to continue with current alcohol and drug restricted probation. All previous Court orders remain in full force and effect. Defendant will be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing.
3. Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and is to follow the recommendations of that screening until successfully discharged. (An assessment date for the Saginaw Chippewa Substance Abuse Program has been obtained.)
4. The Defendant is to perform daily PBT until he enters treatment, beginning Saturday, August 13, 2009.



The Community Assistance Office will be using a new application process beginning October 1, 2009, – The application will look a little different, but you will still be required to submit necessary documents as in previous years.

All programs available through this office will be available through one application – with the exception of the General Assistance Program and the Senior and Disability Supplemental Assistance Programs.

To be considered for income based programs all applications for LIHEAP, CSBG, and other income based programs will require applicants to submit verification of income for the entire household, as usual.

Applicants not submitting income verification with their completed applications will not be considered for the income based programs but will be able to submit applications for programs not requiring income verification – such as the Tribal Senior and Disability Heating Programs and the Tribal Emergency Funding.

Applications will be mailed to Tribal Members who are currently on programs this fiscal year – applications will be mailed on or about the 15<sup>th</sup> of October 2009.

We are also looking to assist Tribal members residing in very low-income eligible households who need job skills, are currently unemployed, and live in the counties of Baraga, Houghton, Keweenaw, Ontonagon, Dickinson, Iron, Gogebic, or Marquette. Call 353-8137, if you are interested in assistance through the CSBG program.



“Congratulations to the winners of the NCAI Essay Contest; Tashina Emery Kauppila, Ginger Shelifoe, and Deena Misegan! The three girls each submitted an essay on ‘An Important Indian Issue of Concern to Me and how I believe this issue should be addressed.’ They will be attending the 66<sup>th</sup> Annual NCAI Convention in Palm Springs, California on October 11–16. Thank you for your participation girls!”

–Submitted by KBIC Youth Director

(9) Zhaangaswi



**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;
  3. Business expansion/start-up expenses;
  4. Home repair for member-owned homes;
  5. Credit repair for homeownership;
  6. Vehicle purchase for work/school.
- 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 Negaunee- providing profits for housing programs.
- Ojibwa BP, Car Wash and Laundry- providing Tribal employment, superior products and service, and profits for housing programs.

**The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing & Community Development Corporation has been certified as a Community Development Financial Institution.**

The Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (The CDFI Fund) at the U.S. Department of the Treasury announced that Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing & Community Development Corporation (KBOHCDC) has been certified as a native CDFI.

Certification as a CDFI means that an organization meets the CDFI eligibility requirements that relate to an organization having a primary mission of promoting community development, predominately serving and maintaining accountability to eligible target markets, being a financing entity, and providing development services.

The KBOHCDC was originally created by the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing Authority a couple years ago and has its own Board of Directors. The KBOHCDC has been actively involved with providing financial literacy training to our community while also providing Individual Development Accounts (IDA). The IDA program is a matched savings program that has six different savings goals that include: down payment assistance for home ownership, business development or expansion, college education expenses, credit repair for homeownership, home repair, and vehicle purchase for work or school purposes. Participants determine a goal to save for and then begin saving. For every dollar the participant saves, we match that dollar with four dollars, contingent on available funds.

The KBOHCDC has also been operating a home improvement loan program that operates like a revolving loan program.

The program is for eligible Tribal members to borrow money at reduced interest rates to make home improvements. This program has proven successful at providing low interest money to community members throughout the first year of operation. The KBOHCDC has also recently applied to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development through their Rural Housing & Economic Development grant for \$300,000 for a revolving loan fund to support the start-up or expansion of community member's businesses. We expect an announcement on the possible award of these funds by the late fall.

Eddy Edwards  
 Executive Director  
 Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing Authority  
 Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing & Community Development Corporation (Certified Native CDFI)  
 Chairman, Great Lakes Indian Housing Association  
 Ojibwa Building Supply  
 Ojibwa Builders  
 Ojibwa BP gas station  
 Ojibwa Car Wash & Laundry  
 (906) 353-7117 ext. 113  
 (906) 353-7623 fax



**NOTICE**

To all Tribal Seniors 55-years of age and older, and permanently physically handicapped persons:

**SNOW PLOWING REQUIREMENTS**

1. Keweenaw Bay Tribal member;
2. Head of household;
3. Reside on reservation (Baraga Co.);
4. Address and phone number;
5. Proof of age and/or PERMANENT physical disability;
6. Sign up at the front desk at the Tribal Center with proof of each item listed above or mail information to: Tribal Maintenance Department, 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49908.

**Keweenaw Bay Indian Community  
Employment Opportunities**



**On Call positions:**

- \* Community Service Supervisor
- \* LPN
- \* RN
- \* Unit Manager
- \* Account Executive/Sales
- \* Cashier
- \* Receptionist/Clerical Worker
- \* Pre-Primary Teaching Assistant
- \* Youth Program & Facility Attendant

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

Accounts Payable Clerk—closing date Oct. 2

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

# OPEN HOUSE

## KBIC Even Start Family Literacy Center

- Come and enjoy the new Parent/Child Center
- Learn about the new Dream Catcher Project
- Food, door prizes and parent/child activities

**When:**  
October 15, 2009

**Time:**  
3:00pm to 6:00pm

**Where:**  
755 Michigan Ave.  
Baraga, MI. 49908



**Open Enrollment For Families Who:**

- Need a GED or High School Diploma
- Are expecting or have a Child Under the Age of 8
- Live in Baraga County

Please Call 353-8161 with any questions

important for anyone currently working on GED studies since scores earned on the present version of the tests will not be transferable after 2012.

"I advise my GED students to set realistic goals in preparing for and passing each of the five content area tests," states Doug Ploe, adult education teacher for KBIC Even Start Family Literacy Center. "If they pass all five by December 31, 2011, no problem. But if they procrastinate, they will find themselves needing to take the entire 2012 series of tests even if some were done before the deadline."

KBIC Even Start offers its students free, high quality GED and pre-GED instruction through text-based and computer-based formats. Laptops are provided for class work with supplemental resources and workshops included to meet the learning needs of each individual.

Ploe adds, "Our students between now and 2012, will receive sound planning advice to allow them to benefit from the upcoming changes so that all of the progress they make toward their GED counts."

For more information on the GED and the KBIC Even Start Family Literacy Center, call 906-353-8161.

### KBIC EVEN START FAMILY LITERACY FAQ's

**WHAT IS KBIC EVEN START?** With the distinction of being one of only four Tribal Even Start programs in the nation, KBIC is also the only Tribal Even Start in Michigan. We are a free family literacy program designed to help families enhance their ability to meet educational and life goals, prepare their children for school success, and strengthen parenting skills.

**WHAT DOES THIS FAMILY LITERACY CENTER OFFER?** There's a lot more to family literacy than reading books! KBIC Even Start provides four strong supports for its participants through adult education, early childhood education, parenting and family learning activities. Parents and their young children (0-8) learn, laugh, and grow together through events and activities designed to strengthen both adult and child literacy. Our goal is to strengthen the education of the whole family.

**New this year:** Large, newly renovated "Dream Catcher" Family Activity area, extended Family Circle hours, new workshop schedule, monthly literacy themes and free books, quarterly literacy basket drawings, new incentive plan for 2009-2010 Earn 'dream catcher bucks' while you learn!"

### WHY DO I NEED FAMILY LITERACY?

A GED or high school diploma opens many doors for you –whether it is a better job, technical training, or even going to college. With KBIC Even Start Family Literacy, you will also open doors of opportunity for your child. If you (or someone you know) are challenged by educational barriers, we are here to help.

### WHAT'S NEW WITH PARENTING ED?

One of the four essential Even Start components allows us to provide parents with literacy-based ideas for enhancing language and learning with their children. Our Center is licensed through the Hanen Centre with trained staff to share the "You Make The Difference" program that provides parents with the tools they need to

make a difference during their child's early learning years.

**WHO QUALIFIES FOR THE KBIC EVEN START PROGRAM?** Our services to the KBIC Tribal community and all of Baraga County are free. Families with children under the age of eight or who are expecting a baby, with at least one parent needing to complete a GED or high school diploma may qualify. We are designed to serve up to 20 families, with those most-in-need as a priority.

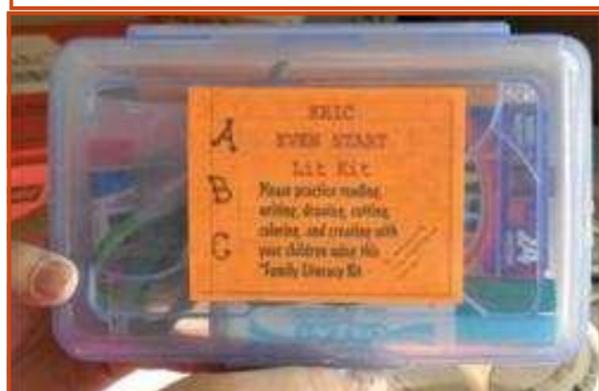
**WHAT IF I DON'T HAVE A CAR OR WORK ALL DAY?** No problem! We supply free transportation to and from class and scheduled events such as Family Circle. We also help you set up child care, too. Our monthly calendar offers flexible hours to meet your scheduling needs.

**HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?** Call 353-8161 today or stop by our Family Literacy Center right next to the Ojibwa Casino in Baraga. We look forward to meeting you and your family! Take your first step into your family's future with KBIC Even Start Family Literacy as you "Dare to Dream!"

~ Submitted by Gail Juntunen



KBIC Even Start families take part in a recent "Back to School" Family Circle where the children received new backpacks and books in anticipation for the first day of school. Each family also took home a "Lit Kit" of supplies to use for family literacy activities.



### A New GED Test in 2012

Since 1942, there have been four versions of the General Education Development test, better known as the GED. Just as expectations and standards have changed over the years for high school students, GED content and focus reflect the educational needs of the times. Now being updated, the fifth series of the GED test is due to be released January 1, 2012. The impact of this news is particularly

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**s** zegizi—scared  
**t** ziinzibaakwadoons—candy



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