KBIC General Elections Held

The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwe made KBIC General Elections Held on Saturday, December 11, 2010. KBIC registered voters residing in Baraga cast their ballots at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens building in Baraga, while those residing in the L’Anse district cast their ballots at the Zeba Methodist Church. A Primary Election was held October 30, 2010, for the Baraga District which put the top four candidates on the General Election ballot with other candidates who were approved for the General Election in the L’Anse District and for the Associate Judge position. Baraga District candidates were Fred Dakota (incumbent), Elizabeth “Popcorn” Mayo (incumbent), Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., and Donny Shallfue, Sr. L’Anse District candidates were Michael LaFerrier, Sr. (incumbent), Toni Minton (incumbent), Jean Jokinen, and JoAnne Racette. Associate Judge position candidates on the ballot were: Violet M. Friisvall Ayres (incumbent) and John Davis. Preliminary counts were announced by the election workers, immediately following closing of the polls on Saturday, December 11, 2010. In the Baraga District, Fred Dakota received 264 votes, Elizabeth “Popcorn” Mayo received 259 votes, Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., received 147 votes, and Donny Shallfue, Sr. received 136 votes. Fred Dakota and Elizabeth “Popcorn” Mayo have secured a three year term in the Baraga District. In the L’Anse District, Michael LaFerrier, Sr. received 214 votes, Toni Minton received 238 votes, Jean Jokinen received 158 votes, and JoAnne Racette received 164 votes. Michael LaFerrier, Sr. and Toni Minton have each secured a three year seat in the L’Anse District. For the Associate Judge position, Violet M. Friisvall Ayres received 297 votes, and John Davis received 117 votes. Violet M. Friisvall Ayres has secured the three year term of Associate Judge for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. Election results are on the agenda to be considered for certification by Tribal Council at the meeting scheduled for January 8, 2011. Following certification, the twelve seat council will make nominations and vote for their executive council.

Christmas Parties Held at KBIC

The annual KBIC Youth Christmas party was held at the Niwin Akeea Recreational Facility in Baraga, MI, on Saturday, December 18, 2010. The youth party was held for KBIC members and children of KBIC members ages birth-ten. The children got to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus and received a bag of candy and a special gift from the Community. Little Caesars Pizza was served along with a variety of desserts. The event is planned for December 18, 2010.
DECEMBER 11, 2010 — TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on December 11, 2010. Employee Recognition Luncheon was held on November 17th. Thank you to the WHIPP Task Force for providing the healthy luncheon and congratulations to all of our employees for the many, many years of service to our Tribe and Community. See the newsletter for all of the achievements and pictures. I would like to acknowledge all of our employees for all the hard work and dedication, contributions, and loyalty to our Government and Community. All of our departments provide important work, and I would not be where we are today without their hard work.

We continue to have monthly meetings with our employee W.H.I.P.P. (Wellness, Health, Intervention, Prevention Program) Task Force, volunteers and our Blue Cross representative/Employee Benefits Agency. It is never too late to encourage positive lifestyle changes that will help us live longer, healthier, happier lives. The Task Force and volunteers will be providing healthy luncheons in November and December and will begin the ‘Maintain, Gain’ Challenge in January. These efforts will help improve the health of our employees and will help lower our overall health care costs.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2010

The following is a list of activities that occurred in the office of the President for the month of November 2010.

- I attended a number of committee meetings including the Gaming Commission, retirement, hiring, and others as needed.
- I met with officials from the USDA and discussed the design flaw in the gate of the walleye ponds. This prevents the fish from fully draining, leaving some water in the pond, creating a huge pool for fingersling which were hard to catch for replanting. Hopefully they came up with a solution to this.
- I signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the US Forest Service Ottawa National Forest, Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. The main purpose of the plan is to provide a framework for the signatories to cooperatively manage and protect the Lake Superior—L’Anse Trail resources. The goals and objectives are to preserve and protect those places that are considered sacred and are related to the traditional and cultural aspects of the people.
- The Tribal Council decided to stop the process of having Head Start and Early Head Start moving forward with becoming a direct grantee. The Community wishes at this time to continue having Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan consortium operate the programs located in Zeeba.
- The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Community and the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College was approved by our Board of Regents. This MOA affirms the Community's support of the College's continued efforts to obtain initial accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission within three years from the date of acceptance of the agreement.
- I received an invitation to attend the 2010 White House Tribal Nations Conference on November 7th—10th, 2010. This conference will build on last year's successful White House Tribal Nations Conference, where President Obama signed the Presidential Memorandum on Tribal Consultation to improve Indian Tribal participation in Federal policy decisions that impact them. The goal of this year's conference is to continue the strong relationship between Tribal leadership and the Administration which remains committed to strengthening the Nation-to-Nation relationship between the United States and Indian Nations. The Administration will have the opportunity to interact with representatives from the highest levels of President Obama’s Administration.
- I attended the employee luncheon. We took the opportunity to thank employees for their service and hard work throughout the year. The lunch was provided by the KBIC’s Task Force and was enjoyed by all.
- The Tribal Council agreed to amend its 401(k) policy to allow employees to borrow from it. The paperwork hasn’t been completed yet but we’re working on it.
- I was informed by L’Anse School Board President, Jason Ayers, that Michigan enacted P.A. 168 of 2010 which allows for non-certified teachers to teach Native American language in Public Schools and for students to receive language credits on the state’s report card. This will cost $380,127.81 towards their High School Diploma. This was very exciting news to me. Jason has been in contact with Astoria AMR regarding the necessary steps to make this a reality at L’Anse. Jason wanted us to know that L’Anse is on board with creating an Ojibwa language class and to obtain the proper language requirements for credit towards a diploma.
- I attended the Ojibwa Casino Resort’s 25th Anniversary Party. The Anniversary week was a huge success.
- I was informed by the General Manager of the Ojibwa Casino Resort, starting with the first payday in December they will be offering check cashing of government and casino payroll checks. There will be a $2 fee per check and a valid identification is required.

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

To place an ad, submit an article, or relate information or ideas on possible articles contact: Laura Dimmick (906) 201-2020, or e-mail newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov.

SECRETARY’S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2010

Activities reported by the Secretary, Susan J. LaFerrier, for the month of November 2010.

ANIN! We honor the greatness in you. We continue to have monthly meetings with all of you. It is never too late to encourage positive life-style changes that will help us live longer, healthier, happier lives.

I received an invitation to attend the KBIC Youth Program, KBIC Diabetes Program, and WHIPP Task Force! Be encouraged to exercise your right to vote. The goal of this year’s conference is to continue the strong relationship between Tribal leadership and the Administration which remains committed to strengthening the Nation-to-Nation relationship between the United States and Indian Nations. The Administration will have the opportunity to interact with representatives from the highest levels of President Obama’s Administration.

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Respectfully submitted,
Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President
vote, not only in our Tribal General Election which is December 11, 2010, but in all elec-
tions! We urge you to get your family and friends registered to vote if they are not al-
ready registered. Voting is the heighted political partici-
pation of Native people, Indian Country has become an increasingly powerful voting
block. We have made a visible difference in national, state, and local elections.

Remember to continue to pray for, honor, and remember all of our veterans, service
men and women, and their families. Also remember those who are ill, all who have
lost loved ones in the last year, and our economic struggles. Let us be thankful
for our beautiful area, and we pray for peace in the world, good health, and happi-
ness.

We also continue to recognize the rich-
ness of Native American contributions, ac-
complishments, and sacrifices to the politi-
cal, cultural, and economic life of Michigan
and the United States. We also wish every-
one a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year, and remember the "Reason for the
Season!"

The Drug Tip Line is 353-DRUG or 353-
3784. The yellow banners are around the reserva-
tion with this drug tip line number displayed. The Drug Tip Force holds
monthly meetings. The Drug Force Mission
statement is: "To promote education
through public awareness with the specific
objective to eliminate the use of illegal drugs
for the betterment of the health, welfare,
and safety of the Keweenaw Bay Indian
Community and our neighboring communi-
ties." On July 27th the hearing regarding
random drug tests for enterprise employees
was heard at Tribal Court with Judge Brad-
ley Dakota. Additional briefs were filed
within 30 days.

During November 2010, the Tribal Coun-
cil had one Regular Tribal Council Meeting
on November 6, 2010. This meeting is cov-
ered in the December 2010 Newsletter. Tribal Council held three Special Council
Meetings. Following are the unapproved
motions from October.

At the council meeting held November 4,
2010, the following actions were taken:
- Approved changes to the KBIC Youth
Activity Fund guidelines;
- Approved not to apply for direct grantee
Head Start funding at this time and to
relinquish Resolution KB1726-2010;
- Approved Resolution KB1785-2010
FY2011 Forest Management Deduction
(Wood Count Expansion Plan);
- Amended, $3,550 from the General Fund
to empty and dispose the contents of
two underground storage tanks at the
Commodity Foods by OSI Environ-
mental, Inc. was $5,560;
- Approved the Sovereign Student Fund
amendments (eligibility requirements)
effective with the 2010 Fall Semester;
- Approved the October 30, 2010 Baraga
District Primary Election results;
- Approved the December 11, 2010 Gen-
eral Election candidates (4-L’Anse, 4-
Baraga, 2-Associate Judge);
- Approved Beth Dix as the Election
Board alternate;
- Approved Resolution KB1789-2010 to
contract with the Bureau of Indian Af-
fairs January 2011—December 2013;
- Approved the new business license for
John Hebert/H&H Café;
- Approved the new business license for
Fadil Ibraimi/Red Apple Family Restau-
rant. At the council meeting held November
18, 2010, the following actions were taken:
- Approved the meeting minutes of May
20, 27, and June 3, 2010;
- Approved the Memorandum of Agree-
ment with KBIC and the Keweenaw Bay
Ojibwa Community College, October 1,
2010-September 30, 2011;
- Approved proceeding with the Public
Works Department organizational chart;
- Motion that the maintenance employees
(Government) remain the same and the
Tribal Construction Tribal member em-
ployees be transitioned with job descrip-
tions written to be placed in the Public
Works organizational chart;
- Approved seven applicants and two al-
ternates to the new Constitution Com-
mittee;
- Approved to allow employees to borrow
up to 50% of their 401K Plan;
- Approved the services agreement with
OSI Environmental, Inc. to remove liq-
uid from the underground storage tanks
at Commodity Food;
- Approved the closure of the Marquette
Casino for repairs (in December);
- Tabled request to add Dickinson/Delta/
Menominee Counties to the KBIC Youth
Activity Fund until the December 2nd
meeting;
- Defeated a motion to purchase two
trucks (Tandem/Mack) for $64,222 less
tax for the Public Works Department;
- Approved the bid from Copper Country
Ford for a 2011 F350 4X4 for $27,500
for the Public Works Department (from
the Roads Grant);
- Tabled the 2% requests until the No-
ember 19, 2010 meeting.

At the council meeting held November
19, 2010, the following actions were taken:
- Approved the Marquette 2% Allocation;
- Approved Resolution KB1790-2010
Marquette 2%;
- Approved Resolution KB1791-2010
Baraga 2%;
- Approved the Professional Services
Agreement with Lynn Ketola for Even-
start Evaluation services;
- Approved Energy/3/Mayberry Water &
Power Company Services Agreement
(for the Comprehensive Energy Efficien-
ty audit);
- Approved the “Easement and Agree-
ment” between KBIC and O’Dovero
Properties;
- Approved the Boundary Line Agreement
between KBIC and O’Dovero Properties.
Respectfully submitted,
Susan J. LaFemner, Secretary

FOOD DISTRIBUTION
PROGRAM ON
INDIAN RESERVATIONS
NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS*
FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS
UNITED STATES AND ALASKA
(Effective October 1, 2010)

Household Size | Income Limits 1 | Income Limits 2
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 addi-
tional member + $312 + $390

* The net monthly income standard for each house-
hold 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 C FR 253.6(i)

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 — House-
holds that incur the cost of Medicare Part B medical
insurance and/or Part D prescription drug coverage
premiums are allowed a monthly deduction of the
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.

PLEASE BRING BOXES, CRATES,
BASKETS, ETC...

New Employees continued:
Clara’s office is currently located within the Cultural Center building in the Powwow
grounds and can be reached by calling 353-
4678, or e-mail ccorbett@kbic-nsn.gov.

Jessica Green has been hired as the Weatheri-
zation Coordinator for KBIC. Jessica pre-
viously worked for Tribal Con-
struction as the Office
Manager from
July 2009 — November 2010, prior to that
Jessica states, “I was an office as-
sistant for the Village of Baraga for
three years. I live in Baraga and I have
two children, Azaria Lindemann (age
eleven) and Jaylyne Lindemann (age seven).
I like to play sports, go camping and four-
wheeling. I am the vice-

president of the Baraga Booster club
trough the Baraga School and I have
been a volunteer elementary basketball
coach for four years. I am honored to
be here and look forward to learning and
growing with this program.”


corbett@kbic-nsn.gov.
ATTENTION KBIC MEMBERS:
The following Committees/Board has vacant seats:

- Election Board – two (2) seats
  Application due date is January 6, 2011, 4:00 p.m.
  Please submit an application (located in Peggy Minton or Janice Halverson’s office) by the due date to:
  Warren C. Swartz, Jr. – President
  16429 Beartown Rd.
  Baraga, MI 49908

Mary F. Walker
(1921—November 20, 2010)
Mary F. Walker, age 89, of Baraga, MI, passed away on Saturday, November 20, 2010, at Bayside Village in L’Anse.

Leonard “Bill Glasson” Cardinal
(June 10, 1928 – December 2, 2010)
Leonard “Bill Glasson” Cardinal, age 82, a resident of Baraga, MI, passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 2, 2010, at Shulstad’s Leisure Living in Baraga after a lengthy illness.

Leonard was born on June 10, 1928, in Ann Arbor, MI, and was raised by his grandparents Charles and Rosaliee Cardin of Baraga who preceded him in death. He was also preceded in death by his brother George and his mother Mary Rose Hill.

Leonard graduated from high school in Des Moines, Iowa, and joined the Navy on September 18, 1947, in which he served until 1950. After discharge, he worked for the Soo Line Railroad in Minneapolis as a Yard Master for 40 years. He was active in the UTU Union and served as a grand vice-president in the yard master union. He was an activist of his entire adult life serving as Parish President of the Most Holy Name of Jesus church in Assinins which he was a member for many years.

Leonard served on the KBIC Tribal Council as well as KBIC Tribal Chairman. He was a life-long member of the Ojibwa Senior Citizens where he also served as elected President. He was proud of the successful bingo operation he ran for the seniors which enabled them to go on various trips.

Leonard was married on June 8, 1991, to Julia Durant Ekdahl who survives him. He also leaves behind two step children Clayton Ekdahl of Baraga and Kathleen (Rob) Chapman of Ontonagon, with whom he shared a daughter, Catherine. He also leaves two ex-spouses, Minnesota, MN, two sons Leonard Jr. of North Dakota, and Jim Cardinal of Minneapolis. Leonard also leaves behind nine grandchildren including his beloved granddaughter Ashley Ekdahl, beloved grandsons Jeremy Chapman of Portage, WI, Brandon Morgan of Minneapolis, and great-granddaughters Ava and Zoe Chapman.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, December 4, 2010, at Most Holy Name of Jesus Church in Assinins, with Fr. Brian Gerber officiating. Baraga County Area Veterans conducted Military Rites under the direction of the American Legion Post 444 of Baraga. The Jacobson Funeral Home of L’Anse assisted the family.

Travis J. Seppanen
(October 16, 1986 – December 9, 2010)
Travis J. Seppanen, age 24, of Baraga, MI, passed away suddenly on Thursday, December 9, 2010, at the Baraga County Memorial Hospital. He was born in Hancock on October 16, 1986, the son of William “Chili” Seppanen and Patty (Paul) Paavola. Travis attended Baraga High School. Following his graduation, Travis attended welding classes and was proud of obtaining his welding certificate. He had been employed for Terex in Traverse City and most recently at their plant in Baraga as a certified welder. Travis was a member of Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. He was an avid Dallas Cowboy football fan and enjoyed watching and playing basketball with his friends. Travis loved spending time with his sons.

Travis is survived by his loving family, twin sons Brody and Gage of L’Anse, mother Patty (Paul) Paavola of Pellkie, father William K. Seppanen of Baraga, brothers: William (Angel) Seppanen of L’Anse, Shawn (Evelyn Hebert) Seppanen of L’Anse, Kyle and David Seppanen of Baraga, sister Nicole (Murry) Ross of Baraga, grandparents: Tony and Iene LaPlante of Baraga, and Eleanor Seppanen of L’Anse, nieces and nephews: Austin, Skylar, Kaylee, Tyler, and Nolan. Numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins also survive. He was preceded in death by his godfather Albert LaPlante, uncle Kurt LaPlante and grandfather William Paavola.

Funeral services for Travis were held Tuesday, December 14, 2010, at the Reid Funeral Service and Chapel, L’Anse with Pastor Judy Mattson officiating. The Reid Funeral Home assisted the family.

Ojibwa Community College Board of Regents Position Opening
Requirements: KBIC member; Associate’s degree required; Bachelor’s degree preferred (except for senior citizens age 55 and older); must not be a Tribal Council member, OCC employee or OCC contractor. Submit letter of interest stating why you are applying, tribal certification, and copies of your diploma or college transcripts by January 7, 2011, to Yvette Frisvall, OCC, P.O. Box 519, Baraga, MI 49908, or deliver in person to the main office.
Natural Resources Department Talks Trash

In October, staff from the Natural Resources Department conducted a waste characterization (also known as a waste sort or audit) of the KBIC waste stream. Waste characterizations involve sorting out materials in the waste stream into several categories and subcategories to analyze the types and amounts of materials present in the waste stream. Waste characterization information is used to help identify ways to reduce the amount of waste produced, help establish recycling programs, and conserve money and resources. Waste characterization information is also used in planning waste management activities, such as collection events or programs, as well as facilities like transfer stations.

The waste characterization analyzed the KBIC commercial waste stream from government and enterprise operations that eventually ends up in the landfill; this did not include materials that are currently recycled or diverted from the landfill, such as office paper, aluminum cans, or hazardous waste. Most of the trash generated from KBIC buildings, including the Ojibwa Casino, is disposed of in the waste compactor, while some facilities utilize their own dumpster(s). A representative ‘sample’ of trash was taken from a total of 11 dumpsters and the compactor at eight different KBIC facilities through a process of waste sampling (more affectionately known as ‘dumpster diving’). Each waste sample weighed approximately 100–150 pounds. The samples were then transported to a waste sort area, where they were sorted and weighed.

Overall, a total of 1,000 pounds of trash was sorted. Results from the study show that KBIC operations generate about 427 tons per year of solid waste. The results also show that the commercial waste stream is composed largely of Paper (37%), followed by Plastic (22%) and Organics (20%) like food waste (see Figure 1). Figure 2 compares the KBIC waste composition with that of each sample, as well as the U.S. waste composition (2007) – with slightly more paper and plastic and less organic waste than the national average.

In the future, the Natural Resources Department plans to conduct additional sampling of the commercial waste stream in the spring and/or summer to account for seasonal variations in waste generation. A residential waste stream characterization is also planned for the near future.

Please feel free to contact the Natural Resources Department at (906) 524-5757, extension 14 with any questions or for more information.

Ojibwa Community Library News

The library now has eight Captain Underpants, chapter books for kids around the age of eight and up. These books provide hilarious reading for this age group.

With the funds from the last grant, the library was able to purchase many native movies for our collection. Our policy was to allow the patrons to check out five movies for three weeks. Sadly, that has changed. Our patrons are now only allowed to check out one movie for seven days. And why the change? Because too many patrons have checked out movies and they haven’t returned them. To replace these movies will be very costly. For our last effort to have these movies returned, please drop them in the return bin at the entrance to the Tribal Center. I will not bill you for any late fees. This amnesty will be effective until the end of January. This includes books too!!

Mary Bergerson, Library Director
and organized by the KBIC Youth Coordinator, Cheryne Clements, and the KBIC Youth Assistants with the help of numerous community service workers and teen volunteers.

Later that evening, the teenage Christmas party for ages eleven-seventeen was held. The teenagers were served Little Caesar’s Pizza and desserts. Teenagers in attendance received a Wal-Mart gift card from the Community and played Bingo for a number of cool prizes.

(Left to right): Odell and Darios Loonsfoot (twin boys, age five), and Santa Claus.

Shayla Joy Embled (age three) gives Santa her Christmas list.

(Left to right): Siblings Cassandra Lynn (age five) and Paige Marie Zasadnyj (age three) with Santa Claus.

Jalisa Heath (age three) visits with Santa Claus.

Left to right, siblings: Aleeha Moulden-Gauthier (age seven) and Destin Gauthier (age four).

Layla Leah Loonsfoot (age 15-months) visits with Santa Claus.

Siblings, Ross Jaukkuri, Jr. (age five) and Marissa Jaukuuri (age three) with Santa Claus.

Dante X. Loonsfoot as he visits with Santa Claus.

Santa with cousins: Breyelle Ekdahl (seven-months) and Princess Pierre (five months).

Dhanya Ekdahl (age four) gives Santa her Christmas list.

Santa listens closely to Jeani Jaye Aho’s (age seven) Christmas list.

Christian Kelly (age four) is very happy with the Christmas present he received.
The KBIC Childrens’ Christmas party for Marquette County residents was held at the U.P. Childrens’ Museum, on Sunday, December 19, 2010. Children and their families enjoyed a delicious dinner which included Caesar’s Pizza, got to visit with Santa Claus, and received a gift from the Community. This party was organized by the KBIC Youth Coordinator, Cheryne Clements, and the KBIC Youth Assistants, with the help of numerous volunteers.

Isabelle Beaudoin (age two) poses with Santa. Peyton Hooper (six-weeks-old) meets Santa. Garrett Hammod (age four) as he visits with Santa. Tamrah Verbanic gives her list to Santa. Sierra and Savannah Vervoczki visit with Santa.

Left — Jacob Latourneau (fourteen-months-old) meets Santa Claus and receives a gift and bag of candy.
Right — Isabella Perry (age five) who has been a good little girl hopes Santa will deliver her Christmas list.

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MARQUETTE COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS ENJOY FEASTIVE HOLIDAY DINNER

The Marquette Senior Christmas luncheon was held at Wahlstrom’s Restaurant and Lounge on Sunday, December 5, 2010 at 1 p.m. Each KBIC attending senior member received a poinsettia and a Wal-Mart gift card. Photos, left to right, #1 – Pat and Mary Bawden; #2 - Theda Ritari, George LeMaire, Daryl LeMaire, and Sheryl Keating; #3 – Lenora Bressette, Geraldine Bressette, Glenn Bressette, Sr., Sandy Carlson, Max Bressette, and Cheryl Bressette.

BARAGA COUNTY TEENS HOLD CHRISTMAS PARTY AND WIN MANY PRIZES

The Baraga County Teen party was held at that Niwin Akeea Facility on Saturday, December 18, 2010. Each teen enjoyed Little Caesar’s Pizza and received a Wal-Mart gift card. Photos, left to right, #1 – Teen enjoying a chance to win some nice prizes; #2 - Cousins, Nicole Maki and Lindsay Mayo both won their prizes; #3 – Sky Loonsfoot awaits her number to be called for one of the nice prizes offered.

MARQUETTE COUNTY TEENS ENJOY A BOWLING CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Marquette Teenager Christmas party was held at Superior Lanes in Marquette on Sunday, December 19, 2010. All teens enjoyed bowling, a delicious lunch, and received a Wal-Mart gift card. Photos, left to right, #1 – Superior Lanes party; #2  - Neebin Ashbrooke-Pietala; #3 – Savannah Seymour and Christina Misegan. Marquette parties were organized by Cheryne Clement, KBIC Youth Director with the assistance of Carrie Ashbrook.

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BARAGA OJIBWA SENIOR CITIZENS’ CELEBRATE WITH A HOLIDAY DINNER

The Ojibwa Senior Christmas Dinner was held at the Ojibwa Senior Citizen’s on Sunday, December 12, 2010. Seniors received a Wal-Mart gift card, and enjoyed carols from Boy Scout Troop #219. Photos, left to right, #1 – Myrtle Tolonen, Chuck Loonsfoot, Molly Loonsfoot, and Janice Shallfiee; #2 - Joe (Shawanung) Dowd, Kelly Dowd, and Larry Dowd, Sr.; #3 – Peggy Dunn and Beverly Lussier.
U.S. to Support the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, by Jessica L. Koski

On December 16, 2010, President Obama announced to Tribal leaders at the White House Tribal Nations Conference that the United States will be lending support to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP).

“The aspirations it affirms -- including the respect for the institutions and rich cultures of Native peoples -- are one we must always seek to fulfill,” Obama stated. The Obama Administration will soon release a more detailed statement in support of the Declaration.

Four nation-states originally voted against UNDRIP: New Zealand, Australia, Canada and the United States. All four have subsequently changed their position. The Declaration marks an important new beginning for indigenous peoples throughout the world. Unjust international principles enshrined in the doctrine of discovery, notions of conquest, and the early foundations of federal Indian relations, are now transforming to principles that recognize the inherent rights of indigenous peoples.

While the Declaration is not legally binding international law, we must encourage and support the Obama Administration to fully implement the Declaration under the U.S. policy framework. Sovereign Tribal nations may also choose to support and implement the Declaration. In this way, the Declaration will serve as an important new tool for protecting our rights, culture and obligations to future generations.


New Digital Storytelling Course scheduled at KBOCC

A newly created special topics course, Digital Storytelling: Image and Text, will be offered this spring semester at Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College. In this class, students will learn the basics of computer photographic manipulation and how to include photos in documents and presentations, and create their own digital stories using words and images.

Instructor Jesse Koenig commented, “Throughout history, humans have used multiple media—sounds, paintings, music, dancing—to tell stories,” adding that having Traditional Storytelling in same semester provides opportunities for intriguing connections. In Digital Storytelling, students will examine examples of multi-media storytelling drawn from a variety of time periods and cultures, particularly contemporary works that make use of digital technology along with developing their own stories. The class will culminate with a presentation, performance, and/or writing of the works that we have created.

Digital Storytelling: Image and Text will meet on Wednesdays, 5:7-7:00 p.m., Room 112 starting January 12. This 4-credit humanities course has no prerequisites. Registration is open. For further information contact Jesse Koenig – jkoenig@kbocc.org or 262-853-9364.
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 Zebo
  3. 40 Homes in Marquette/Harvey,
- Supportive housing/transitional housing to help address family issues;
- New, custom built, super-insulated homes for homeownership on Bear Town Road;
- Home buyer training to prepare members for home ownership;
- Financial literacy training to improve members’ financial skills;
- Home maintenance training to improve members’ ability to maintain homes;
- Home rehabilitation program to improve the condition of member-owned homes;
- Home emergency assistance program to remedy negative conditions in the home;
- Individual development account program – a 4:1 matched savings program for member goals that include:
  1. Down payment assistance for home purchase;
  2. Business expansion/start-up expenses;
- Low cost home improvement loan program for qualifying Tribal members;
- Low cost tax preparation program for residents and Tribal members;
- Affordable curbside trash service for residents and members;
- Ojibwa Building Supply Do It Best—providing Tribal employment, quality affordable building supplies and profits for housing programs;
- Ojibwa Builders Construction Company—providing Tribal employment, quality affordable construction, and profits for housing programs;
- Market rate rentals—five rental properties in Baraga and one in Negative- providing profits for housing programs;
- Ojibwa BP, Car Wash and Laundry—providing Tribal employment, superior products and service, and profits for housing programs.

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

ASHLEY SOLI AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP

Ashley Soli, a student at Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College, has been awarded $3500 from the American Indian College Fund’s President Obama Scholar’s program. The scholarship was given to help with expenses during the fall 2010 school year.

Ashley is an outstanding student in the Early Childhood Education Department with a 4.0 GPA. Ashley is a full time student and works part time at the KBIC Preprimary program. She is a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and currently lives in L’Anse.

Ashley selected KBOCC because it is close to home and the classes are relevant. She hopes to continue her studies at Northern Michigan University in Early Childhood after graduation.

JANUARY 2011
Great Point Moon

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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WINTER TERM BEGINS - New Enrollment Process is beginning on Monday, January 10, 2011. Stop in at the Center or call to learn about the new enrollment process.
KBIC Youth Program Activity Fund Guidelines

Each fiscal year, a per-child amount is approved by the KBIC Tribal Council. The amount is currently $250. The fiscal year begins on October 1. The funding services the following counties: Baraga, Houghton, Ontonagon and Marquette. The other eleven (11) counties in the Upper Peninsula of MI are eligible for the funded services for Enrolled KBIC Member children only (approved by Council 12/02/10). A separate Activity Fund Request Form must be completed for each child.

To qualify for the fund:
1. The child must be an enrolled KBIC member or a child of an enrolled KBIC member and both the child and parent/guardian must reside within the same household within the service area.
2. The child must be age 0-17 or in high school.
3. You may be required to provide proof to the Youth & Facilities Coordinator that you have physical custody for the child you are submitting receipts for (court document or signed consent by other parent).
4. Requests that will be paid must fall under one of the following criteria: 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), camps (sports, bible, and culture), school-related activities (such as: Band, Youth in Government, Driver’s Education and school pictures), and school clothes. Educational travel is funded and the funding can be banked through the eligible child’s high school (7-12 grade) career (banked means each year’s funding can carryover and be used in the following year(s)).
5. It is the parent/guardian’s responsibility to keep track of how much is spent for each child. An original receipt for a qualifying purchase must be submitted for all funding reimbursements.
6. Submit the original receipt for purchase made within the past 90 days and completed Activity Fund Request Form to the Youth & Facilities Coordinator who will complete a purchase request form and forward the documents to accounting for processing (processing takes 3-5 days). The Youth & Facilities Coordinator will contact the parent/guardian to make arrangements for issuing the reimbursement check.

USDA Seeking Applicants for Wetland Restoration Program

EAST LANSING, Dec. 16, 2010 – Landowners who would like to restore former wetlands on their property are encouraged to contact the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The USDA is accepting applications for a program that provides financial assistance for restoring wetlands and purchases permanent or long-term easements on land that is enrolled.

The Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP) is administered by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. Landowners who enroll land in the program receive financial assistance of up to 100 percent of the cost of restoring land that was once wetland habitat back to its previous condition. Program participants also have the option of selling a permanent or 30-year easement of the restored wetlands to the USDA. Applications for WRP are accepted on a continuous basis by NRCS and applications received by Feb. 2, will be considered for funding in 2011. Applicants seeking to enroll land in 2011 should contact their local USDA Service Center as soon as possible to begin the application process.

Restoring wetlands has many benefits for Michigan residents. Wetlands improve water quality by filtering nutrients from runoff water, reduce flooding by storing water from storms and snow melt, help recharge underground aquifers and provide valuable habitat for a wide variety of wildlife.

Landowners who choose to enroll their land in a permanent easement can receive 100 percent of the cost for restoring their land to wetland habitat. The program pays 75 percent of the cost for restoring wetland habitat for land enrolled in 30-year easements or for land restored without an easement. Landowners are paid a fixed price for enrolling land with a permanent easement which is based on the market price of farmland in their region of the state. Participants who enroll land in 30-year easements receive 75 percent of the rate paid for permanent easements.

Participants who sell permanent or long-term easements on land they enroll in WRP are allowed to use their land for recreation and other defined uses. They also retain the right to control access to their property.

For more information about WRP contact their local USDA Service Center or visit the NRCS-Michigan Web site at www.mi.nrcs.usda.gov.

USDA Announces Cut-Off Date for 2011 Conservation Funds

EAST LANSING, Dec. 10, 2010 — The U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced a cut-off date of Jan. 19th for 2011 financial assistance from two conservation programs. The programs provide financial assistance for installing conservation practices and for improving wildlife habitat.

“Landowners and agricultural producers should contact their local USDA Service Center as soon as possible if they are seeking financial assistance during 2011,” said State Conservationist Garry Lee of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

Financial assistance is available through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program and the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program which are administered by NRCS. Applications for both programs are accepted on a continuous basis however only applications received by the cut-off date will be ranked and considered for funding.

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program provides financial assistance for conserving natural resources on agricultural land. The program reimburses 75 percent of the estimated cost for implementing a variety of conservation measures to conserve soil, water and air resources. Some eligible conservation measures include animal waste storage facilities, windbreaks, field residue management, prescribed grazing practices and pest management.

Landowners who want to improve wetland habitat on their property can receive financial assistance through the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program. The program provides socially disadvantaged, limited resource and beginning farmers may be eligible for a higher rate of financial assistance and other benefits. For more information contact your local USDA Service Center or visit the NRCS-Michigan Web site at www.mi.nrcs.usda.gov.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!

Ojibwa Senior Citizen’s Funding Raising Events:
- Bake Sale — January 7th
- Indian Taco Sale — January 20th
- Pasty Sale — January 27th

January 2011 Calendars Events

- Jan. 7 — Ojibwa Sr.’s Bake Sale & 50/50 drawing.
- Jan. 8 — Regular Sat. Council Meeting 9 am, Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room;
- Jan. 17 — Tribal Gov’t Offices closed, Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday;
- Jan. 19 — Veterans’ meeting, 7 pm;
- Jan. 20 — Ojibwa Sr.’s Indian Taco Sale, 10 am - 2 pm with 50/50 drawing and their raffle drawing will be held for the 42’ Vizio & other prizes;
- Jan. 21 — Constitutional Committee meeting, 10 am - 12 noon, Tribal Council Chambers;
- Jan. 27 — Ojibwa Sr.’s Pasty Sale.

Events occurring throughout KBIC are welcome to be listed on the Calendar of Events. Contact newsletter@kbic.nsn.gov to list your events. Some events are more detailed FYI within the newsletter. For up-to-date event listings, visit www.ojibwa.com and click on calendar. For Youth events, see the school’s Ojibwa website, click on youth club, or contact 353-4643/Main Office at Youth Club, or 353-4644 for the facility attendants or the Kitchen/craft rooms.

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

Hours: Funded by:
Monday–Thursday 11am–7pm
Friday & weekends
Saturday 10am–3pm
with the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community

KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY
OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES
427 N. Superior Ave., Baraga, MI 49908
774-753-6626 - Fax: 906-353-8132
Email: pecs@kbic-nsn.gov

“Your Children…Our Priority”
• Establishment, Enforcement and Modification of Child Support Orders
• Location of Custodial and Non-Custodial Parents
• Paternity Establishment
• Community Education


Zeba Indian Mission
United Methodist Church
“We welcome each of you to our worship services, at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday.”
Pastor: Rev. John Henry
Church office 524-7939
Parsonage 524-7936

Catholic Community of Baraga County
Holy Name of Jesus
Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha
Pastor: Father John Longbozco
Confessions: Sunday before Mass
Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.
353-6565
saintann@up.net

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Madyson Ann Evans was born November 23, 2010, to Emily and Aaron Evans and big brother Noah Evans. Madyson weighed 9lbs, 7oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long.

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Reminder
KBIC Even Start
Family Literacy Center
“Dream Catcher Chronicles”

Free Photo Sessions
“Generations Photos” will be taken at the Even Start Center, (next to the Ojibwa Casino) from 3:30 to 5:30pm, on the following days:
0 Thursday, January 13, 2011
0 Thursday, February 10, 2011
0 Thursday, March 10, 2011

This FREE photo session is designed to preserve two-, three-, or more generations together in a photo. We take the photo, print one copy (one 8x10, two 5x7, nine wallet, etc.) for you to pick up the following week. You will be asked if you’d like your photo to be added to the Tribal archives.

Call 353-8163 to schedule your photo or if you have any questions.