2nd Annual Chelsey LaFernier Memorial Walk Held

Above, President Swartz (right) joins the family of Chelsey LaFernier at the annual walk in her memory. Chelsey’s father, Harry LaFernier, (left) assists President Swartz with the banner.

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community recognizes October as “National Domestic Violence Awareness Month” and holds an annual memorial walk in memory of a young anishinaabe ikwe, Chelsey LaFernier, whose life was taken on January 22, 2009, through a devastating act of domestic violence.

On October 1st, nearly 400 community members, family, and loved ones gathered to register at the corner of Lyons and McGillian Street, in Baraga, Michigan, near the home where Chelsey was murdered by her domestic partner. Upon registration participants received purple shirts to wear on their journey. Purple is not only the color which represents domestic abuse awareness, it was also Chelsey’s favorite.

A group of community women organized the Women’s Gimwanotagashimowin Survivor Group and began planning the annual event months ago. They decided to use the theme “Paint the Town Purple” to raise domestic violence awareness. Purple ribbons were hung throughout the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community reservation in Marquette, Baraga, and Zeba, and the KBIC Youth painted large metal cans purple with a number of sayings displayed on them. They have been distributed throughout the community as pop can receptacles in hopes to bring in funding for next year and to Paint the Town even more purple. The Women’s Gimwanotagashimowin Survivor Group does this as a reminder to the community that domestic violence is a community problem, and it is up to the community to put an end to it. This year’s event was made possible through generous donations made throughout the Upper Peninsula and from the KBIC with fund raising raffle and some grant dollars.

The 1.8 mile walk began with a pipe ceremony and honor song from the Four Thunders Drum group and proceeded through the tribal neighborhoods onto M-38 to Beartown Road where participants gathered at the Niwin Akeea Center in the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College. Upon arriving at the center, Chelsey’s sister, Lily Leinonen, cited a poem for the crowd that she had written for Chelsey. Hundreds of purple, pink, and white balloons were released directly following the poem, signifying and acknowledging survivors of domestic violence.

The program inside of the Niwin Akeea Center focused on four speakers: Lisa Lyotto, a survivor of a violent crime who recently had the honor of introducing President Barack Obama after presenting her story at the signing of the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010, began by sharing her tragic story with us, Lisa was followed by another brave survivor, Marlene Williams, whose sister’s life was taken by her husband on her honeymoon after only one day of marriage. Beatrice Jackson, Outreach Coordinator for Uniting Three Fires against Violence for Sault Sainte Marie, and Ruth Oja, VOCA Coordinator for Hannaville, Tribal Council Members:

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

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:
- October 2, 2010 Tribal Council meeting
- 2nd Annual Chelsey LaFernier Memorial Walk
- KBIC Youth at Corn Maze
- KBIC Harvest Feast
- DHHS Superior Spirit Award
- Ojibwa Oral History Project
- KBCC News
- NMU Native American Heritage Month Activities
- New Employees
- Deepest Sympathy

Friends. (Right) Alexxus DeCola (Chelsey’s daughter) is joined by her friend (left) Dana Kelly who were prepared to walk rain or shine. The girls posed as organizers registered participants.

Sometimes I still hear the sound of your voice,
I wish you were still here with me,
but you had no choice,
I know an angel held you
as your body said goodbye.
But that doesn’t stop my heart from breaking,
“miss you and cry.”

No one can believe that you’re really gone.
Our hearts are broken and our spirits moan.
“She was too young,” I’ve heard people say.
“Why did she have to die this way?”
I try not to be angry, I weep and pray, asking god
to be with us, as ye face each day.
I always try to give mom an extra kiss,
to make up for a little girl, she will always miss.
I understand everyone’s emptiness and their sorrow too, because my precious sister…
we all miss you.
I know that you are happy in heaven above,
surrounded by the angels and all of their love.
But today on earth, my heart still grieves,
because you are no longer here to talk with me,
I will look toward heaven, for I know I will see,
a star that will suddenly glow big and bright.
It will be my sister’s smiling and watching over me.

Photo by Emily Lewis

Continued page six.
The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on October 2, 2010, at the Marquette Community Center in Harvey, Michigan. President Warren C. Swartz, Jr. (page three), the Secretary Susan J. LaFernier (page four), the Treasurer’s Report for September 2010, was given by Treasurer Eddy Edwards (page two), and the CEO’s Report was given for September 2010, by CEO Larry Denomie III (page five). Council passed the Department Head Reports for August 2010.

During a Marquette KBIC Senior Citizen meeting, after researching many avenues, she suggested the Marquette County Senior Citizen Christmas luncheon at Wahlstrom’s Restaurant which is located at 5043 U.S. Highway 41, south of Marquette. The 59 seniors and one guest per club would each have lunch and a traditional buffet. Ms. Brown requested $2500 ($17/plate for 130 individuals, and the remainder would be used for center pieces and any other items for the event). The event is scheduled for Sunday, December 4th at 1:00 p.m. Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to approve $2500 for the Marquette County Senior Christmas Party, supported by Fred Dakota, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Minton), motion carried.

Fred Dakota brought forth the donation requests for October/September 2010. Motion by Eddy Edwards to approve for the October 2010 donations — Bay Cliff Health Camp ($300) for John Hellyer’s (quadriplegic) Cell Phone Service in the amount of $1200, and for the 15th Annual Spirit of the Harvest Powwow and Speakers Forum held October 22-23, 2010, in the amount of $800; and to table the requests of Jacob Haapapuro and Margarita Nieskes for $800 each for AINES National Conference travel November 10-14, 2010, and assistance requested by Kara Madosh of Menominee, Wisconsin, where she attends college, supported by Gary Loonsfoot, Sr., ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Minton), motion carried. Consensus of the Council was to have the CEO look into putting John Hellyer Cell Phone on the Tribe’s contract and to look into offering this service to other tribal members with special needs.

William (Gene) Emery brought a request from the Constitution Task Force to become a Constitutional Committee and a budget request in the amount of $46,120. Motion by Eddy Edwards to create a Constitutional Committee, post the available positions, the number of candidates did not exceed twice the number of offices available, and assist the committee in setting up the formal process for the election. Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to table this MOA, supported by Fred Dakota, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Minton), motion carried.

An update regarding the Christmas baskets was given by Larry Denomie III (page five). Council with enrollment questions she is having received.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS

**NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS**

For the Federal Incomes of the United States and Alaska

(Effective October 1, 2010)

**Program on Indian Reservations**

**Per Capita Income and Net Monthly Income Standards**

**Contiguous**

United States

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

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

**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 premium.

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

*Cannot be on food stamps.

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

NOTICE TO KBIC MEMBERS

There will be two Constitutional Task Force meetings held in November as follows:

**Dates:** November 5 & 19, 2010

**Times:** 10:00 a.m. thru 12:00 Noon

**Place:** Tribal Center in the Tribal Council Chambers

KBIC members are invited to attend.

**NOTICE TO KBIC MEMBERS**

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

Council continues with the budget process for Fiscal Year 2011 which likely will be approved within the next few weeks.

Regarding the Christmas bounties: latest financials indicate the amount to be distributed will be $1300 or a slightly higher amount. These funds will be distributed near the Thanksgiving holiday to eligible tribal members.

Respectfully submitted,

Eddy Edwards, Treasurer

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OCTOBER 2, 2010 — TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 2010

TREASURER’S REPORT

Council adjourned with no further action. — Submitted by Newsletter Editor
The following is a list of activities that occurred in the office of the President for the month of August 2010.

- I attended the 3rd annual Protect the Earth gathering at the Ojibwa Community College. Winona LaDuke gave the Saturday keynote speech. She talked about protecting the environment, sacred sites, and the importance of creating an energy policy.
- I attended a VOIGT task force meeting.
- I received a copy of a letter to Governor Granholm from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Servicesinforming the Community that the property, treaty, and other rights of the Community and its members are protected from any adverse impacts from the operation of the facility.
- I commented on the proposed renewal of a Renewal Operating Permit for the L'Anse Warden Electric Power facility in L'Anse, Michigan. By commenting, the Community seeks to ensure that the property, treaty, and other rights of the Community and its members are protected from any adverse impacts from the operation of the facility. The permit will authorize the facility to increase the amount of fines and bark and tire derived fuel and removes mill sludge and mill ash from the list of permitted substances used to influence the formation and implementation of government policies.
- We commented on the proposed reauthorization of the Tribal Health Care Act. We continue to monitor these updates ahead of time on sites where wastewater is discharged.
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- I attended a meeting at the Lighthouse, Sand Point, will be held every third Wednesday of the month at 1900 hours. All Tribal Veterans Welcome!

Robert Herron, case # 10-083, controlled substance (sale – prescription pills) – 1st offense
Sentenced on 07/07/2010 to:
1. $500 fine.
2. 30 days jail, 28 days suspended, credit for 2 days served.
3. Defendant will be financially responsible for the costs of lodging/tether and any other expenses incurred while incarcerated.

Chad Tolleson, case # 10-049, controlled substance (sale – prescription pills) – 1st offense
Sentenced on 09/14/2010 to:
1. $500 fine.
2. Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and is to follow the recommendations of that screening until successfully completed.
3. 180 days jail, 120 days suspended, 60 days to be served on tether in lieu of jail because of his employment status. Any violations of tether/drug testing will forfeit the tether status, and the Defendant will serve the remainder of his sentence in jail. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging/tether and any other expenses incurred while incarcerated.
4. Defendant is to report to the Probation Office on 09/17/2010. If this test is positive, Defendant will be required to report daily until further order of the Court.
5. 12-24 months of alcohol and drug restricted probation with a $10 monthly probation fee. Defendent will be financially responsible for the costs of drug testing.
6. Defendant's physician is to be notified of his convictions.
7. Defendant shall not be on the Casino property including the Pressbox through his probation period.

Chad Tolleson, case #10-050, controlled substance (sale – prescription pills) – 2nd offense
Sentenced on 9/14/2010 to:
1. $500 fine.
2. 180 days jail, 120 days suspended, 60 days to be served on tether in lieu of jail because of his employment status. Any violations of tether/drug testing will forfeit the tether status, and the Defendant will serve the remainder of his sentence in jail. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging/tether and any other expenses incurred while incarcerated. This sentence is to run consecutively to #10-049.
3. 12-24 months of alcohol and drug restricted probation with a $10 monthly probation fee. Defendant will be financially responsible for the costs of drug testing with one (1) exception.

Concurrent with #10-049.

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

Constitutional Committee – seven (7) seats
Application due date is November 11, 2010, 4:00 p.m.

Election Board – two (2) seats
Application due date is January 6, 2011, 4:00 p.m.
At the council meeting held September 2, 2010, the following actions were taken:

Approved the meeting minutes of April 23, 29, and May 6, 2010;

Approved a donation of $50 per person (16) for the Mackinac Island Women’s Retreat;

Approved Resolution KB 1771-2010 Ti- tle IV-B Subparts 1 & 2 grants for two years of incentive and travel funds to attend the Multidisciplinary Native American Conference;

Approved to reconsider the Mackinac Island Women’s Retreat motion;

Approved a donation of $100 per person (16) for the Mackinac Island Women’s Retreat;

Approved the Services Agreement with Joe Brazeau (Building Inspector);

Approved the Services Agreement with Dominic Picciano;

Approved the Daycare playground equipment bid for $23,631 with Playworld;

Approved the Services Agreement with Tami Lorbecke.

At the council meeting held September 8, 2010, budgets were reviewed.

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

• Approved a new business license for the Child Care Facility for the KOjiba Community College;

• Approved a donation of $125 for Tribal members to attend the Wild Rice Camp at Lac Vieux Desert on September 17-19, 2010.

At the council meeting held September 10, 2010, budgets were reviewed.

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

• Tabled a services agreement request for use of the Four Seasons Hotel for the Ojibwa Community College until a meeting can be held regarding the proposed uses of the Four Seasons;

• Approved the comedy club contract with Funny Business Agency for the radio station;

• Approved a change order for the New Day Treatment Center flooring for Ojibwa Builders in the amount of $12,945.45;

• Approved Christmas checks be given to those persons aged 18 years and over living in Baraga/Marquette counties as of October 1st;

• Defeated a donation request of $1500 to the Woodland Singers to attend a powwow in California;

• Approved Negaunee Township to use up to $10,000 from their reserved 2% allocation for a water holding tank to benefit the proposed airport casino and industrial district after a tie vote with Rose Trudeau (Immersion Language teacher);

• Approved a change to the Community Needs Assistance Program to allow up to $1000 at the discretion of the President or three hotel rooms for three days for out of town immediate family traveling here for a funeral (motion clarified at the September 23rd meeting);

• Approved a renewal business license for John Hebert/Hebert Construction;

• Approved the U.S. Justice Department’s request for a cash cube money machine with Fun Industries, Inc. for the Baraga Casino’s 25th Anniversary;

• Approved the service agreement with Linda Trudeau (Immersion Language teacher);

• Approved the renewal services agreement with Rose Trudeau (Immersion Language teacher).
At the council meeting held September 21, 2010, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the Education Department’s application for a need-based scholarships program to cover the cost of education and then return to work for the Tribe to begin in the fall of 2011.
- Motion to schedule the 3rd Reading of the Corporate Code for the first Saturday in November (11/6/2010).

At the council meeting held September 23, 2010, the following actions were taken:

- Approved Lake Superior Tree Farms to perform the work for the Sand Point Road Commission; the former Draper Lakeshore property for $10,000 until the lease arrangement, has taken over. The restaurant was scheduled to reopen on September 25th. A new operator, through a lease agreement, has taken over. The restaurant operations within the casino plans are complete, it will be presented to Council. The CEO’s office and the Director of Operations have been awarded to the Tribe which is working and should prevent any future power loss occurrences. The Tribe has also recently purchased Gander Mountain stores in Marquette. The Tribe has been awarded a HUD Indian Community Development Block Grant of $500,000, which will go toward the construction costs of the new gas station.

- Bruce LaPointe and Gregg Nominelli, Economic Developer, Jason Ayres, Responsible for the CEO’s office are working on the project. Other development ideas and options are being reviewed which will be brought before Council for consideration in the near future. The property purchased is the former Tres Amigos’s restaurant.

The Tribe’s Natural Resource Department suffered a very unfortunate loss of approximately 100,000 Lake Trout over the weekend of September 25th. Initial investigation into the loss by Todd Warner, Natural Resources Department Director, indicates that a loss of power supply to the fish rearing operations occurred. The operations have an alarm system that provides notice to a call center which immediately notifies staff via phone calls. If power is not restored, the system fails. It is not clear why the backup system failed and continues to be looked into. On September 30th installation of a backup generator and switchgear was completed. Testing of the system by Cummins Diesel indicated the new system is working and should prevent any future power loss situations. Initial estimates for the loss are approximately $110,000. The loss has been reported to the insurance carrier, and a claim has been initiated. Todd has been in contact with nearby hatcheries, and it is hoped they will assist in stocking activities until staff can raise new stock.

- Motion defeated to table a donation request for the Tribe’s Health Center; and I met with Terri Fitzpatrick, VP of Tribal Business Services to assist in stocking activities until staff can raise new stock.
- Motion to schedule the 3rd Reading of Title 24, 24.4 Secured Transaction Ordinance to be held at the Power Dam Road property and the former Draper Lakeshore property for $7,650; the manufacturer’s procedures.

At the council meeting held September 27, 2010, the following actions were taken:

- Budget review;
- Approved Resolution KB1777-2010 Co-op Agreement with the Baraga County Road Commission;
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Brigitte LaPointe has been hired as the TERO Director/Workforce Coordinator for the KBIC. Brigitte states, “I am excited to be back in the community and working for our people! I was previously working the past three years as Assistant Women’s Basketball Coach for the Northern Michigan Lady Wildcats. I have an Associate’s Degree in Physical Therapy from Finlandia University, a Bachelors of Science degree in Sports Science from Northern Michigan University, and am currently working towards my Masters Degree in Training, Development, and Performance Improvement—also from NMU. I am looking forward to working with our Tribal members and helping make the KBIC a more enjoyable place to live and work!"

Tom Loquist has been hired as the Parks/Marina Caretaker. Tom is a KBIC member who was born and raised on the reservation. Tom’s sons, Eric and Tim Loquist, have also recently moved back to the reservation. Tom has been previously employed as a security guard with the Island Resort Casino and LacVieux Desert Casino. For the last few years, since he has moved back to the reservation, he has been employed as a security guard at the Baraga Casino. Tom also has experience in conservation work, construction, and grounds keeping. “I love to work outside and am glad to have the opportunity to work in this position.”

Jason Dowd has been hired as the Certification/Warehouse Worker at KBIC Commodities. Jason is a KBIC member who was born and raised on the reservation. He has recently returned to the community within the last year after residing in Hannahville and Sault Ste. Marie. Jason is the son of Donny Dowd and Cecelia Chosa, and the father of Amber Holappa (age 12) and Kyle Dowd (age 9). Jason has ten years of experience as an OTR truck driver, making deliveries to and from warehouses. He was previously working as a temporary employee with KBIC Commodities since early August and recently was hired in the full time position. Jason states, “I’m adjusting to not being on the road for a full week at a time, and I am enjoying working with the community in my new position. In my spare time, I enjoy beading, and participating in powwows and other cultural events. I enjoy watching all sports, and I am a Packer and Red Wing fan.”

DeAnna Hadden (left) and Dae Fawn Assinewe (right) have been hired as the KBOCC Custodial Personnel. DeAnna is a KBIC member, born and raised on the reservation. DeAnna is a KBOCC 2006 graduate in Liberal Arts. She has recently returned to KBOCC and will be graduating with a second associates degree in Environmental Science. She had transferred to NMU for one year previously and plans on returning to NMU in the future. DeAnna states, “I have been involved with AIHEC, AISES, and the student government while attending KBOCC. In High School, I participated in the International Club and traveled to Paris. I enjoy playing softball, hanging out with my nieces and nephews, and I am involved in community activities.”

Dae Fawn is a member of the Sagamok Anishnabek of Canada. She was raised in Sagamok, Ontario, Canada, coming from a big family. Dae Fawn came to this area to attend Finlandia University in Hancock, Michigan, where she is a second year pre-nursing student pursuing a BSN in Nursing. Dae Fawn states, “I like it here and plan on staying in this area. I play softball on the Alston team, and enjoy hunting and outdoor sports. I like to travel and have been to Europe and South America.”
2010 KBIC HARVEST FEAST

KBIC held the annual harvest feast on Saturday, October 16th, at the Niiwin Akeaa Center in the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College. The event began with an honor song by Four Thunders Drum, followed by a blessing from respected elder, Myrtle Tolonen.

Many community members enjoyed an outstanding feast prepared by the KBIC Cultural Committee and community volunteers.

(1 to r) Autumn Durant, Gloria Shalifoe, Janice Shalifoe, Ted Shalifoe, Ginny Ann Jermac

DHHS Superior Spirit Award Winner

Nanette Beck is the DHHS Superior Spirit Award winner for November. “As the Administrative Assistant of Youth & Family Services, Nannie has proven to be extremely knowledgeable and efficient. The frequency of patient “no shows” has been remarkably diminished since she began work in our office. Her work is fast with excellent ability to multitask. Nannie is always willing to help in any situation. She has our patients’ best interest at heart and shows it everyday. Perhaps, most importantly, Nannie is always very pleasant to work with.”

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

Ojibwa Oral History Project OPEN HOUSE

KBIC Even Start Family Literacy Center is opening its doors to all Ojibwa Senior Citizens for a special Open House on Thursday, October 21st from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. The Tribal Literacy Center was awarded a grant last spring through the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy. After months of planning, the project is now able to begin piloting a unique oral history project designed by the KBIC Center to preserve the past while connecting with the future.

According to project director, Gail Juntunen, the “Dream Catcher Chronicles” project has multiple goals. “The primary goal of this...
Evelyn Holappa
June 21, 1920 - October 1, 2010

Evelyn Holappa, 90 of Zeba, MI, passed away Sunday, October 1, 2010, at Marquette General Hospital with her family at her side. She was born June 21, 1920, in Zeba, MI, the daughter of Samuel Lightfoot and Lucy (Blaker) Spruce. Evelyn was raised by Jacob and Margaret Duggan and attended school there. She married Theodore Ernest “Ernie” Holappa on December 25, 1943, in Zeba. Evelyn was a member of the Zeba United Methodist Church, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Senior Citizens Center. Evelyn enjoyed quilting, crafts, sewing, and playing Bingo. Her family was very important to her, and everyone called her “grandma.”

Survivors include her husband Ernest; brothers: Russell, William, Robert, Kenneth, Sam; infant Stephen, and Kenneth Spruce; and sister, Barbara Mantilla.

Visitation began Monday, October 4th followed by a feast in the Ceremonial Room and a Native American ceremony. The service was held at 12 noon on Monday, October 11, 2010, in the Tribal Ceremonial MI, with the guidance of Paul Halverson. Visitation began at 6 p.m. on Sunday, October 10, 2010, in the Tribal Ceremonial Room at the Ojibwa Casino & Resort.

Richard Charles Madosh, Jr.
April 19, 1950 - October 16, 2010

Richard Charles Madosh, Jr., 60, of Palmer, MI, walked on into eternal life Saturday morning, October 16, 2010, at the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans. He was born in Marquette, MI, on April 19, 1950, the son of Richard Charles Madosh, Sr., and Eleanor Holappa. Richard entered the US Army, serving in Vietnam and receiving the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and Vietnam Campaign Medal. During his marriage, he returned to Marquette where he married the former Pat Borchert. Soon after, the couple moved to Manitowoc, Wisconsin, and Richard was a welder in welfare ship building industry. During his years of employment, Richard traveled extensively with his work opportunities. In September 1983, Richard moved to Menominee, Michigan, having retrieved from a near fatal accident. He was born in Temple, TX, on December 1, 1983, the daughter of Otis Renfro of Arkan-}

Survivors include his children: Joseph Moore of Texas, Timothy Moore of Waupun, WI, Dylan Foster of Wisconsin, Jacob Madosh of Sturgeon Bay, WI, and Shawn Vrile of Wisconsin; his grandchildren: Alex Moore, Hunter Madosh, and Alexander Fos-}

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KBOCC Students Meet Writer of Smoke Signals

On September 14th, Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College students were invited to the Michigan Tech campus to meet and have lunch with Sherman Alexie, writer of the screenplay for the movie Smoke Signals. Alexie, from Coeur d’Alene, entertained and educated students with his stories of growing up on the Spokane Indian Reservation in Washington State while attending a mainstream school off the reservation. KBOCC extends a chi miwegh to both Sherman Alexie and Michigan Technological University for this opportunity.

--- submitted by Cherie Dakota, KBOCC

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Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College is pleased to announce that James “Jay” Loonfoot will be leading its Liberal Studies Department. Liberal Studies offers two degree options, Associate of Arts in Liberal Studies and Associate of Arts in Liberal Studies – Native American Emphasis.

Mr. Loonfoot’s background, education, and wide-ranging experience give him an outstanding background for liberal studies. He was born and raised in Assinins and Beartown, Michigan, and graduated from Baraga High School. He has earned an associate’s degree from Suomi College, a Bachelor of Science in Education from Northern Michigan University, and a Master’s in Education from Antioch College in Seattle, Washington. His employment experience includes a 30-year career in the US Armed Forces, followed by employment with the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community as a game warden and by the Department of Interior in law enforcement and administrative positions. In addition, Jay Loonfoot taught middle school for ten years in Washington, Massachusetts, and Michigan. He now teaches Native American History and Tribal Government at Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College. He also takes an active role in the community, including the KBIC Veterans, Ojibwa Seniors, and the Elections Committee.

Jay enjoys teaching young people about native culture. He says that all his life he wanted to be a teacher, and he did something about it. He is also a strong advocate for people to get an education, saying, “You’re never too old!”

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KBOCC Welcomes New Instructor — Jesse Koenig

Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College is pleased to welcome Jesse Koenig as a new instructor in Liberal Studies, teaching primarily in English. Jesse Koenig is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin—Washington County and Northern Michigan University where he earned a Bachelor’s degree. He holds a Master of Arts in English Language and Literature from Central Michigan University where he also taught English composition. Mr. Koenig enjoys art, creative writing, philosophy, the outdoors, and angry metal music. He and his wife, Karina, have been slowly building a house in the Baraga area for almost ten years. Koenig is also an active supporter of Gallery 325. After wandering in and out of the area, they—a long with their four year-old daughter, Akira—are glad to finally be home, and they are proud to smell like wood-heat.

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Research Conducted at KBOCC Shows Tribal College Benefits

Research by Carolee Dodge Francis based largely on interviews conducted in Baraga has been published as a monograph, The Art of Looping Linear: Perspectives from Tribal College Students and Faculty (VDM Verlag, 2009, ISBN-10: 3639184491). Dr. Dodge Francis found that the tribal college provided significant educational advantages compared to state colleges and universities. A key conclusion of the research is that a tribal college gives Native American students a supportive, positive educational setting where they are insiders rather than outsiders. This supports development of their identity as Anishinaabe people as well as supporting their educational success. Students who participated in the study said they had more positive and caring relationships with their teachers at the tribal college than they did in state university settings. They also benefited from Native American content in their courses and in college wide events and activities. Dr. Dodge Francis is a member of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin and Asst. Professor/Dir. of the American-Indian Research and Education Center at the University of Nevada Las Vegas, School of Community Health Sciences. She chairs the Steering Committee of the Diabetes Education in Tribal Schools project. In her twenty-five plus years of work in Native American health, Dr. Dodge Francis has frequently collaborated with youth and health projects at KBIC and with Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College, most recently the Eagle Books Family Fun Fest.

--- submitted by Lynn Aho, KBOCC

KBIC Youth Visit Rock Corn Maze

KBIC Youth traveled to Rock, MI, with 18 excited kids anxious to visit the Hayes Corn Maze. They had a lot to do there, including climbing and sliding down Hay Mountain, tractor races, hay rides, a rope maze, corn mazes and hay maze. Visiting the Noah’s pumpkin patch and shooting the not so scary Corn maze station (l to r) Kassidey Beck, Vanessa Beaver, and Victoria Durant.

--- submitted by Lynn Aho, KBICC

Hay Ride (l to r) Jylain Shalifoe, Easton Cadreaus.

Slinging pumpkins (l to r) Kassidey and Ashley Beck.

CORN MAZE

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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. Business expansion/start-up expenses.
• Low cost home improvement loan program for qualifying Tribal members;
• Low cost tax preparation program for residents and Tribal members;
• Affordable curbside trash service for residents and members;
• Ojibwa Building Supply Do It Best—providing Tribal employment, quality affordable building supplies and profits for housing programs;
• Ojibwa Builders Construction Company—providing Tribal employment, quality affordable construction, and profits for housing programs;
• Market rate rentals—five rental properties in Baraga and one in Negaunee—providing profits for housing programs;
• Ojibwa BP, Car Wash and Laundry—providing Tribal employment, superior products and service, and profits for housing programs.

Ojibwa Oral History Project continued: The project is to provide educational service-learning opportunities to engage our program participants and their community. It is our hope that the project will also make a lasting contribution to the oral history efforts of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. But, more importantly, we wish to facilitate cultural and family connections between our program participants and their community. In addition to the tribal elders and seniors, project participants include the Center’s adult education students and their young children. Using state-of-the-art digital technology and standards-based instruction, families are beginning to preserve memories as they are passed down from one generation to the next. These oral records are being shaped into lasting family records with the aid of creative technology. Digital slideshows and videos, scrapbooks, family trees, and preserved photos are only a few of the techniques that will be utilized. Together, KBIC Even Start students and community elders will have the opportunity to work together at preserving family histories for their own families and for the Tribal community. The mission of the Dream Catcher Chronicles is best stated in the words of Leia Renfro Mix, a graduate of KBIC Even Start. After interviewing her great-aunt, Leia created a video with lessons learned about the traditional Ojibwa “Four Sacred Medicines.” “It is my hope that that the Fifth Generation can continue to teach the Four Medicines,” she recorded. Tragically, Leia recently passed away. She has, however, left behind a wonderful gift for her three young children and the entire community through her contribution to the Dream Catcher Chronicles.

For more information on this Ojibwa oral history project or the KBIC Even Start Family Literacy program, call 906-353-8161.
Dear friends:

November is always a busy month. On behalf of the Northern Michigan University (NMU) Center for Native American Studies, I wanted to share some initial information with you in hopes that you can share widely and possibly try to attend some of the things that we have going on.

Native American Heritage Month

Monday, November 1
First-ever Kayndahsawin Academy for Native students in grades 6 – 12 will take place in Whitman Hall on the NMU campus from 6 – 8 p.m. Various workshops on Anishinaabe Language, the Story Line Project, What to do after high school, and others will take place. Applications are now available (see link below). Limited to 40 students.

http://webb.nmu.edu/Centers/NativeAmericanStudies/Components/Homepage/FINAL_Kayndahsawin_Academy_Flyer-Registration.pdf

Friday, November 5
10th annual First Nations Food Taster. This is the annual fund-raiser of the NMU Native American Student Association for their spring powwow. Tickets are $12 in advance for the general public. To place an order, contact April Lindala at 906-227-1397 ext. 1396 or alindala@nmu.edu

Father John Hascal will be a guest presenter in the Whitman Commons on the NMU campus at 7 p.m. on Monday, November 8. Father John will share his experiences from the National Indian Youth powwow earlier this year.

Monday, November 8

Another College Prep Medicine Wheel Academy will be presented in the Whitman Commons on the NMU campus at 7 p.m. on Monday, November 8. This is the second such event and others will take place in the Whitman Commons on the NMU campus from 6 – 8 p.m.

Tuesday, November 9

Turkey giveaway — There will be a turkey giveaway at the Native American Heritage Festival at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, November 10.

Tuesday, November 16

Film showing — There will be a film showing of UNREPRESENTED at 7 p.m. at Jamrich Hall 103 on the NMU Campus. For more information, please visit http://webb.nmu.edu/Centers/NativeAmericanStudies/SiteSections/Calendar/mwac2010.shtml

Tuesday, November 30

There will be a special viewing of the Zaagkkii Project video vignettes. This potluck gathering runs from 4–7 p.m. (people can come as go as needed). The video vignettes will be shown at the Marquette Commons (Third St. just south of Washington St — there is a parking lot at the corner) in Marquette, Michigan.

Contact me with any questions you may have regarding these events. Chi miigwech (great thanks),

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November 2010 Calendars Events

Nov. 5 — KBIC Constitution Task Force meeting, 10 a.m.

Nov. 6 — Regular Sat. Council Meeting, 9 a.m. held at the Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room

Nov. 11 — Tribal Gov’t offices closed—Veteran’s Day

Nov. 17 — Veterans meeting, 7 p.m.

Nov. 19 — KBIC Constitution Task Force meeting, 10 a.m.

Nov. 25 — Tribal Gov’t offices closed—Happy Thanksgiving

Nov. 26 — Tribal Gov’t offices closed—National Indian Heritage Day

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

~ submitted by newsletter editor

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Happy Thanksgiving!

Ojibwa Community Library, 409 Superior Ave., Baraga, MI 49908
353-8163 www.ojibwa.com

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 Longbucco
Confessions: Sunday before Mass 353-6565
Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m. santann@up.net

Attention KBIC Members
Stop by your TERO Office today and fill out a Job Skills Application for the Job Skills Bank! The Job Skills Bank is a listing of available people looking for job opportunities and training on or near the reservation of the KBIC! As a KBIC Member you have first priority for these opportunities so don’t hesitate to get HELP!

Please contact Brigitte LaPointe, TERO Director with any questions!
Phone: 353-4167
E-mail: brigitte@kbic-nsn.gov

TERO IS HERE FOR YOU!

Marquette County
KBIC Senior Christmas Luncheon
Sunday, December 5, 2010, 1 p.m.
Wahlstroms Restaurant
5043 US 41 South, Marquette, Michigan
KBIC Seniors and (1) one Guest

Menu:
Carved Roast Beef
Carved Honey Ham
Herb Roasted Baked Chicken
Garlic Mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, rice, and a hot vegetable.
Tossed salad with dressing and toppings, variety of salads, homemade bread, beverage, and dessert.

RSVP by calling Patti Brown (906) 273-0318, please indicate dietary selection on dessert if any.
Home deliveries available. If unable to attend and you would like it delivered to your home, please indicate so when you RSVP.

Rides are available to luncheon. Arrangements can be made when you RSVP.

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