The 15th Annual Spirit of the Harvest Powwow was held on Saturday, October 23, 2010, at the Student Development Center located on the Michigan Technological University Campus hosted by Michigan Tech AISES (American Indian Science & Engineering Society) and the Center for Diversity and inclusion. Lori Muhlig, Assistant Director of CDI, Native American Outreach Coordinator and a KBIC member, led the organization of the yearly event. A Speaker’s Forum was held on Friday, October 22, in the Memorial Union Building Ballroom on the Michigan Technological University Campus which featured speakers: Bethany Earl and Lane Jensen. Participants also were able to tour the Biological Science, Archaeological, and Forestry laboratories at Michigan Technological University.

Donald Chosa, Jr., Head Veteran Dancer, led the KBIC Color Guard for the grand entries held at 1:00 and 7:00 p.m. Tim Loonsfoot served as the Head Male Dancer; Bethany Earl served as the Head Female Dancer; Jacob Swaney served as Head AISES Male Dancer; and Gabrielle Picciano (Miss Keweenaw Bay) served as Head Youth Female dancer. Drumming and songs were provided by Four Thunders who served as Host Drum and by Stone Boy who served as Co-Host Drum, along with invited drumSummer Cloud. Rodney Loonsfoot served as Arena Director, and Stanley Spruce kept things rolling along smoothly as Emcee. Specials included three hoop dancers and the Pink Shawl presentation. Dancers and participants enjoyed a spectacular feast be-

The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwe

15th ANNUAL SPIRIT OF THE HARVEST POWWOW

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:

• November 6, 2010 Tribal Council meeting
• 14th Annual Spirit of the Harvest Powwow
• Primary Election Results/General Election To Be Held
• Halloween Celebrations at KBIC
• Dakota To Provide Career/Job Services At KBOCC
• Gov’t Employee Recognitions
• New Employees
• Ojibwemowin

Many Keweenaw Bay Indian members look forward to this annual powwow. Above: (left to right) dancers Sheena Halverson, Veronica Adams, and Jacqueline Beauchamp.

Head Dancers: (Left to right) Bethany Earl, Tim Loonsfoot, Gabrielle Picciano, and Jacob Swaney.

Women’s Traditional Dancers.

Hoop Dancer, Lane Jensen.

Newsletters photo.

Submitted by newsletter editor.
NOVEMBER 6, 2010 — TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on November 6, 2010, at the Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room in Baraga, Michigan. President Warren C. Swartz, Jr., presided over the meeting with William Emery, Susan J. LaFernier, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Eddy Edwards, Jerry Lee Curtis, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth D. Mayo, Toni Minton, and Isabelle Helene Welsh present. Secretary, Susan J. LaFernier, shared numerous Thank You and For Your Information items addressed to Council. The President’s Report was given for October 2010 by President Warren C. Swartz, Jr. (page three), the Secretary’s Report was given for October 2010 by Secretary Susan J. LaFernier (page four), the Treasurer’s Report for October 2010 was given by Treasurer Eddy Edwards (page two), and the CEO’s Report was given for October 2010 by CEO Larry Denomie III (page five). Council passed the Department Head Reports for September 2010.

Council held the 3rd Reading Proposed Motor Vehicle Code for the purpose of Titling 2010-04. Motion by Fred Dakota to approve the proposed ordinance motor vehicle code 2010-04, supported by Elizabeth D. Mayo, (no vote). Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to introduce the substitute amendment for proposed motor vehicle code 2010-04, supported by Jerry Lee Curtis, (no vote). Motion by Gary Loonsfoot to table the ordinance until a later date, supported by Toni Minton, eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, supported (Emery, S. LaFernier, Matthews, Edwards, Loonsfoot, Mayo, Minton, Welsh), three opposed (Curtis, Dakota, M. LaFernier), 0 abstained, motion carried.

Debbie Parrish, OCC President, was on the agenda regarding Native American Month. In recognition of November being Native American Month, Gallery 325 has a display open throughout the month with many Tribal members’ art being displayed. This month is Native American Heritage Month, a time to honor Native Americans whose dedication, commitment, and accomplishments have contributed to the rich legacy of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. This month is especially important as we celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Ojibwa Casino. That celebration could not be complete without acknowledging Fred Dakota’s role in starting Tribal Casino gaming on this reservation which has now spread across reservations throughout the states. Fred Dakota has dedicated his life to promoting the sovereignty rights of his people. Fred was involved with the hunting and fishing in the 1960’s that revived our treaty fishing in the 1960’s that revived our treaty rights of hunting and fishing in the 1960’s that revived our treaty rights of hunting and fishing in the 1960’s that revived our treaty rights of hunting and fishing in the 1960’s that revived our treaty rights of hunting and fishing in the 1960’s that revived our treaty rights of hunting and fishing. Like the modern day warrior that he was, he was the first to fight until tribal sovereignty was fully restored or until he draws his last breath. We are deeply honored to present this small token of our appreciation to Fred Dakota for his loyalty and devotion to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. In honor of Fred, the College is establishing a scholarship in his name for students to apply. Glen Bresette, Sr. assisted Debbie Parrish in presenting a plaque which reads…”In celebration of National Indian Heritage Month and the 25th Anniversary of the Ojibwa Casino, we commend the Father of Indian Casino Gaming, Fred Dakota, in recognition of his outstanding service, leadership, and commitment to preserve and to protect the sovereignty of our people throughout the country. Fred was a driving force in the creation of seven new casinos which includes the Ojibwa Casino, and the tribe’s casinos have contributed to the rich legacy of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. In honor of Fred, the College is establishing a scholarship in his name for students to apply.”

TREASURER’S REPORT

OCTOBER 2010

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

Christmas checks were approved for distribution on November 22nd and November 23rd (Marquette) in the amount of $1,140 per eligible Tribal member. The fiscal year 2011 budget has been approved which includes the creation of seven new full-time jobs and five new part-time jobs. Also included in the budgets is a sizeable amount of money for slot and facility upgrades to both of our Casinos and additional funds for upgrades to a few other Tribal buildings and the Ojibwa Casino’s new for the light house. Within the past couple of months alone, the Community was awarded numerous grants for various Tribal programs. The total amount awarded recently totals over $3,870,000. Great job to the grant writing staff and all of those involved.

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Respectfully submitted,
Eddy Edwards, Treasurer

OJIBWA CASINO HOLDS 25TH ANNIVERSARY

The Ojibwa Casino celebrated its 25th Anniversary on 11/6/2010 - 11/13/10 when $25,000 was awarded to Janet Renehan. The casino offered a wide variety of entertainment: from comedy shows, motel specials, poker, cajun food, and slot tournaments. Each day they gave away $250 every hour, and on November 6, 2010, at the Ojibwa Casino, $25,000 was awarded to Janet Renehan. The casino also offered a variety of hors d’oeuvres and champagne for their guests. The event was a huge success and they packed the place with only standing room available. It was a wonderful and exciting time for all.
The following is a list of activities that occurred in the office of the President for the month of October 2010.

- Council members Dakota, Curtis, Mayo, and I attended an event sponsored by the Grand River Enterprises in Las Vegas. Larry Denomie, CEO, attended this event as well. We were able to meet a number of individuals who exercise their sovereignty through the sale of cigarettes. It was an opportunity to meet Tribal entrepreneurs, council members, and others to collaborate and continue to meet the needs of their Tribal members. We attended a legal update seminar and learned how to protect this revenue stream which is not only important to the Community but others in Indian Country.

- I met with Timothy LaPointe from the Department of Interior. We talked about the Tribe’s trust accounts they administer on behalf of the Tribe. He was seeking input to update a list of Tribal members, and I told him we would provide the requested information. I then forwarded the list to our enrollment officers to help accomplish that task.

- I attended a bi-monthly department head meeting held at the Ojibwa Resort Conference Room, earlier in the month of October.

- I attended a VOIGT Task Meeting which was held in the Ojibwa Resort Conference Room in October.

- The Council reviewed a Memorandum of Agreement with the Community’s College. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community supports the College’s continued efforts to obtain initial accreditation from the higher learning commission within three years from the date of the acceptance of the agreement. The fitness center will be operated by the Community, and will allow the college students, free of charge, to utilize the gym and fitness center. The agreement was forwarded to the College’s Board of Regents for their review and passage.

- The Community held its’ annual Harvest Feast at the Community Center.

- October was Domestic Awareness Month. To increase awareness the Community held its’ 2nd Annual Chelsey LaFerrier Memorial Walk. A number of people gathered to draw attention for the continuing need for the movement to end violence against women. As a Community we must endeavor to protect survivors, bring offenders to justice, and change attitudes that support such violence.

- The Council decided to reconvene the Constitutional Task Force. They had their first meeting on Friday, October 22nd.

- I met with officials from the Michigan Gaming Control Board at the Tribal Center. The purpose of the meeting was just to meet and greet staff. We didn’t have an agenda, and they were able to meet with the general managers, the CEO, and others here in the gaming industry.

- I attended a couple Gaming Commission meetings during the month of October.

- I was interviewed by TV6 on October 19th. I talked about a recent purchase of a former restaurant property on US 41 in Marquette Township, The Three Amigos. I updated them on our two-part application of the relocation of the Casino from the Chocolay to Negaunee. I also mentioned our business code, wind monitoring grant, municipal waste transfer station, the fish hatchery, and the renovations being done at the health clinic and the early childhood education center. I also spoke of how Indian gaming was started right here on the L’Anse Reservation; how it is a sovereign right inherent in Tribal government; and how it developed from small operations ran by dedicated Tribal members here in this room and on the L’Anse Reserva-tion. The work we do here brings many benefits to the local community and the KBIC Community, including the creation of jobs and other forms of economic development that are created by gaming. I informed them we use the money to fund Tribal government services, operations, and programs; promote the general welfare of our Community members; promote Tribal economic development, health care, police and fire protection; infrastructure and housing of our Tribal members; and also make charitable contributions to the community.

- Without Indian gaming, we wouldn’t be as self efficient as we are. Indian gaming has not only helped the local communities here in Baraga and Marquette, but Indian Country all over the United States.

- I participated in a consultation with the Department of Interior regarding the reservation gaming at the Mystic Lake Casino in Minnesota. We were able to meet privately with Interior officials to discuss moving our two-part application forward this year to move our Casino to Negaunee at the old airport.

- I attended a special Education Committee meeting. They had some concerns, and they are currently working on drafting a letter addressing these issues with our schools.

- Yvette Frisvall finished her review of the Tribal Code book. We will look at her notes and prepare it for printing in the near future.

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

COLLEGE GRADUATES

The Education Dept. is pleased to announce the following graduates for the 2009-10 academic year:

Emily Emery received a Bachelor’s Degree in Hospitality Management from Northern Michigan University at the end of the Summer 2010 semester. Sara Mantilla Roosa received her Doctor of Philosophy degree from Purdue University at the end of the Spring 2010 semester. Her major was Biomedical Engineering. She is currently a Postdoctoral Research Associate at Indiana University.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS

NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS* FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS UNITED STATES AND ALASKA

(Effective October 1, 2010)

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Income Deductions—see 7 CFR 255.6(j)

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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 monthly deduction of the premium cost.

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.

- Can not be on food stamps.

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

PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS, GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community held their Primary Election on Saturday, October 30, 2010, for the Baraga District with the following results:

Fred Dakota (Inc.) 124 votes,
Elizabeth “Popcorn” Mayo (Inc.) 116 votes,
Charlotte Loonsfoot 18 votes,
Gary Loonsfoot, Sr. 52 votes,
Marilyn “Molly” Loonsfoot 41 votes,
Dominic J. Picciano, Jr. 33 votes,
Kerry Picciano 24 votes,
Donny Shalifoe, Sr. 17 votes,
Fred Dakota (Inc.), Elizabeth “Popcorn” Mayo (Inc.), Donny Shalifoe, Sr., and Gary Loonsfoot, Jr. have secured the required votes to be placed on the General Election Ballot. The General Election will be held on Saturday, December 11, 2010, with a ballot of:

- L’Anse District: Jean Jokinen, Michael LaFerrier, Sr. (Inc.)
- Toni Minton (Inc.)
- JoAnne Racette
- Baraga District: Fred Dakota (Inc.)
- Gary Loonsfoot, Jr.
- Elizabeth “Popcorn” Mayo (Inc.)
- Donny Shalifoe, Sr.

Associate Judge: John Davis
Violet Frisvall Ayres (Inc.)

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SECRETARY’S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2010

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

ANINI! We honor the greatness in you. Remember! ‘anini means, “Our People, Our Nations, Our Future.”

Thanks to all who participated in the 2nd Annual Chelsey LaFerrier Memorial Walk on October 3rd and 1st and recognize October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Do not forget the toll of domestic violence in our communities near and far. There is great coverage of this honor in the October newsletter. On October 6th, I attended a library site visit with staff and Allison Freese, Ph.D., Senior Program Officer, Native American Library Services through the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Our library is very impressive and please visit if you have not recently as they have something for everyone. I also attended the governmental department head meeting on October 19th.

We continue to have monthly meetings with our employee W.H.I.P.P. (Wellness, Health, Interventions, 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, and happier lives.

The Task Force and volunteers will be providing healthy luncheons in November and December, and will begin the “Maintain, Don’t Gain” program in November and December, especially for the holidays. Be watching for the details on the weight loss program for the new year. Thank you to the Task Force and volunteers for their efforts! Be watching for special events/healthful information every month from the WHIPP Task Force and our health clinic (the new year calendar of all the events will be available in December). On March 11 and 12, KBC, Huron Mountain Club, National Wildlife Federation, and the Yellow Dog Watershed Environmental Preserve, Inc. filed “Petitions for Reversal of Final Decision and Order of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Concerning Part 31 Groundwater Discharge Permit No. GW1810162 and Part 332 Notice of Federal Metal Mining No. MP 01 2007” in the circuit court for the County of Washtenaw in Ann Arbor, Michigan. There may possibly be a hearing in January 2011 and the request by Kennecott to change venue and dismiss the case may be decided by the judge at that time.

Migwech and our appreciation to all of our council members and friends who have been taking care of Migezi wi za sin throughout the ages. Now is the time to write/your elected officials and everyone that the short term benefits of the proposed mine are not worth the harmful long term effects on our health, rivers, Great Lakes, wood, and wild places due to the great potential for acid mine drainage. Please call and let them know if you would like to review the National Wildlife Federation’s DVD “Mining Madness, Water Wars: The Great Lakes in the Balance.”

First day October 30th and November 2nd, GOOD JOB! 2010 NATIVE VOTE—EVERY VOTE COUNTS: The KBIC and the NCAI (National Congress of American Indians) urge you to exercise your right to vote, not only in our Tribal General Election which is December 11, 2010, but in all elections! We urge you to get your family and friends registered to vote. Also, we urge you to vote in all elections. With the heighted participation of Native people, Indian Country has become an increasingly powerful voting block. We have made a visible difference in national, state, and local elections. Congress will be considering legislation that is vital to Indian Country’s education systems, energy, natural resources, and many other issues. Voting for candidates who are committed to representing Indian Country, Indian Tribes, and Tribal communities is one step closer to fully realizing Tribal sovereignty. In Michigan, the American Indian and Alaska Native population makes up 1.25% of the State, and 1.12% of eligible Michigan voters according to NCAI.

Remember to continue to pray for, honor, and remember all of our veterans, service men and women, and their families, especially on Saturday, November 11—Veteran’s Day. Also remember those who are ill, who have lost loved ones in the last year, and our economic struggles. Let us be thankful for our home, water, and the earth, and we pray for peace in the world, good health, and happiness.

We also continue to recognize the richness of Native American contributions, accomplishments, and sacrifices to the political, cultural, and economic life of Michigan and the United States during November Native American Heritage Month (see President Obama’s Proclamation). We also wish everyone a blessed and happy Thanksgiving.

We invite everyone to attend our Baraga Casino’s 25th Anniversary Celebration November 6-13, 2010. There are special events being held every day.

Remember the Drug Tip Line number is 353-DRUG or 353-3784. The yellow banner around the reservation with 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 community, and safety of the Wawatam, Bay Indian Community and neighboring communities.” On July 27th the hearing regarding random drug tests for enterprise employees was heard at Tribal Court with Judge Bradley Dakota. Additional briefs were filed within 30 days.

During October 2010, the Tribal Council had one Regular Tribal Council Meeting on October 2, 2010. This meeting is covered in the November 2010 Newsletter. The Tribal Council held four Special Council Meetings. Following are the unapproved motions from October.

At the council meeting held October 7, 2010, the following motions were taken. Approved Mary L. Jossen’s Service Agreement for the Chelsey LaFerrier Memorial Walk meal and directed the CEO to train on the proper form; Approved the funeral benefit increase from $3000 to $4000 effective October 1; Approved the Table Games Manager position job description; [After interviews] approved to have a 1% raise for the Part-time Caretaker position; Motion to offer the Park/Marina Caretaker position to Tom Loquist; Approved adding first cousins, and great and great-great nieces, and nephews to the Community Needs Assistance Program effective October 7th (for funded medical travel assistance); Approved the First Amendment to the Consultant Agreement with Professor Steven E. Nelson, J.D., Ph.D. for one year ending on September 30, 2011, for $7500 (Weed and Seed Program); Approved the Michigan Wind & Energy Group, LLC for $76,970 plus expenses (wind monitors); Approved the purchase, installation, and services agreement with the Seventh Generation Energy Systems, Inc. (for wind monitors); Approved the services agreement with James Otto Vollmar, R.Ph. from September 1, 2010—January 30, 2011 (Pharmacy); Approved the 2010-2011 budgets and approved a 3% raise for employees effective on their anniversary date.

At the council meeting held October 18, 2010, the following actions were taken:

Approved the May 8 and May 13, 2010 Tribal Council meeting minutes; Approved the LacVieux Desert Band KBIC—USDA Forest Service Ottawa National Forest MOU regarding the fire—An Alternative Caterpillar Plan; Approved to table the approval of the KBOCC MOA for further review by the college; Approved to direct staff to invite Vince Rose (Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan) to present a summary of the Tribe’s MEBBS program for the first six months; Approved the purchase requests with American Wind & Energy Group, LLC for $15,690 and Seventh Generation Energy Systems, Inc. for $33,300 (wind monitoring); Approved Resolution KB1780-2010 Correctional Facilities Advisory Board (to study the feasibility of a Tribal (correctional detention facility on Tribe’s land); Approved Resolution KB1779-2010 ICDBG Public Facilities and Improvement Project-Waterline Application (for Brewery, Vuk, Dynamite Hill Roads); Approved a donation of $4030 for the 2011 Community calendars; Approved the Professional Services Agreement with Joseph Eve for the Title IV-E Training; Approved $11,400 (Baraga/Marquette Casinos); Approved a donation of $200 for the Howl-O-Scream Haunted House at the Whirl-I-Gig on October 29, 2010 (youth benefit); Approved the 2010 Christmas Gift Check guidelines; Approved the Christmas Gift Check in the amount of $1,400 for those 18 years old or older in the designated areas; Approved an additional $25 per month to the Senior Pension/Disability payment effective November 1; Approved to transfer the Human Resource Department and Care and Supervision to the General Manager (Casino); Approved the Gaming Commission Secretary from part-time to full-time; Approved an amendment to the Sovereign Nation Fund policy adding Gogebic County and the Bay Mills Immersion students; at the council meeting held October 21, 2010, the following actions were taken:

Approved the bid from Copper Country Ford for a $29,250 (for the Parks/Marina Caretaker); Approved Resolution KB1781-2010 Transfer Myrtle H. Tolonen’s residential lease to Cheryl L. Denomie and Donald K. Demouve; Approved Resolution KB1782-2010 Fred J. Cote residential lease; Approved Resolution KB1783-2010 Charles W. Gaulther residential lease modification; Approved Resolution KB1784-2010 re- and add Brandy L. to Thomas E. Chosa Jr.’s recreational lease; Approved the effective date for the Sovereign Student Fund amendment (motion 10-18-10) as October 1st Fall semester; Approved the removal (2 Wizard of OZ)
The FY2011 budgets were approved by Council. On October 27th, employees were provided with a 3% raise at the end of the budget review process which has been considered very gracious by many employees, including myself, and we thank the KBIC for it. Each department has received a copy of their approved budgets.

On October 1st, I traveled to Marquette with Arlian Frissvl, Maintenance Director, to walk the grounds and purchase property which is the former Los Tres Amigos restaurant. The building had been reported to have been broken into by our Tribal Police and the building purchased property which is the former Los Tres Amigos restaurant. The building had been reported to have been broken into by our Tribal Police and the Tribal Police officer provide routine checks on the property.

Work continued throughout the month on the development of a new casino project for the former airport location in Negaunee. Information needed to complete the land-to-trust application was worked on by staff. Initial cost estimates for construction were sought from three firms which were based on the feasibility study provided by Gaming Market Advisors. To aid in the preparation of the business plan, which includes projected financial analysis, we met with two banking institutions and two financial advisors. The building we have completed the business plan, we will meet with Council to review its details.

On October 6th, Alison Freese, Project Director, and the Institute of Museum and Library Services visited the area and met with library staff, myself, Sarah Smith, Assistant CEO, Jean Jokinen, KBIC Grant Writer, Amy St. Arnold, Education Director, and Susan Kahkonen, Pines Management Director. It received a $133,000 grant from the institute, and Alison was visiting that the area along with other Tribes in the region.

On the weekend of October 11th, I traveled to Las Vegas along with Trish Gerard and Suzy Kahkonen, Pines Management and four Council members to attend the Seneca Falls & Conference. Information relating to the recently passed PACT Act was shared. Grand River Enterprises of Canada provided entertainment as part of their giving back to their customer's campaigns.

On October 18th, President Swartz, David Haataja, General Manager of the Marquette Casino, and Robert Mudd, General Manager of the Baraga Ojibwa Casino, met with Ruth Kalm and John Paige, Executive Director and Deputy Director of the MI Gaming Control Board. The meeting was to allow us to introduce ourselves and provide insight as to their perspectives on the roles of the board. It was made clear that they intend to limit their involvement to ensuring the compact is followed. It was pointed out by David that past visits by staff of the board and their positive visits to the casino. Our office has been involved in the development of the Ojibwa Community Colleges Memorandum of Agreement development for FY2011. The agreement continues to be worked on between the Council and Board of Regents, and it is hoped that finalization will occur mid-November. The agreement provides annual funding to the college by the Tribe for their operations.

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If You Are a Native American Who Tried to Get a Farm Loan or Loan Servicing from the USDA,
You Could Receive Benefits from a $760 Million Class Action Settlement.

A class action Settlement with the United States Department of Agriculture ("USDA") has been reached. The lawsuit claimed the USDA discriminated against Native Americans who applied for or tried to apply for farm loans or loan servicing. The USDA denies it did anything wrong.

Am I included?
The Class includes all Native American farmers and ranchers who:
- Farmed or ranched or attempted to farm or ranch between January 1, 1981 and November 24, 1999;
- Tried to get a farm loan or loan servicing from the USDA during that period; and
- Complained about discrimination to the USDA either on their own or through a representative during the time period.

You are not eligible for this Settlement if you filed a claim, or intend to file a claim, in another USDA discrimination case like Pigford I or Pigford II (Black farmers), Garcia (Hispanic farmers) or Love (Women farmers).

Because of a law passed by Congress, you are also not eligible for this Settlement if you either:
- Experienced discrimination only between January 1 and November 23, 1997; or
- Complained of discrimination only between July 1 and November 23, 1997.

What does the Settlement provide?
The $760 million Settlement will pay cash to Class Members for valid claims as well as attorneys’ fees (between 4% and 8%, subject to Court approval) and awards. The Settlement includes up to $80 million in USDA loan forgiveness for Class Members who qualify. The USDA will pay an additional $20 million to implement the Settlement and will make some changes to their farm loan programs. Any money left after all payments and expenses have been made will be donated to one or more organizations that help Native American farmers and ranchers.

What can I get from the Settlement?
The amount of money you will receive will depend on whether you file a claim under Track A or Track B. It will also depend on the total number of claims that are filed and approved.

Track A – You can get a payment up to $50,000 for your discrimination claim plus an additional 25% paid to the IRS to reduce any income tax you may owe.

Track B – You can get the amount of your actual damages up to $250,000. Track B requires more proof than Track A.

USDA Loan Forgiveness – Under both Track A and Track B you can get forgiveness on part or all of your eligible USDA farm loans plus an additional 25% paid to the IRS to reduce any income tax you may owe.

How do I get benefits?
You will need to file a claim by December 24, 2011 to get benefits. After the Court approves the Settlement, meetings will be held across the country to help Class Members file claims. You can register for a Claims Package at the website or by calling the toll-free number.

What are my other rights?
• If you want to keep your right to sue the USDA about the claims in this Settlement, you must exclude yourself by February 28, 2011. Unless you exclude yourself, you will be bound by the terms of this Settlement.
• If you stay in the Settlement, you can object to or comment on it by February 28, 2011.

The Court will hold a hearing on April 28, 2011 to consider whether to approve the Settlement and the attorneys’ fees. The Court has appointed attorneys to represent the Class. You or your own lawyer may ask to appear and speak at the hearing at your own expense.
Halloween Celebrations at KBIC

KBIC Youth Program held their Halloween Celebrations on Saturday, October 24th, at the Niinwin Akeea Center, Baraga, Michigan. The Youth party began at 12 noon where the kiddies enjoyed a delicious meal, games, treats, prizes, and pony rides. A teen dance was held later in the evening for grades seven and up. Music was provided by D.J. Express and all teens in attendance were eligible to win prizes.

The Marquette area youth party was held at the community center in Harvey, Michigan on Sunday, October 24th. Pumpkin decorating earned youngBERS prizes along with the costume judging contest. Attendees enjoyed a delicious meal, treats, prizes, and everyone took a pumpkin home with them.

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Residential Building Specialists.
353-7127

Building Supply
For all your building supplies.
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Plumbing & Heating
For all your maintenance needs.
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Ojibwa Car Wash & Laundromat

Kwenean Bay Ojibwa Housing Authority
“Owned and operated by the Ojibwa Housing Authority. All proceeds go to affordable housing activities in our community.”

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Marquette Halloween Party

Marquette winners
Age category zero to two-year-olds:
1st—(Minnie) Hannah Harvala, 2nd—(Lion) Braydon O’Dovero, 3rd—(Dog) Anen Fontaine.

Age category three to five-year-old:

Age category six to eight-year-old:

Age category nine and up:

OTHER YOUTH ACTIVITIES...

(Above) KBIC Youth held a pumpkin decorating night at the Niiwin Akeea Center on October 24th. Many families attended the event.

(Left) KBIC Youth painted Garbage Cans for Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The cans were distributed to different Tribal Offices and put out for Pop Can collection to help raise money for the OVW Support Group.

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

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

Ojibwa Community Library News

A note of explanation for those of you who tried to use the library during the week of Nov. 8th. I was off Nov. 8th and 9th, my assistant Kathy opened the library at 2:30 p.m. There is a calendar posted on the door giving you any opening changes that may occur during the month.

—Mary Bergerson, Library Director

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!
The WHIPP (Wellness, Health, Intervention, Prevention Program) Task Force sponsored a Healthy Luncheon in conjunction with this year’s Governmental Employee Recognition presentation held on Wednesday, November 17, 2010, in the Big Bucks Bingo Hall.

Many governmental employees were recognized for years of service as follows —

For ten years + service employees received a certificate/$30 gift card:

- Micah W. Petoskey, 10 years;
- Thomas E. Chosa, Jr., 10 years;
- Denise T. Maki, 10 years;
- Kathleen J. Manning, 10 years;
- Darren J. Webb, 10 years;
- Olivia C. Loosfoot, 10 years;
- Helen M. Jondreau, 11 years;
- Irvin J. Smith III, 11 years;
- Everett L. Ekdahl, Jr., 11 years;
- Robert D. Curtis, Jr., 12 years;
- Jeffrey J. Mulder, 12 years;
- Clay P. Van Buren, 13 years;
- Cosie L. LaFernier, 13 years;
- Warren “Chris” Swartz, Jr., 13 years;
- Helen J. Swartz, 14 years;
- Timmy J. Tilson, 14 years;
- Rebecca M. Chosa, 14 years;

For fifteen years + service employees received a certificate/$40 gift card and clock: Jason A. Ayres, 15 years;

Laura M. Cladas, 15 years;
- Tina M. Durant, 15 years;
- Julie A. Raby, 15 years;
- Paul R. Halverson, 15 years;
- Peter P. Jaakkuri, 15 years;
- Katherine Y. Malmgren, 15 years;
- Susan J. Lawrence, 15 years;
- Dominic J. Picciano, 16 years;

For twenty years + service employees received a certificate/$50 gift card and pin: Lawrence J. Demenie III, 20 years; Jeanne M. Kauppila, 20 years; Pauline F. Knapp Spruce, 20 years; Kerry A. Picciano, 20 years; Evelyn R. Ravindran, 20 years; Dianne M. Waara, 20 years; Michael W. Cardinal, 20 years; Suzanne D. Kahkonen, 21 years; Colleen S. DeRoche, 21 years; Debra N. Herraia, 21 years;

For twenty-five years + service employees received a certificate/$75 gift card and pin: Elizabeth D. Mayo, 23 years; Duane M. Misegan, 25 years; Francis J. LaPointe, Jr., 25 years;

For thirty-five years + service employees received a certificate/$125 gift card and pin: William R. Seppanen, 35 years.
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 in a safe and healthy environment to qualifying tribal members 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 construction, 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.

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Prizes - Chronic Wasting Disease Collection - Prizes
We all win with healthy wildlife!

We’re behind on our goal to reach 100 samples. PLEASE donate your deer heads. Prize drawings are set for January: Deer Blind, Ladder Stand, GPS unit, Binoculars, Snowshoes, and a hunter pack. Call us and we’ll pick it up! 524-5757 x19.

-- DONATE -- WIN -- DONATE -- WIN -- DONATE -- WIN --

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Michigan Tech AISES at Acoma Sky City, NM. Michigan Tech AISES chapter attended the National AISES conference in New Mexico, Nov. 11-13, 2010. The conference has a dynamic career fair, presentations, professional development, and networking. Front row Kim Sullivvan, Margarita Nieskes, AISES advisors, Helene Hiner and Lori Muhligh. Back row Alex Haapapuro and Jacob Haapapuro.
Dec. 4 — Regular Sat. Council Meeting, 9 am, Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room; Gov't Employee Christmas Party 5-8 pm
Dec. 5 — Marquette Seniors’ Christmas Dinner, 1 pm
Dec. 9 — Generations Photo session 3:30-5:30 pm (Even Start)
Dec. 11 — General Election
Dec. 12 — Ojibwa Seniors’ Christmas Party, 4-8 pm
Dec. 15 — Veterans’ meeting, 7 pm
Dec. 16 — Baraga Youth Christmas Parties
Dec. 19 — Marquette Youth Christmas Parties
Dec. 23, 24, 27, 30, 31 — Tribal Gov’t offices closed for the holidays.

~ 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 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.

December 2010 Calendars Events

Please contact us at 353-8161 or stop by our Center next to the Ojibwa Casino in Baraga

If you are interested in:
~ A FREE generational photo
~ Sharing a story or know someone you would like to interview

Gifts provided for sharing your stories

KBIC Even Start
“Dream Catcher Chronicles”

WHAT: The Dream Catcher Chronicles is a family-focused oral history project being conducted by the KBIC Even Start Family Literacy Center.

WHY: To encourage story-sharing, to strengthen cultural/community/family ties, to provide meaningful service learning for our Even Start families and to make a lasting contribution to the oral history collection efforts of the KBIC.

HOW: KBIC Even Start families will begin the process of interviewing older friends and family members in order to preserve family histories and memorabilia. Activities based on the interviews may include family generational photos, history albums, photo slideshows, family trees, booklets and other finished products based on the desires of those being interviewed.

WHEN: The Dream Catcher Chronicles will conduct the first interviews in Fall/Winter 2010–2011.

WHERE: Interviewers will meet with their interview subjects at their homes or other locations.

Marquette County... KBIC Christmas Parties

Birth to 10-year-old — Sunday, December 19, 2010, 5:30 pm — 8:30 pm, U.P. Childrens’ Museum, Marquette, Michigan

11 to 17-year-old — Sunday, December 19, 2010, 12 pm—3 pm
Superior Lanes, Marquette, Michigan

FREE PHOTO SESSION—DEC 9TH!
“Generations Photos” will be taken at the Even Start Center, (next to the Ojibwa Casino) from 3:30 to 5:30 pm, on December 9, 2010.

This FREE photo session is designed to preserve two-, three-, or more generations together in a photo—just in time for Christmas. 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.

If you miss this photo session, we plan to offer one each month during the winter. Call 353-8161 for more information!

KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY
KEWEENAW BAY TRIBAL COURT
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BARAGA, MI 49908

JUVENILE DIVISION

IN THE BEST INTEREST OF:
Jenna May, CASE #: 08-035J
Minor Child/Children

NOTICE OF (SUPPLEMENT) HEARING
To: Erin Loonsfoot (last known address) 202 Goldsmith, Baraga, MI 49908
PLEAS TAKE NOTICE that a continuation of a TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS HEARING in the above entitled matter will be held in the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Court, located at 427 Superior Ave. on the 10th of December, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. before the HONORABLE VIOLET M. FRISIVALL AYRES. Failure to appear at this hearing may result in the loss of parental rights.

Dated: November 15, 2010

Violet M. Frisivall Ayres
Associate Judge

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

Hours: Funded by:
Monday—Thursday 11am–7pm Saturdays
Friday—closed and the Keweenaw Bay
and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
Sunday—10am–3pm Indian Community

Pastor: Rev. John Henry

KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY
OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES
427 N. Superior Ave. - Baraga, MI 49908
In Tribal Court Building
Phone: 906-353-8566 - Fax: 906-353-8132
Email: 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


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

Tribal Members,
We are asking for your support
in the upcoming
Tribal Election,
Saturday, December 11, 2010.

VOTE
BARAGA DISTRICT
Fred Dakota
Elizabeth “Popcorn” Mayo

PLEASE VOTE,
WE NEED YOUR HELP!

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.