Susan LaFernier Receives Taimi Lynne Hoag Award in Recognition of Environmental Stewardship Efforts

On March 23, 2010, Susan LaFernier received the Taimi Lynne Hoag Award in Chicago, from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 5 Tribal Caucus in recognition of her Environmental Stewardship efforts related to protection of water, efforts to oppose sulfide mining, protection of natural resources, and other such efforts. Her acceptance speech follows:

“Good Morning, ANIN! I honor the greatness in you, and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community sends you greetings. It is an honor and a privilege to be here this day with you, and I thank you so much for this award in Taimi’s memory. It is exciting to visit your city, but I feel a little like a fish out of the water... I live by one of the greatest lakes in the world-Lake Superior and always have.

To receive this award brings feelings that I can not begin to express. I do what I do because it is who I am, it is how I was raised, it is what I believe is my purpose, and it is enough to know that rewards are waiting in heaven. There are also many, many people to thank. This award belongs to them, my Tribe, Tribal Council, and my Community. Thank you to our Tribal President Chris Swartz for nominating me which was a surprise and a special thank you to Todd Warner, our Tribe’s Natural Resource Director. He is great to work with, and he takes the time to listen to my requests.

Remember we have been given the gift of our one Earth. This is our moment, go where you may, search where you will. There is no easy road, and sometimes it will be a long, steep road, but together, we can achieve success to allow our Earth, water, and creatures to fulfill their purpose. May you find peace and may God be with you until we meet again. MIIGWECH.”

Submitted by Todd Warner

PHOTO CREDIT: Ed Fairbanks, EPA Indian Environmental Office, Minnesota Tribal Liaison and Leech Lake Band member. From left to right: Jeff Besougloff, Associate Director, EPA American Indian Environmental Office; Stan Ellison Shakopee Mdwewakanntu Sdii Community & Region 5 Tribal Caucus Co-Chair; Willie Harris, soon to be Acting Director, EPA Region 5 Indian Environmental Office; Susan LaFernier, KBIC Council Secretary; Luke Jones Current Director, EPA Region 5 Indian Environmental Office (Luke will be leaving this position in the near future).

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:
- April 10, 2010, Tribal Council meeting
- LaFernier receives Taimi Lynne Hoag Award
- KBIC Inter-Tribal Youth Basketball Tournament held
- HeadStart Field Trip—to the Sugar Bush
- KBIC Aquaculture Program, looking forward and back
- Drug Conviction Report
- DHHS Superior Spirit Award Winner for April
- Deepest Sympathy
- New Employees

KBIC HOLDS INTER-TRIBAL YOUTH BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Boys 18 and under Division Champions, “Vikings”

Girls 18 and under Division Champions, “Lady Vikings 1”
L-R Andrea Heikkinen, Hailey Pelon, Paige Maskill, Gabby Mackey, Rebecca Larson, Katie Schjoth, Brittany Nieskes, Shannon Fish, and Rachel Sutherland.

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The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on April 10, 2010, at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens Conference Room. Warren (Chris) Swartz, Jr., presided over the meeting with William E. Emery, Susan J. LaFernier, Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, Eddy Edwards, Fred Dakota, Michael LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, and Larry Denomie III (page five). Council passed the Department Head Reports for February 2010.

TodWarren of Keweenaw Bay Natural Resources introduced Jon Magnuson of the Cedar Tree Institute to the Council. Mr. Magnuson, with his assistant Rick Pietila gave a presentation of a greenhouse to be constructed on the Keweenaw Bay Reservation. The greenhouse will house native plants and be operate twelve months of the year. This endeavor, which has been granted to the Cedar Tree Institute, is being constructed with the help of the Forest Service, NMU Dept. of Native American Studies, and with additional funding provided by KBIC, has been given the name of ‘The Zaa–Dah Trees’. A greenhouse will be in place and will be installed behind the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Natural Resource building, which Council voting by secret ballot, chose as the location for this endeavor (voting results were: six for the Keweenaw Bay area, five for the Baraga County area, three for the Ojibwa Senior Citizens). On August 31, 2010, there will be a dedication blessing ceremony, and a feast at the Keweenaw Bay Natural Resource building.

The 3rd Reading of the Title Ten Hunting, Fishing, Trapping, and Gathering Ordinance proposed amendment 2009-03 was held. Motion by Frederick Dakota to adopt the Hunting, Fishing, Trapping, and Gathering Ordinance proposed amendment 2009-03 was held. Motion by Frederick Dakota to adopt the Hunting, Fishing, Trapping, and Gathering Ordinance proposed amendment 2009-03, supported by William E. Emery, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried. An Amendment to the Hunting, Fishing, Trapping, and Gathering Ordinance 2009-03 was introduced. Raccoons will still be subject to Title Ten seasonal bag limitations as defined under sections 470 through 479B of the Social Security Act and to submit applications to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for payments from Title IV-E grant monies as defined under section 1396a of the Social Security Act and to submit applications to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for payments from Title IV-B Subpart 1 and Subpart 2 grants. Raccoons shall be considered sections 421 through 439 of the Social Security Act. Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo authorizing resolution KB-1743-2010, supported by Toni Minton, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried.

Secretary Susan LaFernier requested a date be scheduled for a governmental employee grievance (0002-10), April 15, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. was scheduled. Motion by Eddy Edwards to introduce and schedule a second reading for Proposed Law Ordinance 2010-02 and Proposed Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Ordinance 2010-03, supported by Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, ten supported (Curtis), motion carried. Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to waive the first reading of the Proposed Land Assignment Ordinance 2010-02 and the Proposed Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Ordinance 2010-03, supported by Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried. Motion to deny the request of San Bernardino County Lumberjack Days Celebration, supported by M. LaFernier, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried.

Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to deny the request of Sarah Garver for the financial assistance since she was not able to attend the Main Street Cosmetology School, supported by Michael LaFernier, Sr., ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried. Motion by Isabelle Welsh to assist Dave Firestone with a $1000 donation towards his request of $7,236 which is the cost to install a solar heating powered system at his home, supported by M. LaFernier, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried. Motion by Isabelle Welsh to cover the cost of attendance to the Baraga County Lumberjack Days Celebration, supported by Michael LaFernier, Sr., ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried. Motion by Michael LaFernier, Sr. to deny the request of Sarah Garver for the financial assistance since she was not able to attend the Main Street Cosmetology School, supported by M. LaFernier, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried. Motion by Michael LaFernier, Sr. to deny the request of San Bernardino County Lumberjack Days Celebration, supported by M. LaFernier, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried. Motion by Michael LaFernier, Sr. to deny the request of San Bernardino County Lumberjack Days Celebration, supported by M. LaFernier, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried. Motion by Michael LaFernier, Sr. to deny the request of San Bernardino County Lumberjack Days Celebration, supported by M. LaFernier, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried. Motion by Michael LaFernier, Sr. to deny the request of San Bernardino County Lumberjack Days Celebration, supported by M. LaFernier, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried. Motion by Michael LaFernier, Sr. to deny the request of San Bernardino County Lumberjack Days Celebration, supported by M. LaFernier, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried. Motion by Michael LaFernier, Sr. to deny the request of San Bernardino County Lumberjack Days Celebration, supported by M. LaFernier, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried. Motion by Michael LaFernier, Sr. to deny the request of San Bernardino County Lumberjack Days Celebration, supported by M. LaFernier, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried. Motion by Michael LaFernier, Sr. to deny the request of San Bernardino County Lumberjack Days Celebration, supported by M. LaFernier, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried. Motion by Michael LaFernier, Sr. to deny the request of San Bernardino County Lumberjack Days Celebration, supported by M. LaFernier, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried. Motion by Michael LaFernier, Sr. to deny the request of San Bernardino County Lumberjack Days Celebration, supported by M. LaFernier, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried. Motion by Michael LaFernier, Sr. to deny the request of San Bernardino County Lumberjack Days Celebration, supported by M. LaFernier, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried. Motion by Michael LaFernier, Sr. to deny the request of San Bernardino County Lumberjack Days Celebration, supported by M. LaFernier, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried. Motion by Michael LaFernier, Sr. to deny the request of San Bernardino County Lumberjack Days Celebration, supported by M. LaFernier, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried. Motion by Michael LaFernier, Sr. to deny the request of San Bernardino County Lumberjack Days Celebration, supported by M. LaFernier, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried. Motion by Michael LaFernier, Sr. to deny the request of San Bernardino County Lumberjack Days Celebration, supported by M. LaFernier, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried. Motion by Michael LaFernier, Sr. to deny the request of San Bernardino County Lumberjack Days Celebration, supported by M. LaFernier, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried.
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- Motion by Gary Loonsfoot, Sr., to table the item on that of Great Lakes Recovery Center for $349 to purchase one case of Red Road to Wellbriety Books, supported by Elizabeth D. Mayo, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curts), motion carried.

- Motion by Gary Loonsfoot, Sr., to do $500 to the American Legion Post 444 in Baraga, for brass markers and flags. The motion was seconded by Elizabeth D. Mayo, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curts), motion carried.

Total donations approved $11,700.78.

Council went into closed session with the KBIC members only for 2% of thecpu had been here from Egghart and associated government, and SNOWS (Student and Native Organization of Writers and Storytellers) has participated in the MICUP program, student and Native Organization of Writers and Storytellers. He is currently employed at KBIC Head Start.

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MARCH 2010 TREASURER’S REPORT.

Activities Reported by the Treasurer, Eddy Edwards, for the month of March 2010. Treasurer’s report is given especially and transcribed by the newsletter editor.

Today, I put on the agenda the donations that came in throughout the month of March. The donations for the month of February came to a total of $349, and those are all in the minutes and in the Secretary’s report if you want to look for the specifics. Today, I also put on the agenda the 2% distributions. I know normally the 2% distributions get through the end of March, and this is only early April, and the March financial statements aren’t ready yet, but I wanted to put this on the agenda to get a discussion going. I wanted to take the opportunity to get all of the Council to review all of the information that comes in from both Baraga and Marquette as sometimes it is extensive, and it is a lot of money. I also included in the summary a copy of the statement from the stipulation for entry of consent judgment that we agreed to along with other Tribes about what are the minimum guidelines for distribution of 2% funds. I included a copy of each request, a summary of the request. I did not include every single piece of paper that they submitted, but I submitted the primary information that each individual group had submitted. I wanted to get the discussion going on whether or not we approve some amounts today, or we approve the final amount at a later meeting. I also wanted to remind Council members to pay attention to their financial statements. One particular area is the trust funds and the value of those trust funds, with the economy and how those are being affected. This would be the financial statements for the Casinos and services and their house profits and how those are doing in relation to projections.

The next thing that will be coming up soon is the review of the audit for 2009. I know the crew had been here from Egghart and associates, and I know one thing I am looking forward to is the 2% council completion of those audits. When that audit comes back, I expect the council will review it. The results of the audit will tell us if the financial statements are reliable.

This is the basis of my report, just to tell you what we have on the agenda, why I put some of this stuff on the agenda, and what we hope to do.

Respectfully given, Eddy Edwards, Treasurer
The Drug Tip Line number is 353-DRUG or 353-3784. The yellow banners are around the reservation with this drug tip line number displayed.

During March 2010, the Tribal Council had one Regular Tribal Council Meeting on March 6, 2010. This meeting is covered in the April 2010 Newsletter. Tribal Council held five Special Council Meetings. Following are the unap- proved motions in March.

At the council meeting held March 4, 2010, the following actions were taken:

• Approved the meeting minutes of October 8, 22, 23, and 29, 2009;
• Approved Resolution KB 1736-2010 Access to Recovery (ATR) ITG Grant Application;
• Approved the site at Sand Point for the wind power feasibility study;
• Defeated a motion to hire the two gaming commissioners who met the qualifications for the Gaming Commission;
• Approved Resolution KB1735-2010 Weed & Seed Year Four program Funding Application;
• Approved the Ojibwa Community College's request for additional funding applications (5);
• Approved Colleen DeRoche's request for vehicle repairs in the amount of $1,124.15;
• Approved the agreements with Eco Hatchery and KBIC;
• Approved the course offerings from BSA (3 tracks-Biology Science Academy on how to conserve energy);
• Offered the position of Project Manager to Bruce LaPointe and offered the wage of $58,000.

At the council meeting held March 11, 2010, the following actions were taken:

• Approved changing the Health Insurance for the Enterprises to CB15 with $30/$30 office visits/chiropractic and emergency services to $150 co-pay;
• Approved changing the Health Insurance for the Government to CB15 with $30/$30 office visits/chiropractic and emergency services to $150 co-pay;
• Approved all 21 commercial fishing applications pending board of review, inspection, outstanding catch reports, HAACP training, and payment of violations/fines;
• Approved IDI from Marquette as the architect for the Early Childhood Education Center project and the KBC agreement between owner and architect as presented;
• Approved additional funds/budget modifications for Fund #545 Special Projects for $49,649.
• Approved the service quotation from the Ceridian Corporation (Employee Assistance Program Services) and the agreement for prestiged services pending the attorney review for $17,634.84;
• Approved the Women's Retreat Contract;
• Approved the use of the field behind the Casino by the Baraga Volunteer Fire Department for the Mud Drag races on May 13, 14, & 15;
• Approved Nanette Beck's request for $1,329.17 for moving expenses;
• Defeated a motion for additional funds for vehicle repairs for Colleen DeRoches in the amount of $295.54;
• Approved moving the regular Tribal Coun-
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Bruce LaPointe, Sr. has been hired as the Tribe’s Project Manager. Bruce’s background includes Construction/Project Management, Grant Writing/Administration, Strategic Planning, Budgeting, Procurement/Purchasing, Negotiated Rule Making (HAAHSDA), and Infrastructure: Water & Sewer Distribution. Bruce is a licensed Michigan Residential Builder and a certified Journeyman Carpenter & Hazardous Waste. He has twenty-nine years of business experience in management, supervision, construction, maintenance and modernization operations of residential and commercial projects. His background includes the coordination and execution of management activities, including strategic planning, budgeting, scheduling, training, inventory, record keeping, project analysis and financial reporting.

Bruce is the son of Marjorie and Donald A. LaPointe and was raised on the reservation with his sister, Carole. He graduated from Baraga High in 1974. Bruce is a single father with his sister, Carole. He graduated from LaPointe and was raised on the reservation with his sister, Carole. He graduated from LaPointe and was raised on the reservation with his sister, Carole. He graduated from LaPointe and was raised on the reservation with his sister, Carole. He graduated from LaPointe and was raised on the reservation with his sister, Carole. He graduated from LaPointe and was raised on the reservation with his sister, Carole. He graduated from LaPointe and was raised on the reservation with his sister, Carole. He graduated from LaPointe and was raised on the reservation with his sister, Carole. He graduated from LaPointe and was raised on the reservation with his sister, Carole.

Karina Andrus has been hired as the KBIC, OVW, Survivor Advocate. Karin states, “I am happy to be here and look forward to learning and growing with this program. My husband, Bill and I reside in Bruce Crossing where we have raised four children. We have five grandchildren. Prior to this position, I was employed by Gogebic Community Mental Health at the drop in center and as a home based social worker. I have earned two degrees from NMU, a bachelor of science in psychology and a bachelor of social work. I enjoy exploring the outdoors with my dog Dweeb and reading. I am teaching myself to crochet. I also enjoy learning and am interested in taking an Ojibwa language course. I look forward to providing services to and educating the community on survivor issues.”

The DHHS Superior Spirit Award Winner for April.

Angela Kelly is the DHHS Superior Spirit Award winner for April. Angela was nominated by a co-worker who stated, “Angela works very hard completing her duties and is always ready to help out her co-workers. She has done a great job training and implementing Electronic Health Records.”

Angela 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, Angela Kelly!!

**HEAD START FIELD TRIP TO THE SUGAR BUSH**

KBIC Tribal Head Start’s field trip on March 22, 2010, brought them to Ron Spruce’s sugar bush. Two separate groups visited Spruce’s sugar bush where they learned about the process.

Mr. Spruce showed them how to tap a tree and explained how the sap runs up a tree rather than down the tree. He brought them down to the sugar bush where he had some sap boiling where he explained how syrup was made. Each child received some maple sugar candy that Mr. Spruce had made.

**May 2010 Calendars**

**Events**

May 1 — Regular Saturday Council Meeting, 10 a.m.; KBOCC Graduation

May 7 — Deadline to apply for Interim Program

May 9 — Mother’s Day

May 12 — Nurse’s Day

May 15 — Armed Forces Day

May 19 — Veterans meeting, 7 p.m.

May 31 — Memorial Day, Tribal Gov’t Offices closed

*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 906-353-4693/ Main Office at Youth Club, or 353-4464 for the facility attendants or the Kitchen/craft rooms.
The KBIC Youth Programs held an Inter-Tribal Youth Basketball Tournament the weekend of April 9—11. The double elimination tournament was broken down into two divisions — Boys 18 & under and Girls 18 & under. There were a total of eleven teams competing. Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe sponsored four teams, Lac Vieux Desert sponsored two teams, Baraga High School sponsored two girls’ teams and one boy’s team, and Keweenaw Bay sponsored two Rez Runner Teams.

The games began Friday evening, April 9th and continued throughout the day on Saturday. Sunday closed the tournament with Championship games being held Sunday morning. All participants received Tournament T-shirts and trophies were awarded to the Runner-up and Champion teams. Cherey Clement, KBIC’s Youth Coordinator stated, “Everything went really well this weekend. We had a lot of people from the Community come to watch, and it was great to see the kids compete against youth from other Michigan tribes. Hopefully, we can make this an annual event!”

Category — 16-18 year old girls team, KBIC Rez Runners vs. LVD. Point guard Gabrielle Picciano looks for a pass against an LVD player, as teammates Paige Chosa, #54, and Jade Chaudier, #55, position to get open.

The KBIC Girls lost in the Third Place game against LVD early Sunday Morning. Members of the KBIC Rez Runners Girls team includes Jade Chaudier, Brooke Chaudier, Deanna Varline, Ginger Shelifoe, Gabrielle Picciano, Tashina Emery, Angelica Bogda, and Paige Chosa. They were coached by Danika Strong.
May—National Foster Care Month

Have you ever seen the ad in the L’Anse Sentinel, “Looking for a few good people to become foster parents.” Have you ever wondered why a Social Service Agency would advertise for foster parents?

Foster care is a service provided to the entire community by good caring people who desire to make the lives of a single child or group of children better so that they can continue to grow and mature and eventually become productive citizens. It is a service provided to the entire community because it benefits our entire community.

When a child is taken into care there are underlying reasons for that happening. It usually involves the Court finding that a child has been neglected or abused. By far the majority of neglect and abuse cases we see in our court system involve substance abuse. This comes as no surprise because the majority of the Court’s criminal caseload also involves some form of substance abuse. A child can also come into foster care when the child’s parents are unable to care for them or cannot meet their needs. These cases are considered “child in need of care” cases. Under either situation, the foster care system is called upon to provide these children with a home where they can feel safe, secure, and most of all loved.

I have always had great respect for foster parents, and over the years, I have met many of them. They open their door to their home and ultimately their heart to a child from another family. It is this particular act of kindness that impresses me the most about foster parents.

Once in the foster care system, the Social Services Department monitors the foster placement and reports back to the Court on a regular basis. The Court conducts review hearings regarding the child every 90 days. At these hearings, the Court is informed about the child’s mental and physical health, their behavior, academic performance, and their social skills. Relationships between the foster child and each person in the foster family are also issues that are considered.

It is very common for grandparents to become foster care providers to their grandchildren. While it is still unfortunate for foster children to have to endure, it does lessen the emotional trauma of having to deal with strangers. It follows along with our traditional ways of utilizing extended family for the care of our children. This is something that has been going on for generations in Tribal communities. It is now being recognized in the State of Michigan as a practical and fundable placement option.

Foster care is meant to be a temporary fix. The purpose is to provide the child with imme- diate safety. The Court conducts frequent review hearings, also called “dispositions,” to ensure that the child is being protected from their home environment. During the child’s stay out of the home, Protective Services works with the parents to address the issues that led to the removal of their child from their home. Reunification of the family is always the goal. Sometimes that goal cannot be achieved for different reasons. By law, the Court cannot terminate parental rights to a child for two years. Once all parental rights are terminated, a child can begin to become eligible for adoption.

Studies have shown that children need to feel secure, loved, and have sense of permanency in their everyday lives in order to properly develop. Right now foster care is the best option for that.

Foster care does not always live up to eve- ryone’s expectations. If you consider only food, shelter, safety, and proving the opportu- nity for schooling, foster care does work. The total package, however, as far as personal growth and overall happiness sometimes falls short.

Being raised as a foster child is far from an ideal experience. It is a band-aid at best. Of-
tentimes foster children, especially those who were fostered later in life, become angry with their situation and act out. They often times become adjudicated delinquent juveniles. They have been known to become bitter about their situation because they understand that it is not normal. They have memories of their parents and do not understand why they cannot be with them. It is no fault of the foster care system; it is merely an outcome of certain circumstances. Not all foster care placements turn out this way. I would have to say that the majority do not. Most foster par- ents find their work very rewarding. They come away with the feeling that they made a difference in the life of a child. It is not for eve- ryone, however.

May is National Foster Care Month. Our community, also with all of Baraga County, is always in need of foster parents. Hopefully, I have helped to explain to you why they are “looking for a few good people to become fos- ter parents.”

Submitted by Bradley T. Dakota, Chief Judge

DRUG CONVICTION REPORT

In a continuous effort to reduce the illegal use of controlled substances in our community, the Drug Task Force of KBOCC requested the publication of pertinent infor- mation regarding any convictions of the Controlled Substances sec- tor of the KBIC Tribal Code §1706. The Tribal Court has agreed to comply with the Drug Task Force’s request and will publish a Drug Conviction Report on a routine basis.

Dave Vartine, case # 10-033, controlled substance (possession - marijuana) – 3rd offense

Sentenced on 04/06/2010 to:

1. $1500 fine.
2. 24 months probation with a $10 monthly probation fee. Probation is to run concurrent with other case #10-039.
3. 180 days jail, 150 days suspended and the Defendant is to serve 30 days jail, with credit for 17 days served. The Defendant will be responsible for the costs of any lodging. Jail time is to run concurrent with case #10-039.
4. The Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and follow the recom- mendations of that screening until success- fully completed.
5. The Defendant is to obtain a mental health assessment or be actively in counseling until successfully completed.
6. The Defendant is subject to random drug and alcohol testing and will be responsible for the costs of those tests.
7. The Defendant is to report daily to the Probation Officer upon release from jail.
8. The Defendant must be released from jail to work with the Beartown Firefighters if he is called out on a fire.

Annette Emery, case # 10-016, controlled substance (possession - Hydrocodone) – 2nd offense

Sentenced on 04/13/2010 to:

1. $1,000 fine.
2. Defendant is to be reassessed by her sub- stance abuse counselor and is to comply with the recommendations of that screening/assessment until successfully dis- charged. Defendant is to sign a release of information with this order for the proba- tion officer to monitor compliance.
3. Defendant is to attend two AA, NA, or Smart Recovery meetings weekly and is to provide the Tribal Counselor with attendance to the proba- tion officer. Defendant is to attend for a period of two months, after which it will be the discretion of the probation officer when this requirement is lifted.
4. Defendant is to obtain a mental health as- sessment or be actively in counseling through the health clinic. Defendant is to sign a release of information with the pro- vider for the probation officer to monitor compliance.

KBOCC Update continued:

the institution to be eligible for funding from the American Indian College Fund. To date, KBOCC has received operational funds to as- sist with accreditation, professional develop- ment, and student scholarships. To be eligible for funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, KBOCC has to undergo a feasibility study from the Bureau of Indian Edu- cation office. The thirty page application was submitted to the BIE in January and a review visit is scheduled for April 27, 2010. Funding is anticipated for 2011 which is approximately $5800 per Indian Student.

Some 150 tribes recently applied for the education application process for Title IV funding has begun for par- ticipation in the Federal Student Financial Aid Program. It is anticipated that federal student aid will be available Fall 2010. This year’s 150 tribe application is a new process. The Department of Education application process for Title IV funding has begun for par- ticipation in the Federal Student Financial Aid Program. It is anticipated that federal student aid will be available Fall 2010. This year’s 150 tribe application is a new process.

- submitted by Debbie Parrish

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

- Health Board – 3 seats
- Cultural Committee – 3 seats

Application due date is May 14, 2010, 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

(8) Ishwaaswi
With winter apparently gone, and spring coming early this year, planning efforts are ramping up for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Natural Resource Department. While looking ahead, we also find ourselves looking back at past accomplishments of the Tribe’s aquaculture programs, of which there are many.

**Fish Health:** Every year the Tribe’s hatchery facility, located in Pequaming, receives a full disease screening by the Fish and Wildlife Service-Lake Superior Fish Health Center, and since inception in 1993, the facility has been certified as disease free. Quality fish health is critical to putting out a quality fish stock, and good fish health is a direct result of staff performance. The recent discovery of VHS virus in this area of Lake Superior has increased everyone’s general awareness about the threat and potential impact of wildlife diseases, but disease and cleanliness are always concerns in a hatchery.

**Northland Brook Trout:** The brook trout strain reared at the Pequaming hatchery originates from brook trout populations in the Jumbo River system in the Ottawa National Forest. This Jumbo River brook trout is one of the few native Lake Superior basin brook trout strains being reared and stocked in the Lake Superior basin. Ottawa National Forest worked with the hatchery to develop this strain.

Brook trout brood stock are held in the hatchery in Pequaming, and spawning is completed each year to develop the following year’s brook trout stock. Maintaining genetic integrity of the stock is important, and the brood stock are supplemented periodically with wild fish collected from within the Jumbo River system. Moving wild fish into a hatchery system creates some risk as disease or parasites can be brought into a hatchery with the wild fish. In 2009, instead of collecting wild fish, spawn was collected from spawning fish in the Jumbo River. Collected eggs were treated and hatched in the hatchery, and a portion of the resulting fish will be kept as brood stock. This was a unique venture, and the apparent success is a credit both to both the Tribe’s Natural Resource Department staff and the Ottawa National Forest staff who assisted.

In 2009, about 29,000 Jumbo River brook trout were stocked into area rivers and streams including Dault’s Creek, Denomie Creek, Fall’s River, Menge Creek, Ontonagon River, Perch River, Ravine River, Silver River, Slate River, and the Upper Sturgeon. A portion of the surplus brood were stocked into Keweenaw Bay last July. Currently the tribe’s hatchery is holding about 71,000 Jumbo River brook trout stock.

**Coaster Brook Trout:** Since 1999, the Tribe’s Natural Resource Department has worked cooperatively with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to stock coaster brook trout in the local area. Each year, as part of a cooperative arrangement, the Fish and Wildlife Service stocks approximately 30,000 fingerling coasters into two local stream systems. Over the past several years, the Pequaming Hatchery has also been rearing coaster brook trout for stocking and has an annual target number of 6,000 six-inch coasters reared and stocked into area waters. The current stocking target locations include near-shore areas within Keewenaw Bay. Currently the tribe’s hatchery is holding about 13,000 Siiskiwit Bay strain coaster brook trout stock.

**Lake Trout:** Lake Trout have been a focus of the Tribe’s aquaculture program since 1993. The current target is an annual production of 50,000-100,000 Lake Trout, about 6-inches in size, for stocking into Keewenaw Bay. Considering that Baraga County is the Lake Trout capital of Michigan the Tribe’s Lake Trout program is obviously successful. The Lake Trout eggs for rearing are acquired each year from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Iron River National Fish Hatchery. In 2009, the Natural Resource Department staff also collected eggs from Lake Trout spawning around the Huron Islands, and the fish hatched from these eggs are currently being reared in the hatchery. Currently, the tribe’s hatchery is holding about 103,000 Apostle Island and Huron Island strain Lake Trout stock.

**Walleye:** A long term goal of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community was to develop a Walleye rearing and stocking program. After a very long and occasionally frustrating planning process, the Tribe started construction of a Walleye rearing facility in 2007. Tony Burcar Construction was the prime contractor for the work, and the ponds were designed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Funding for the Walleye rearing ponds was provided by the KBIC Tribal Council, U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resource Conservation Service and Rural Develop offices, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Tribal Wildlife program. The facility construction was completed in 2008, and in 2009, the Tribe’s Natural Resource Department began rearing Walleye in the two Walleye rearing ponds. The first year’s Walleye stock were obtained as fry that were reared from spawning fish captured in the Back Bay area of Lake Superior, generously provided by the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority. Despite all the challenges with controlling oxygen levels, water quality, water levels, predators, and the seemingly hundreds of other details and concerns when pond rearing Walleye, Natural Resource Department staff managed to produce about 16,450 Walleye between 3-6 inches in size for stocking. The Walleye were then stocked into Keweenaw and Huron Bays to supplement existing Walleye populations. Production will begin again soon. It is estimated that the two ponds are probably capable of producing about 25,000 Walleye fingerlings in a good year, and the Natural Resource Department is looking forward to continued success.

**Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Stocking Summary:** According to Natural Resource Department staff, in 2010, they will pass the 1.5 million milestone for total Lake Trout stocked since the Lake Trout program started. Conservatively, since 1993, a total of well over 2.5 million fish (Lake Trout, Brook Trout, Coaster Brook Trout, and Walleye) have been stocked into western Upper Peninsula waters and Lake Superior by the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

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(9) Zhaangaswi
Mission: To provide affordable and attractive housing opportunities in a safe and healthy environment to qualifying tribal members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, encourage self-improvement of the community’s low income families, and provide employment opportunities.

Programs and Services provided by the KBOHA:
- Low income rental homes and apartments
  1. 158 Homes/apartments in Baraga
  2. 50 Homes in Zeba
  3. 40 Homes in Marquette/Harvey;
- Supportive housing/transitional housing to help address family issues;
- New, custom built, super-insulated homes for homeownership on Bear Town Road;
- Home buyer training to prepare members for home ownership;
- Financial literacy training to improve members’ financial skills;
- Home maintenance training to improve members’ ability to maintain their own homes;
- Home rehabilitation program to improve the condition of member-owned homes;
- Home emergency assistance program to remedy negative conditions in the home;
- Individual development account program – a 4:1 matched savings program for member goals that include:
  1. Down payment assistance for home purchase;
  2. College tuition and expenses for residents;
- Low cost home improvement loan program for qualifying Tribal members;
- Low cost tax preparation program for residents and Tribal members;
- Surplus FEMA mobile home program for Tribal members;
- Stipend program covering mileage and child care expenses for residents attending college;
- Affordable curbside trash service for residents and members;
- Prescription subsidy program to reimburse Tribal elders and disabled households for prescriptions purchased;
- Ojibwa Building Supply Do It Best—providing Tribal employment, quality affordable building supplies and profits for housing programs;
- Ojibwa Builders Construction Company—providing Tribal employment, quality affordable construction, and profits for housing programs;
- Market rate rentals—five rental properties in Baraga and one in Negaunee—providing profits for housing programs;
- Ojibwa BP, Car Wash and Laundry—providing Tribal employment, superior products and service, and profits for housing programs.

Our Deepest Sympathy
Matthew H. Whetung
July 5, 1923—March 20, 2010

Matthew H. Whetung, age 86, of Zeba, MI, passed away on Saturday, March 20, 2010, at Baraga County Memorial Hospital with family and friends at his side.

Matt was born on July 5, 1923, in Curve Lake, Ontario, Canada, a son of Joseph and Charlotte (Blaker) Whetung. He was raised in Zeba and lived there his entire life until the past two years when he resided at Bayside Village in L’Anse. Matt worked in the woods with his brother Ted until retiring in 1953.

Matt was a member of United Methodist Church in Zeba, KBIC, and Ojibwa Senior Citizens. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and taught many of his nieces and nephews how to hunt and fish. He loved doing puzzles and was a loyal fan of the Detroit Lions and Tigers, and all Michigan sports.

Surviving are his brother Amos Whetung of Marysville, WA, Albert (Elsie) Matthews of Athelstan, WI; sisters Myrtle Tolonen of Baraga, Elizabeth Matthews of Zeba; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death are his parents; brothers: Glen Matthews, Theodore Whetung, Donald Whetung, and sister Sarah Shelifoe.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, March 24th at the Jacobson Funeral Home with Rev. John Henry officiating. The Jacobson Funeral Home in L’Anse assisted the family.

The KBIC Head Start and Early Head Start will begin accepting applications for the 2010-2011 school year beginning March 1, 2010 thru June 25, 2010. Applications will be available at the KBIC Tribal Center, KBIC Health Clinic, and KBIC Head Start and Early Head Start Center, or by calling 524-6625 and asking for Barb.

(10) Midaaswi
The term “kinomaage” is the Ojibwe term for “education.” However, it translates most literally as “the earth shows us the way.” Following that phrase, the “Kinomaage” course not only provides a chance to learn traditional Ojibwe uses of wild plants but also offers lessons in ecology derived from the teachings of Ojibwe traditional ecological knowledge, knowledge that comes from millennia of living in the northern Great Lakes area. For example, traditional teachings in Ojibwe culture have us leaving the campfire at the end of the day and being sure to give back, teach personal restraint and respect for the land. In addition, learning about other members of this northern community, such as animals and insects, helps “Kinomaage” participants develop a fuller understanding of the nation’s ecology.

Environmental concerns impacting the northern woods are not discussed, another trip is thus to observe industrialism’s impact on the region. In this way, the lessons in “Kinomaage” heighten environmental awareness and increase understanding of how we impact our environment and what it means to be a member of the community of the land.

Educators and others who work or live with children may find the course of particular value. Learning the use of wild plants is an ecological skill to pass on to the younger generations, and above all, “Kinomaage” is about coming to respect and appreciate Mother Earth and all our natural resources. Another benefit of the course is that DEET, if used as directed, will not pose an environmental threat.

Educators will find the course enriches their ongoing professional development by giving them a greater understanding of this traditional indigenous cultural paradigm.

The Environmental Working Group suggest a SPF (blocks around 93 percent of UVB rays), the label has been evaluated for safety. "physical blockers" since they reflect and scatter ultraviolet radiation from reaching the skin, high rates of allergic reactions, and are associated with premature aging of skin (wrinkling, leathering) and seen more and more as a cause of skin cancer. Therefore, it is important to check the broad spectrum protection of sunscreens and insect repellent. General recommendations are that sunscreen is applied frequently and insect repellent is applied as needed (do not reapply). They recommend applying sunscreen only as needed (do not reapply). The CDC recommends applying sunscreen as needed, followed by repellent. The CDC recommends using products containing active ingredients which have been registered with the U.S. EPA for use on skin and clothing, and the use of insect repellents in areas with insect borne diseases such as lyme disease, west nile disease, and encephalitis.

Based on its review EPA has determined that DEET, if used as directed, will not pose significant health risks to consumers. Safe use of product includes using just enough to cover exposed skin and/or clothing, not using on cuts, and washing skin when back indoors. All DEET-based repellents work the same, the difference is in how long they keep insects away. It’s best to select one based on how long you will be outside. Low concentration (7-10%) lasts around 90 minutes, and high (100%) lasts 10-12 hours. For tick protection you need at least a 20% concentration. A product with an EPA registered number on the label has been evaluated for safety. An alternative to using DEET is to use essential oils from the lemon eucalyptus plant. Oil of citronella, has been used since 1948, and shown to have little or no toxicity for humans, wildlife, and environment. Exposure restriction is another way to cut back on the use of pesticides. Generally, the peak insect biting periods occur around sunset and dawn; shaded and wooded areas tend to have higher numbers of biting insects.

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SUMMER COLLEGE INTERIM PROGRAM
The Tribal Council has approved funding for a Summer College Intern Program. Five students will be placed with Tribal department offices for an intensive summer course offered by the Northern Michigan University.

Application is due by May 17. Applications will be accepted after May 17, if all positions are not filled. The Tribal Council has approved funding for student to have little or no toxicity for humans, wildlife, and environment. Exposure restriction is another way to cut back on the use of pesticides. Generally, the peak insect biting periods occur around sunset and dawn; shaded and wooded areas tend to have higher numbers of biting insects.

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To apply, please contact Hope Laramore at the Personnel Office at the Tribal Center. Her phone number is 353-6623, ext. 4176. If you have any questions regarding the Summer College Intern Program, please contact Amy St. Arnold, Education Director, at 353-4117 or at amy@kbic-nsn.gov or Hope Laramore at the number above or at hope@kbic-nsn.gov

PROTECTING YOUR SKIN continued:

States. About 90 percent of non-melanoma skin cancers are associated with exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun. Up to 90 percent of the visible changes commonly attributed to aging can be caused by sun.

Sun protection information is provided by many agencies and foundations; such as the National Weather Service, Environmental Working Group, and The Skin Cancer Foundation.

Sun safety tips include:
- Using shade as much as possible mid-day and using protective wear while in the sun (sun protection clothing, sunglasses, hats, and sunscreen).
- Sunscreens when applied to skin help prevent ultraviolet radiation from reaching the skin.
- Sunscreens give a SPF (Sun Protection Factor), a guideline on how long the product will protect you from UVB rays which can cause sunburn. If it takes ten minutes for your skin to redden in the sun a SPF 15 sunscreen will give protection for 15 times longer (150 minutes) depending on intensity of rays and sweating/water exposure. The American Cancer Society recommends at least a SPF 15 (blocks around 93 percent of UVB rays), the Environmental Working Group suggests a SPF 30 (blocks around 97 percent of UVB rays) or higher is best if in the sun for extended time. SPF 50 blocks approximately 98 percent of UVB rays. SPF 30 doesn’t indicate UVA blockage. UVA rays penetrate deeper into the skin and are associated with premature aging of skin (wrinkling, leathering) and seen more and more as a cause of skin cancer. Therefore, it is important to check the broad spectrum protection offered by the sunscreen.

The Environmental Working Group (EWG) has a sunscreen guide, http://www.ewg.org/cosmetics/report/sunscreen09 which ranks sunscreens from best to worst. They found zinc oxide or titanium dioxide lotions to provide good broad spectrum protection as “physical blockers” since they reflect and scatter UV rays. However, they recognize not everyone likes the feel of mineral sunscreens or the residue it leaves and they have suggestions for non-mineral sunscreens. They caution consumers on oxybenzone (high absorption thru skin, high rates of allergic reactions and growing concerns about hormone disruption) and fragrance. The American Cancer Society recommends applying one ounce at least 30 minutes before going into the sun, and at least every two hours (more if sweating or swimming) after going into the sun.

The EWG and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) do not recommend the use of DEET (insect repellent) on children younger than 3 years old, due to its potential to cause skin irritation. They recommend using products containing active ingredients which have been registered with the U.S. EPA for use on skin and clothing, and the use of insect repellents in areas with insect borne diseases such as lyme disease, west nile disease, and encephalitis.

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

~ submitted by Aimée Cree Dunn

~ submitted by Evelyn Ravidne

(11) Ashi bezhig
May is Foster Care Month... You can make a difference in a child's life.

The KBIC currently has a few tribally licensed foster homes and several unlicensed kinship/relative care homes. Sometimes children are temporarily placed in foster care when their parents neglect them, abuse them, or are unable to ensure their well-being. We want to take this opportunity to thank the foster families and kinship/relative caregivers for opening their homes and hearts to children whose families are in crisis.

You can help our children and families in crisis...

- Become a foster parent.
- Become licensed to provide short-term ("respite") child care for a day or weekend for other foster parents.
- Say thank you and support those families who are foster parents or kinship/relative caregivers.
- Volunteer for youth activities, after-school programs, tutoring, mentoring, etc.
- Donate money or goods, such as car seats, toys and games, sleeping bags and pillows, luggage, musical instruments, books or a computer.

To apply to become a foster parent, contact Judith Heath or Isabelle H. Welsh at 906-383-4201 for more information.

(12) Ashi Niizh