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KBIC PARTICIPATES IN “LEARNING TO WALK TOGETHER” TRADITIONAL POWWOW HELD AT NMU

The 20th Annual “Learning to Walk Together” Powwow was held March 17-18, 2012. Hosted by the American Student Association (NASA), it was held at the Vandament Arena at NMU. Grand entries were held at noon and 6:00 p.m. on Saturday and at noon on Sunday. A traditional feast and hand drum competition were held at 4:00 p.m. at the Jacobetti Center on Saturday. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community is a proud sponsor of this annual event which provides our community a time to visit, feast, sing, and dance together with other nearby Tribal communities and relatives. Erick Awonohopay and Jody Gaskin emceed the weekend event.

The KBIC Veteran Honor Guard was led by Head Veteran Dancer, Rodney Loonsfoot. Karlene and Donald Chosa served as Head Male and Female Dancers. Host Drum for the event was the Sturgeon Bay Singers with Winnebago Sons and Woodland Singers as co-host drums. Robert Blackdeer performed the duties of Arena Director and Sam Doyle served as Firekeeper.

HELPING TO OVERCOME ADDICTIONS – KBIC DRUG COURT RELEASES FIRST GRADUATE

KBIC’S first Drug Court graduate, who wishes to remain anonymous, has completed all four phases of the program officially as of February 28th. The graduate, who worked hard to overcome addictive triggers and behaviors, was officially released from the Drug Court program successfully with the book being closed for all criminal convictions.

The KBIC Drug Court program has been designed for people, already in the court system, whose problems stem from addiction. Potential candidates are screened by the Drug Court team and given the option of going to Drug Court in lieu of being in Criminal Court. Drug Court keep individuals accountable through close supervision. For a minimum term of one year, Drug Court participants sign an agreement and are:

- required to appear in Court frequently so that the judge/team may review their progress;
- regularly and randomly tested for drug use;
- held accountable by the Drug Court judge/team for meeting their obligations to the Court, the

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- March 3, 2012 Tribal Council Meeting
- KBIC Participates in “Learning To Walk Together” Powwow
- KBIC Drug Court Releases First Graduate
- Safe Haven Youth Center Opens
- Degenear Earns H.S. Bowling Recognition
- Drug Conviction Report
- Ojibwemowin
- Deepest Sympathy

(Continues on page four.)
- Resubmitted by Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor


Secretary Susan J. LaFernier gave the Secretary’s Report (page three), Treasurer Toni Minton gave the Treasurer’s Report (page two), and Larry Denomie III gave the CEO Report (page three). Council passed the Department Head Reports for January 2012.

Jessica Koski stated that she had a draft of the Advocacy Letter to the United Nations that she has proposed for Tribal Council signature. Council had given their support in her efforts to work with United Nations as it relates to the rights of indigenous people, at the February Saturday meeting. Council consensus was to review the draft before signing the document.

Council set a hearing date of March 8, 2012, 11:00 a.m. to conduct an Appeal of Termination Hearing on case #003-12. Treasurer Toni Minton presented donation requests for March 2012 to the Council for their consideration. Elizabeth D. Mayo motioned to approve $600 for the KBIC Headstart Graduation, $1500 for Class of 2012 BASH (Baraga Schools for a 2011-2012 Yearbook ad campaign), $1500 for the United Indian Cancer Foundation—Powwow for Hope, $500 for Special Olympics, $8000 for the Baraga County Lumberjack Days, and $500 for the Ojibwa Boosters Club for a total of $11,350, supported by Toni Minton, eight in favor (Mayo, S. LaFernier, J. Curtis, Minton, Dakota, M. LaFernier, R. Schow, Matthews), three opposed (R. Curtis, Edwards, Jokinen), 0 abstained, 0 absent, motion carried.

Council adjourned with no further business on the agenda.

- Resubmitted by Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor

The month of February 2012 included the following activities and reportable items:

- The proposed language to amend Article VIII Section 1 for amending KBIC’s Constitution is still being considered by the Midwest Region of the BIA. The process calls for a 90 day period for which they had to provide a response to the request. Since the 90 day period has elapsed, a call was made to the MI Advocacy office of the TBIA which confirmed that the regional office had the request and was aware of the timeline and would be providing an answer shortly.

- Both of the Ojibwa Casinos held employee recognition luncheons for those with 10, 15, 20, and 25 years of service. Recognition included gifts and certificates along with the luncheon. President Swartz along with David Hastaa, GM of the properties, made the presentations.

- On the 16th and 17th, Sarah and I attended the Background and Character Investigation training provided by the Falmouth Institute. It was held in our hotel conference room and attended by staff that has involvement with KBIC’s Background Investigation Policy for employees, volunteers, and others subject to the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act. The training indicated a need to amend our policy which staff are working on and will present to Council for consideration in the future.

- On the 21st, I participated in our annual update and initial health insurance renewal review meeting with Employee Benefits - our BCBS and ABS representatives. Changes will take place significantly if changes aren’t made to the plans currently offered. Options to bring the increases down will be presented in mid March for Council consideration.

- Brigitte LaPointe, TERO Director/Work Force Coordinator, is finalizing plans for an Interview Skills and Techniques training for those who are involved in the hiring of employees. The training will take place during the next bi-monthly department head meeting scheduled for March 24th. Department managers, directors, and the Hiring Committee will all be invited to participate in the training.

- There are several projects our office is coordinating. The Tribe’s records are exceeding physical storage capacity and plans are underway to address the problem. A project under development and once complete will be used to begin the tedious process of purging documents that are no longer required to be kept. We will also be working on alternate methods of retaining records such as digitizing. The Accounting Manual used throughout the Tribe is also under-going review and will most likely be revised or modernized at least. The Tribe lacks its own Food Code at this time and relies on the Indian Health Services aid in conducting reviews of facilities owned by the Tribe and members who are li-censed by the Tribe to prepare and sell food. A draft version of a KBIC Food Code is under review and will be introduced to Council. Secretary Susan LaFernier once ready for that step in the process.

- As part of providing outreach for the Tribe’s Community Drug Court programs, Janice Halverson, CAP Administrator, is preparing information which will appear in the April edition of the Tribal newsletter. It will include all of the programs available through the Tribe’s eligibility requirements and description of services provided for each program.

- The Health Department will be providing several needed services. The Tribe has approved an agreement with Baraga County Memorial Hospital to provide Pediatric Physician Services at our center. The Tribe has also approved moving forward with purchasing an additional part time-fill-in Dentist. Once filled, the dental clinic will provide full services five days per week instead of four as it does currently. A Family Nurse Practitioner will also soon be on board. This will replace the position Doctor Reidy held until her resignation at the end of January this year. The Health Department will be providing more information on the services in the coming weeks.

- On February 23rd, Council approved an increase in the Business License for Alcohol sales application fee. The new fee has been increased to $2,000 per type of alcoholic beverage sold and took effect the date of the motion. On the 28th, I attended the first Tribal Drug Court graduation ceremony. The first graduate, who wishes to remain anonymous, met the stringent requirements of the program for one year and was officially released and honored during the ceremony. This is a huge accomplishment for our Tribe and the Community because it shows it is possible to overcome addictive issues if one puts heart and soul into it. With the help and support of the Community throughout the year long process, it was also made possible. The program provides those in the system opportunities to deal with their issues in lieu of being sentenced to jail terms. We congratulate the graduate as everyone’s support will help her on her new path.

As always, if anyone has questions, concerns, or issues that the CEO’s office can assist with, please don’t hesitate to stop, e-mail, or call.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry J. Denomie, III, CEO

TREASURER REPORT FOR THE MONTHS OF JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

Activities reported by the Treasurer, Toni Minton, for the months of January and February 2012.

- The following donations were made in January and February 2012:
  - $180 (01/07/12) to the Baraga Area Schools for a 2011-2012 Yearbook ad campaign.
  - $1,500 (02/04/12) to Mark Blaker for travel expenses.
  - $1,500 (02/04/12) to John LaFernier for funeral expenses.
  - $500 (02/04/12) to the U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow Reception.
  - $1,600 (02/16/12) to the 2012 Island Resort Sweetgrass Golf Championship Benefit for the Delta County YMCA.

A finance meeting was held February 23, 2012, with the Tribe’s Chief Financial Officer, Francisco LaPointe, provided an overview of the Tribe’s finances. We also reviewed the Auditor’s Report of the financial statements of September 30, 2011 and 2010 of the Ojibwa Casino Resort and Ojibwa Casino II. The auditor found the statements to present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of both Casinos.

Requests for 2% funds for the first cycle of 2012 are due by March 31, 2012. To be considered, all requests require letters or other supporting documentation from a local unit of government. The distributions will be made by May 30, 2012.

This concludes my report for the months of January and February.

Respectfully submitted,
Toni Minton, Treasurer
Activities reported by the Secretary, Susan J. LaFerriere, for the month of February 2012.

ANIN! We honor the greatness in you. Remember: “Indian Country Counts” and “Our People, Our Nations, Our Future.”

We 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.

In 2012, the Tribal Council made a motion on December 3rd to appeal the judge’s decision on Part 632 to protect Eagle Rock as a place of worship with the State of Michigan, and a motion was made on January 19th to appeal the judge’s decision on Part 631. The Drug Tip Line number is 353-DRLW, or 353-3784. The yellow banners are around the reservation with this drug tip line number displayed. The Drug Task Force holds monthly meetings, and their Mission Statement is to educate and promote education through public awareness with the specific objective to eliminate the use of ‘illegal drugs’ for the betterment of the health, welfare, and safety of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and our neighboring Communities.

Continue to pray for each other as well as to honor and remember all of our veterans, service men and women, and their families. Remember those who are ill, our economic struggles, and all who have lost loved ones. Thank you, God and Creator, for the great blessings of our land, loved families. Remember those who are ill, our veterans, service men and women, and their families.

During February 2012, the Tribal Council held one Regular Tribal Council meeting on February 4, 2012. This meeting is covered in the March 2012 Newsletter, Tribal Council held two Special Council Meetings. Following are the unapproved motions from February.

At a council meeting held February 16, 2012, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the May 19, 23, and 26, 2011 Council meeting minutes.
- Approved the Services Agreement with the Forest County Potawatomi Community and KBIC to conduct an audit regarding payments to hospitals from KBIC Contract Health Services for the years 2007-2010 to compare the payments/Medicare-like rate.
- Approved the Services Agreement with Keith Rolof to provide federal and state Individuals with return rental services for the eligible Seniors for 2012.
- Approved the Professional Services Agreement with Baraga County Memorial Hospital for one year to provide pediatric services for KBIC DHHS pediatric patients.
- Defeated a motion to hold an appeal hearing for a Government employee termination.
- Approved to uphold the decision of the Enterprise Management in the case #140-12 Employee employee appeal of termination hearing.
- Approved the KBIC Amended and Revised Section II E. regarding payments to hospitals from KBIC.
- Approved to raise the alcoholic beverage license fee to $2,000 each for liquor, beer, and wine effective February 23, 2012.
- Approved the bid from Midstate to purchase (2) DVRs for $10,055.40 for the Baraga Casino Surveillance.
- Tabled a request to purchase the cimarron, electric device, (hookup) until the grant funds can be utilized and have the new Corporation do the purchase.
- Approved a donation of 1% of the amount donated last year to the Baraga Booster Club for the Baraga basketball tournament.
- Approved Kathy Lancy’s snowmobiling request as she lives within five miles of the Reservation.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan J. LaFerriere, Secretary

SECRETARY’S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2012

MICHIGAN VOTING 101

Unleash Your Power

VOTE

In a democratic society, we have the privilege of voting as representatives of the people who will work on the problems important to us. Here are some resources to help you navigate the world of voting.

COMMON VOTING/ELECTION TERMS:

Absentee Ballot – A way to vote by mail instead of going to a polling place. A way to vote if you are unable to get to your polling place on election day. Your request for an absentee voter ballot must be submitted in writing to your local clerk at least 2 days before the Saturday prior to the election. In Michigan, if any of the following reasons apply, you are eligible to vote absentee:
- 60 years old or older;
- 60 years old or older;
1. Unable to vote without assis¬
tance;
2. Will be out of town during the
election;
3. In jail awaiting arraignment or trial;
4. Unable to go to the polls due to
religion;
5. Plan to work as an election in¬
spector in a precinct other than
your own.

1. Ballot – A sheet of paper used to cast a
secret vote.
2. Political Party – An organization made up
of people who think alike on various
issues that seeks to attain power within
a government. Michigan law does not
define party membership; this is the re¬
ponsibility of each political party.
3. Poll – The place where votes are cast or
recorded—usually used in plural (at the
polls).
4. Precinct – The place where you vote. It
is also called a polling place. Your local
clerk’s office can tell you where your
precinct is located. It is a subdivision of
a city, ward, township, or village for
election purposes. Each precinct has a
designated polling place (such as a school,
fire or police station, firehouse or other
public building) where its residents vote.
Your polling place is indicated on your
voter identification card, or you can look up
this information by going to
www.michigan.gov/vote.
5. Registration – The process and the way
to sign up to get on the list of those able
to vote on election day. To register you
must be:
• a U.S. citizen;
• 18 years of age by election day;
• a resident of Michigan and the
city/township where you apply.
You may register anytime, although to
vote in a certain election you need to do
so at least 30 days before that election.
Your local clerk, county clerk, or Secre¬
tary of State office can register you. It is
free of charge.

VOTING ON ISSUES:
Sometimes elections are held for the pur¬
purpose of voting on referendums, initiatives,
or amendments to the state constitution.
1. Referendum – A vote by citizens that
approves or rejects an existing state or
local law.
2. Initiative – A vote on an issue put on
the ballot by petition of citizens.
3. Constitutional Amendment – An addi¬
tion or change to the state constitution,
which requires a vote of the people.
A millage is a tax on property. Local units
of government, including school districts, may
hold millage elections.

Drug Conviction Report:

Drug Court continues:

1. The community, themselves, and their families;
2. rewarding for doing well or sanctioned when they do not live up to their obligations.

Drug Court has been in existence for more than 20 years all over the United States. They have reduced the costs of housing inmates and recidivism of repeat offenders. KBCI Drug Court program offers repeat offenders a chance to address issues of addiction along with housing, education, and jobs. Most importantly Drug Court offers repeat offenders an opportunity for a better family life and a chance to become productive community members.
A new program can help members of Michigan Indian tribes and their neighbors access business for a better chance of success or expansion. The Michigan Small Business & Technology Development Center (MI-SBTDCC) network received a two-year, $200,000 award to increase assistance to American Indian communities across the state. Funds will target businesses in need of assistance with growing or starting.

The funding allows the MI-SBTDCC network to increase business assistance to the 12 federally recognized Indian tribes and their members through hiring two business consultants and opening several Business Resource Centers dedicated to outreach in these communities, according to the release. The consultants have annual impact goals of acquiring $2 million in capital, performing 750 consulting hours and creating 25 jobs.

This initiative is being undertaken in concert with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) and their dedicated effort for Tribal Business Development. In 2010, the state of Michigan expanded into tribal business development and created a tribal business development strategy because there is a critical need for business support services in these communities.

Terri Fitzpatrick, Vice President, Tribal Business Development at the MEDC commented, “We are excited to be working with the MI-SBTDCC on this initiative.”

Headquartered in Grand Valley State University, MI-SBTDCC provides counseling, business education, information based planning and technology commercialization to new and existing businesses throughout Michigan’s 63 counties.

Elaine Clement and Ross Miller were hired Jan. 3rd as MI-SBTDCC tribal business consultants. Clement (pictured above) is a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, based in Sault Ste. Marie covering the Upper Peninsula. Ross is a member of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, based in Mt. Pleasant, covering the northwestern, Mid Michigan and southwestern parts of the state.

The consultants were trained in 8(a) certification to assist in government contracting and are responsible for providing day-to-day small business counseling services to clients including: analyzing business problems, developing solutions, and providing access to resources. In addition, they will assist in developing and maintaining positive, productive relationships with collaboratively tribal organizations and individuals across the state.

“The funding will strengthen the American Indian business community,” Clement stated. “I look forward to working with the American Indian tribes as well as tribal members to develop their business ideas.”

Clement, who has a degree in Business Administration, is working with all the Upper Peninsula tribes and surrounding communities — Sault Tribe, Bay Mills, Keweenaw Bay, Lac Vieux Dessert, and Hannahville. She will travel from community to community to meet one-on-one with community members, helping them develop business plans, access financial management training as well as other resources, accessing resources and services. Whether an individual wants to start a business or grow their business, Clement has help for them.

Part of her job is to act as a clearing-house for business tools, providing connections with specialized consultants and a whole network beyond that at no cost to the client, although there may be a fee for some of the trainings. She will help clients access all MI-SBTDCC specialty team consultants, customized market research for information based planning reports and business training to increase knowledge and understanding of operating a successful business.

You can contact Clement at (906) 440-6801 or clement@gveu.edu.

OJIBWA CASINO HOLDS EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION RECEPTION

The Baraga and Marquette Ojibwa Casinos recently recognized those employees with 10, 15, 20, and 25 years of continuous service. An awards ceremony and reception was held at the Ojibwa Casino Resort, in Baraga, on Wednesday, February 15th and at the Marquette Ojibwa Casino on Friday, February 3rd.

Tribal President Warren C. Swartz, Jr. and David Haataja, General Manager of the Baraga and Marquette Casinos, presented each employee with a certificate of appreciation and an award for their dedication and commitment to the organization.

Tribal Council members Elizabeth Mattheus, Fred Dakota, and Jerry Lee Curtis attended the event at the Baraga Casino. Council member Curtis also attended the Marquette awards ceremony and reception.

Baraga Ojibwa Casino Resort Employees & Continuous Years of Service

10 Years of Service
Gerlind (Karen) Curtis, Jamie Kinnunen, Jeffrey Lamson, Christopher Roy, Philip Roy, and Stanley Spruce.

15 Years of Service
Judith Domper, Todd Ellenich, Cheryl Hoo-ver, Cindy Isotalo, Michael Kinnunen, Don Larson, Brian Menard, Gary Mills, Jr., and Diane Roth.

20 Years of Service
Michelle Messer and Jim Nardi.

25 Years of Service
Betty Kaupilla and Conrad LaPlante.

Marquette Ojibwa Casino Employees & Continuous Years of Service

10 year Anniversary
Megan Chase, William Peranteau, Linda Pilto, and Janet Warwick.

15 year Anniversary
Marilyn Abbott, Robert Collins, Gayle Free-ver, Linda Hough, Michael Kinnunen, Don Monty, Shawn Seymour, Jeffrey Skauge, and Daryl VanAble.

Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing and Community Development Corporation (KBOHDC) Home Improvement & Small Business Loans

The KBOHDC is currently offering very low interest home improvement and small business loans, available up to $30,000.00 (depending on loan purpose).

These loans are made available to Tribal members living in Baraga, Marquette and Ontonagon counties.

Approval is contingent on meeting underwriting criteria. For more information, please contact:

Angela Shelifoe at 353-7117 X111
anjie@kboha.com

Would You Like FREE Money?

The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing and Community Development Corporation (KBOHDC) is currently offering an Individual Development Account (IDA) Program!

An IDA program is a matched savings program in which you will receive a 4 to 1 match up to $400 on funds you deposit!!!

These funds are available to Tribal members currently residing in Baraga, Marquette and Ontonagon counties.

Funds may be used toward home purchase (down payment or closing costs), education costs (only successful courses are required of your courses and are not covered), and small business start – up or expansion.

If you are interested in this program and would like more information please contact:

Angela Shelifoe
KBOHDC Program Administrator
906-353-7117 X111
Angie@kboha.com

JAMES J. “JAY” LOONSOFT
(February 3, 1931—February 27, 2012)

James J. “Jay” Loonsfoot, age 81, our great storyteller and keeper of our family memories, passed away on February 27, 2012, from Inoperable Disease, a complication of Rheumatoid Arthritis.

Jay was the Traditional Chief of the Kewe- neaw Bay Indian Community and the Native American History instructor at Ke- weenaw Bay High School. A veteran of both the Korean and the Vietnam Wars, Jay served 36 years in the military and was honorably discharged from the U.S. N.A.V. He was a past Commander of VFW Post 3897 and a lifetime member of the American Legion.

Upon retirement, Jay continued his education and earned both his Bachelors and Masters degrees in Education. Jay taught in schools across the country, from Washington State to Massachusetts and in doing so, fulfilled a life-time dream.

Throughout his life, Jay also served on multiple committees with the KBIC as well as serving in law enforcement, the Sky Marshall program, and with the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Patricia J. Loonsfoot, his two children: James E. Loonsfoot (and his wife Phyllis) of Endicott, New York, and Angela J. Loonsfoot-Pearson of Baraga, and his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In honor of his wishes, a private family memorial was held in the home of his son.

“If it wasn’t for who you were and what you taught us, we wouldn’t be strong enough to handle losing you. We love you Dad/Gandad. Godspeed and Thank you.

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

Economic Development Committee – Two (2) regular seats

(Substance Abuse Advisory Board – Six (6) four year term seats
Health Board – Six (6) regular term seats

Please submit an application (located at the Tribal Center in Kim Klopstein or Peggy Minton’s office) by 4 p.m. on May 11, 2012, to:

Warren C. Swartz, Jr. – President
16429 Bear Town Rd.
Baraga, MI 49908

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April is National Sexual Assault Awareness month, and this April communities across the nation are proclaiming, “It’s time...to talk about it!”

One in three Native American women will be sexually assaulted in their lifetime, and Native American and Alaskan Native women are 2.5 times more likely than the general U.S. female population to experience sexual violence.

Encouraging a return to Traditional values and beliefs about women, men, children, and families and individual roles within the community is one way to prevent violence against Native people. We can start to address the affects of domestic and sexual violence by educating our communities that violence is not a Native Tradition.

Throughout the month of April the Office of Violence Against Women Programs and Services Office will be sponsoring a Teal Ribbon Campaign in support of Sexual Assault Awareness month. For more information, please call Jodie Chosa of the OVW Programs and Services office at 353-4599.

If you or someone you know is a victim of sexual assault, please contact the OVW Programs and Services office at: 353-4598.

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**“SAFE HAVEN YOUTH CENTER” OPENS IN HARVEY**

KBIC recently opened their new “Safe Haven Youth Center” in Harvey, Michigan, which is housed in the Community Center and will have youth hours available throughout the week. Available for youth are: a TV, Computers, Air Hockey, Snacks, and Art supplies. All equipment has been purchased through the Weed and Seed Grant and supervision will be overseen by KBTPD Officer Stephen Mills.

Officer Mills stated, “When I recently opened the Community Center as a Youth Safe Haven for the first time, it was very successful with a huge turnout that persisted all weekend. I still have to work out some of the finer points regarding the hours of operation, cleaning and access, but by and large everyone is happy that we have something going on here, and we are on the right track. I have a number of people who have volunteered to help out with the outings and tutoring.”

**April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month**

Child abuse prevention has been historically and remains one of the most basic aspects of American Indian culture. The practices of prevention - though not labeled as such - are embedded in centuries-old spiritual beliefs, child-rearing methods, extended family roles, and systems of clans, bands, or societies. The old teachings, values, and family systems are still at the core of that child maltreatment prevention in Indian country, but more formal community responses are also in place. (Source: http://www.nicwa.org/child_abuse_prevention)

**Make a Difference in a Child’s Life!**

By doing even one thing, you can make a difference in a child’s life! Whether you’re a parent, caregiver, community member, or teacher, you can do something to protect the children in our families, neighborhoods, and schools from abuse and neglect.

**Community Members...Do ONE Thing!**

1. Mentor a child or a parent.
2. Plan and/or support parenting or child abuse education programs in the community.
3. Praise a child when they have tried hard at something or used good manners.
4. Babysit for a stressed out neighbor, friend or relative.

**Parents...Do ONE Thing!**

1. Plan fun activities for your family.
2. Take notice of adults or older children who take an unusual interest in your child.
3. Ask your children about their day, and be sure to listen to what they have to say!
4. Attend events at your child’s school and get involved with their education.
5. When you get stressed, take a break! Don’t take it out on your children.

**The most important ONE action you can take for a child who is being mistreated is to REPORT abuse if you suspect it.**

**Report Suspected Child Abuse or Neglect**

For suspected child abuse or neglect of an Indian child(ren) living on the KBIC reservation or trust lands, contact KBIC Tribal Social Services as follows:

**During Office Hours:**

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<tr>
<td>Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm</td>
<td>(906) 353-8171</td>
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<td>Location: 13765 M38, Baraga, Michigan</td>
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<td>Mailing Address: 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49908</td>
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**After-hours, weekends and holidays:**

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<th>Phone: (888) 444-3911 (Toll Free Number)</th>
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<td>For all other suspected child abuse or neglect incidents contact Michigan Department of Human Services (DHS) Central Intake Unit as follows:</td>
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<td>Phone: (888) 444-3911 (Toll Free Number)</td>
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<td>Mail: Centralized Intake (State of Michigan DHS) 5321 28th Street Court SE Grand Rapids, MI 49546</td>
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<td>FAX: (616) 977-1154 or (616) 977-1158</td>
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<td>E-mail: <a href="mailto:DHS-CPS-CGroup@michigan.gov">DHS-CPS-CGroup@michigan.gov</a></td>
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If you are unsure who to contact, it is just important to contact one of the agencies or your local police and they will make the determination of who is to be contacted. **If it is an emergency call 911.**

All verbal reports of suspected child abuse or neglect must be followed (within 36 hours to KBIC TSS or within 72 hours to DHS) by submission of a written DHS-3200 Report of Actual or Suspected Child Abuse or Neglect. The form is available at KBIC TSS, the local DHS office, or online at http://www.michigan.gov/documents/RA3200_11924_7.pdf.
Michigan Tech
American Indian Science Engineering Society (AISES) Region V Conference
A Traditional Path Into the Future
April 13-14, 2012

Conference starts 9:00 AM, April 13, 2012, Michigan Tech Memorial Union Building, Ballroom
Featuring Speakers & Performers:
Professor of Ojibwe
Dr. Anton Treuer
Traditional Speakers
Bethany & Bob Moody
NAMY Award Winner
Joseph FireCrow

OPEN to the PUBLIC!

For detailed schedule go to our website: www.diversitycenter.mtu.edu/aises/

POWWOW
Saturday, April 14, 2012

Wood Gym (SDC)
Grand Entry: Noon
Powwow ends at 5:00 PM
Feast for AISES, Dancers / Drummers at 4:00 PM

Special Presentations
Native flute by 2010 NAMA winner
Joseph FireCrow -- 1:00 PM
Hoop Dance presentation -- 2:00 PM
Two-step -- 3:00 PM

For More Information Contact: Lori Shierman / Center for Diversity and Inclusion at 906-487-2920 or email: loriann@mtu.edu

Michigan Tech
Center for Diversity and Inclusion
Student Life
Office for Institutional Diversity-VWMLS
Graduate School
Undergraduate Student Council
Parent Fund
Humanities

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A GLOBAL FORCE FOR GOOD

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MICHIGAN TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY
Congratulations to Diane Charron on becoming a homeowner! Diane purchased a built-to-suit 3BR/2BA home in the Beartown Development. This 1,484 sq. ft. home with two-car attached garage was built by the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing Authority with Ojibwa Builders as the contractor.

The recent Beartown Development homes are built using some alternative construction and proven energy efficient methods. For example, basement and crawl space walls are constructed of insulated concrete forms (ICFs). ICF walls benefit from concrete’s inherent structural qualities, particularly important in regions affected by severe weather. The combination of a continuous concrete wall plus the integral interior and exterior insulation provides superb energy efficiency. A basement built with ICFs provides an insulation value of R-25 compared to traditional block basements that barely provide an insulation value of R-2.

The use of Icynene insulation is one of the best ways to improve energy efficiency and thermal comfort. As a complete insulation and air barrier, Icynene minimizes air leakage in the building structure. Icynene contributes to a healthy indoor environment in several ways. Icynene is 100% water-blown and unlike some conventional insulations that deteriorate over time, does not contain ozone-depleting substances and won’t emit harmful gases once cured. This type of insulation creates a continuous air barrier in the walls and ceilings, which minimizes the intrusion of outdoor allergens and pollutants. Icynene maintains its efficiency with zero loss of R-value to provide healthy indoor air for its occupants for years to come. As an integrated insulation and air barrier, Icynene effectively minimizes air leakage and accompanying moisture (air leakage accounts for as much as 99% of moisture movement in a structure). The insulation is so effective at minimizing condensation, moisture buildup, and growth of mold and mildew, the product is often specified for use in museums, art galleries, and libraries where condensation control is critical to preserving the integrity of valuable collections.

Diane’s home is well-insulated, equipped with energy efficient appliances, and built with only quality materials. The insulated concrete forms, Icynene insulation, air exchange and conditioning units, and beautiful Anderson windows work together to help keep this home toasty warm through the winter months and cool on those hot summer days.

As an integral part of the construction process, Diane was asked to provide input on everything from blueprint and site selections to the smallest details of the interior of the house. This house is truly Diane’s. An avid seamstress and creative crafter, Diane requested the third bedroom be built as a craft room. When asked what her favorite part of the house is, she couldn’t name just one. Among Diane’s answers were: the laundry room being on the main floor, the covered front porch, and at the top of the list, the attached garage. Diane beamed and said “I love it all. You really do make dreams come true!”

The staff of the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing & Community Development Corporation works with tribal members to discuss available financing options. The Ojibwa Housing Authority uses HUD funding to help subsidize the cost of building Beartown homes, making them more affordable for tribal members to purchase.

For more information on this project or to learn how to custom build your own home in the Beartown Development, contact the staff at the Ojibwa Housing Authority, 353-7117.

--submitted by newsletter editor

Second Hand Smoke Media Campaign

The Michigan Department of Community Health recently launched a secondhand smoke media campaign. You may have heard the Second Hand Rose ad on your local radio station. The focus of the campaign is to alert parents of the dangers of secondhand smoke on their children and offer assistance to quit smoking by calling the Quit Line: 1-800-227-2345. The campaign also includes a video ad on youtube: http://bit.ly/fIlSrF Copy this link into your web browser to view this short video and to post comments.

According to recent statewide tribal specific surveys, 46% of Michigan’s Native Americans smoke, compared to just 22% of the general population. It’s also helpful to note that 50% of our homes have at least one smoker and 33% report that someone smokes in their home every day. This is a serious health risk if there are children in the home. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention states:

Secondhand smoke can cause serious health problems in children.

- Studies show that older children whose parents smoke get sick more often. Their lungs grow less than children who do not breathe secondhand smoke, and they get more bronchitis and pneumonia.
- Wheezing and coughing are more common in children who breathe secondhand smoke.
- Secondhand smoke can trigger an asthma attack in a child. Children with asthma who are around secondhand smoke have more severe and frequent asthma attacks. A severe asthma attack can put a child’s life in danger.
- Children whose parents smoke around them get more ear infections. They also have fluid in their ears more often and have more operations to put in ear tubes for drainage.

For help to quit smoking, you can contact Mary Linden, RN, at 353-4548, see your local tribal health care provider, or call the Quit Line at 1-800-227-2345.

It’s helpful to know that when you call the quit line, you’ll be asked a series of questions. Then you’ll be paired with a trained quit coach. This is a free service for uninsured, veterans, and those with Medicaid or Medicare. It is also free for pregnant women who are uninsured or enrolled in Medicaid. I.H.S. contract health services is not considered a form of insurance. Let the quit line counselor know that you are eligible for the free service.

The quit line provides free nicotine patches, gum, or lozenges and are open from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. seven days a week.

APRIL 2012 Calendar Events

Apr. 3: Blood Pressure/Blood Sugar screenings at Ojibwa Sr. Center;
Apr. 5: Food Label Reading Simplified with Dr. Dale 12 noon;
Apr. 6: Constitutional Committee Meeting, 1 pm, Council Chambers;
Apr. 12: “Positively You” group 3:30 pm;
Apr. 14: Reg. Sat. Council Meeting, 9 am, Ojibwa Resort Conference Room; MTU AISES Powwow, 12 noon grand entry;
Apr. 17: Blood Pressure/Blood Sugar screenings at Ojibwa Sr. Center;
Apr. 18: Veteran’s meeting 7 pm; Job Skills 101 at 5 pm;
Apr. 24: Blood Pressure/Blood Sugar screenings at Superior View;
Apr. 28: KBOCC Honors and Commencement Ceremony, 2 pm.

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 calendar. For Youth events, see @www.ojibwa.com, click on youth club, or contact 353-4645/Main Office at Youth Club, or 353-4644 for the facility attendants or the Kitchen/craft rooms.
KBIC Tribal Member, Jeff Degenaer, a senior at Baraga High School and a member of the L’Anse High School bowling team. Their bowling season began December 3, 2011, in Iron Mountain, Michigan, and ended March 4, 2012, in Waterford, Michigan, for State Finals. Throughout the season, Jeff racked up the most games won for his team with a total of 18 points earning him recognition for the UP’s.

The boys bowled singles in Traverse City on February 25th for Regionals. Six games were bowled of 159, 170, 190, 192, 192, and 201 for a total of 1104 series by Jeff. He placed 10th and earned a spot to bowl in the State Finals in Sterling Heights, Michigan, for March 3. Due to a power outage on March 3, the finals were moved to Waterford, Michigan, for March 4. Jeff bowled another six games of 152, 153, 172, 265 (his highest game ever), 173, and 167 for a 1082 series. This score placed him 31st in State Competition. A very good showing for the L’Anse High School Bowling Team. Congrats to Jeff for a fabulous year! WELL-DONE!!!
KBOCC Position Posting

Keweenaw Bay Community College is seeking applicants for the position of adjunct instructor in Native American Studies: history, government and/or the humanities. Qualified applicants should possess a Master’s degree or a minimum of 18 graduate credits in Native American Studies or a related field. Preference is given to qualified individuals of American Indian descent and/or qualified veterans. Send letter of application, resume and transcripts to: Lynn Aho, Dean of Instruction; Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College; 111 Beartown Rd.; PO Box 519; Baraga, MI 49908, or email to lahoh@kbocc.org.

KBOCC Honors and Commencement

The 2012 Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College Honors and Commencement Ceremony will be held on Saturday, April 28th at 2:00pm in the Niwin Akeaa Center. The community is cordially invited to attend as we honor our outstanding students and graduates.
A student incentive program is being offered by the Michigan Indian Elders Association (M.I.E.A.) to recognize students who achieve all "A's" for a marking period as well as students who achieve perfect attendance for a marking period. There will be a minimum of $3,000 available to fund this program this year. $25 will be awarded for each qualified entry, up to the minimum available funds in the Program. In the event that the number of qualified entries exceeds the funds available, the winners will be determined by lottery. Here are the conditions to qualify:

- The student must be an enrolled member or be a direct descendant of an enrolled member of one of the M.I.E.A. constituent tribes/bands.
- The student must be in grades K-12 at a public or private school. (home schooling not eligible)
- A student must be in grades 4-12 to qualify for the straight "A" award. (A-, A, A+)
- For a school system that uses a grading system based on numbers, the equivalent to straight "A's" will be acceptable.
- A student must be in grades K-12 to qualify for the perfect attendance award.
- Perfect attendance means exactly that. A student must be in school or at a school sponsored function each day of the marking period. Excused absences for anything other than a school sponsored/approved function do not constitute perfect attendance.
- The first two marking periods of this 2011/2012 school year will be used to determine the winners for this lottery.
- A student can qualify for both the perfect attendance and straight "A's" for both marking periods. For example, straight "A's" and perfect attendance would mean four chances to win.
- A parent of the student must complete and sign the Student Incentive Program Application Form in order for the student to qualify for an award.
- A copy of the child's report card signed by the parent or a letter from an administrator of the student's school, must be submitted with the completed application form to verify the achievement of straight "A's" and perfect attendance.

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The drawing to determine the winners will be held at the April, 2012 meeting of the Michigan Indian Elders Association hosted by the Lac View Desert Band of Lake Superior Indians in Watersmeet, MI.

VERY IMPORTANT - NECESSARY !!!
You must follow these directions for your child to be considered for an award.

The completed application form, a signed report card or verification letter of achievement from a school administrator, and copy of student’s or parent’s tribal identification card must be received at the following address not later than 5:00 PM on April 9, 2012:
Leah Fodor, c/o MIEA
PO Box 218, Dorr, MI 49323

Any questions contact Mike Duschene 906-395-7346.

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The language page was designed from reference of “A Concise Dictionary of Minnesota Ojibwe” by John D. Nichols and Earl Nyholm.
Congratulations to Brittanee Gauthier on receiving her G.E.D. Best of Luck in the future from the staff and students at KBIC Even Start.

Zeba Indian Mission United Methodist Church
“We welcome each of you to our worship services, at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday.”
Pastor: Rev. Stephen Rhoades
Church office 524-7939
Parsonage 524-7906

April 8-14 is National Library Week. We will extend the event for one extra week, ending on April 21. For those who haven’t visited our library, this would be an opportunity to stop in to get a library card. All new patrons can enter to win a grand prize during this week. For existing library patrons, you can also sign up to win either a movie or a book. This also includes a children’s drawing. The library is open Monday-Thursday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., closed on Friday, and open on Saturday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

~ Mary Bergerson, Ojibwa Community

Frequent Telephone #'s
KBIC Dental Clinic 353-8787
KBIC Medical Clinic 353-8700
KBIC Tribal Center 353-6623
KBIC Tribal Court 353-8124
KBIC Tribal Police 353-6626
KBIC Tribal Social Services 353-6201
Ojibwa Housing Authority 353-7117

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