Northern Michigan University’s Native American Student Association (NASA) hosts an annual powwow each March. Leora Tadgerson, Chairperson of NASA, states, “Celebration such as these are essential to maintaining the Native culture and to keep traditions alive.”

This year was the 18th Annual ‘Learning To Walk Together’ powwow which was held on Saturday, March 13th at the Vandament Arena at NMU. Grand entries were held at noon and 6:00 p.m. with a traditional feast and hand drum competition held at 4:00 p.m. in the D.J. Jacobetti Center. This annual powwow provides the community with a time to visit, eat, sing and dance together. KBIC is a proud sponsor of the annual event.

KBIC member, Jim St. Arnold, honored the Community as Head Veteran Dancer and led the KBIC Color Guard in grand entry. Woodlands Drum, Host Drum, and Lac Courte Oreilles Badger Singers, Co-host Drum, along with the eight registered visiting drums provided great songs for more than 100 registered dancers.

Joel Syrette and Mariah Jourdain, of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, served as Head Male and Female Dancers. Dwight “Bucko” Teeple of Brimley, Michigan, kept everyone informed of the activities as Master of Ceremonies, and Robert Blackdeer of Black River Falls, Wisconsin, Arena Director, kept the Arena in order and assisted dancer’s needs. Sam Doyle of Clio, Michigan, served as Firekeeper. Numerous volunteers assisted NASA with this grand event.

Northern Michigan University’s (NMU) Native American Student Association (NASA) brought Don Burnstick to the stage Friday evening, March 12, in conjunction with the “Learning To Walk Together” PowWow. Burnstick had members of the audience roaring throughout the event which was held at the Vandament Arena on NMU’s campus.

Burnstick is a Cree from the Alexander First Nation located outside of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Growing up on the reserve and being the youngest of 15 children, Don learned a variety of means of defending himself, one of was humor.

Don’s young life was very violent. He lived on the streets of Edmonton as an alcoholic and drug addict. At age 21, he sobered up. Since there weren’t too many 21-year-old males who were alcohol and drug free, he started going around and telling his story.

Don Burnstick has established himself as one of Canada’s best known comedians. His comedy show, “You Might be a Redskin - Healing Through Native Humor,” is a comedic performance that humorously portrays First Nations people, their habits, likes, and dislikes.

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The Tribe currently has three $600,000 regular status grants and one $600,000 AmeriCorps Recovery and Reinvestment Act grant. It was made very clear at the training that if funds are not obligated by the required dates they would de-obligate the funds and redistribute to others. We are expected not to have this situation occur and will be moving forward as quickly as possible this coming year to move our projects forward. The projects utilizing these funds include the Donald A. LaPointe Health Center renovation and expansion, the construction of the new Early Childhood Education Center, and the new gas station.

To aid in moving the listed projects forward, the Tribe has supported the new position of Project Manager. Five candidates were interviewed with Bruce LaPointe being offered the position. Bruce is due to return and will begin working on March 15, pending approval of pre-employment requirements.

The request for proposals for the design work for the Early Childhood Education Center is out and due to the CEO’s office on March 8. The 7,700 square foot addition onto the Community Center is expected to come in around $1.6 million.

On February 19 staff met with Vince Rose of Employee Benefits to discuss the Tribe’s annual BCBS Health Insurance renewal rates. The renewal rates are much higher than expected and budgeted for the fiscal year. The Tribe currently has two plans serving the government and enterprises. With the required dates who have expressed interest in the position.

CEO report for the month of February 2010.

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For Your Information

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Giiwe March, Lac Vieux Desert THPO officer, requested a meeting with the President of our Community, our THPO officer, LVD Chairman Williams, KBIC Mining Specialist, and the LVD Environmental Director regarding the Orvana mine project. Dave Anderson has requested to meet with us involving information he has received from their Tribal community meeting which was held in November of 2009. At the time, Ms. Andy Stoner from United Tribes, prepared a report for Orvana, and Mr. Anderson would like to discuss that report. Giiwe has an issue that they may be considering these meetings as consultation. I find it odd, but we need to proofread it. I took it out of Mr. Baker’s office and started proofreading it myself. Robin and a number of other people down at Tribal Court have begun looking at it. They have it on a disk format, and I asked Chief Judge Brad Dakota if I could get it back. He said, “No, it’s not going to be on the disk,” because I want to distribute them to the Tribal Council members and we all have computers, and this is what we need to do. This is actually what the Tribal Council does, legislative work. This is a piece of work that has been in the making for a long time. Violet Ayres started working on it, I asked Brad Dakota, Mike Ayres make a presentation to Tribal Council, and we’ll see where we are with this. It is legislative work that the Council needs to do. He is working with the Governor’s and now, then we can start working on it.

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When he had a dinner party, and I was able to meet with Lance Morgan in Las Vegas. I went out there for this specific agenda item. He is coming here this month or next month, and I asked him to address some of the issues that the Community wants to move forward. We had a discussion with him and he was ready to sit down with us and discuss the issues with us. In addition to meeting with Lance Morgan, I had the opportunity to go down to that Trade Fair, and it was really interesting. I met a number of people there from FDIC to a number of other cigarette manufacturers. I saw Bill Langert of the Small Business Administration, he was busy, and I did not get to talk to him.

At the United Tribes meeting, we took a few minutes of silence as we had lost one of our United Tribes members, Chairman Laura Sparrow, from her Tribe. She passed away at a conference in California, and after she gave her presentation, she had a massive heart attack and passed on. We spoke of how important the tribe was to organizing, and to her tribe as she had been a mover for her tribe. At the United Tribes meeting, I had the opportunity to present the issues concerning the Kennebec and the litigation. I had drafted a speech for me which tells how the mining company is really bad for the Community, how the state granted environmental permits to that Kennecott Mined Company allowing the construction and operation of the mine, that we have challenged the state and mining company on environmental grounds, and how presently the administrative hearing officer sided with the state. I also let them know that we are prepared to file a petition for review in Circuit Court, challenging the construction and operation of that mine. I made it known that we are going to challenge Kennebec, we want them to recognize our places of worship. I asked United Tribes to consider one of three options. The first option was to fasten the issue and the problem was to help authorizing and drafting the funding of the legal brief, a so called amicus brief. The second option would be to join in the new pending suit by the Kennebec and the administrative hearing officer sided with the state. In the case, challenging the permits that were issued to the mining company but focusing solely on the places of worship issue. The third option I presented would be for each tribe who has an interest in the place of worship issue to financially assist us with direct funding to help push this important issue all the way to the Supreme Court if necessary. I told them I did not expect them to make a decision at that meeting that they should bring the problem back to their Councils, take a look at some of the options, and consider ways they could help the Community fight this Kennebec Mine. Hopefully, I will hear back from them. I gave them all a copy of my speech. At the United Tribe’s meeting, with Dave Anderson, George Robley, Ayres from the census, and a number of other things, but the main reason I went there was to raise awareness of the potential loss of places of worship because of Kennebec Eagle Mine.

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Nishnaabemwin Pane Immersion Program
Bay Mills Community College
(classes will be held at KBIC, Cultural Center)

Summer Semester 2010
April 30, May 1, 2 - 1st Session
May 28, 29, 30 - 2nd Session
June 18, 19, 20 - 3rd Session
July 16, 17, 18 - 4th Session
August 6, 7, 8 - 5th Session

Class hours are held: Friday 1:00 - 8:00 p.m.,
Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., and Sunday
8:00 a.m. - Noon.

It is recommended to sign up in early April.
Contact Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., Language Coor-
dinator, for an application. Gary can be
reached by calling 353-4178. Students may
also sign up on the first day of class.

Nishnaabemwin Pane Immersion Program Photo.
Students: Ron DaCota and Bev Lussier, with Instructors Barb
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March 6, 2010, Tribal Council Meeting continued:

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Drug Conviction Report

In a continuous effort to reduce the illegal use of
controlled substances in our community, the Drug Task
Force has requested the publication of pertinent in-
formation regarding any convictions of the Controlled Substances sec-
tion of the KBIC Tribal Code §3.1706. 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.

Creighton Brunk, case # 10-018, controlled
substance (use) - 1st offense
Factual basis:
I used a prescription pill with-
out having a prescription for it. It was a pain pill.

Sentenced on 03/09/2010 to:
1. $500 fine.
2. Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse
screening and is to follow the recommenda-
tions of that screening until successfully
discharged.
3. 90 days jail, 80 days suspended, credit for
days served, seven days to be served.
Defendant will be allowed to per-
form seven days community service in lieu of jail.
Defendant is financially re-
sponsible for the costs of lodging and any
other expenses occurred while incarcerated.
4. 9-12 months of standard alcohol and drug
restricted probation with a $10 monthly fee.
Defendant will be financially re-
sponsible for the costs of random drug and al-
cohol testing.
5. Defendant is not to be on the Casino
property, including the Pressbox and
Lanes, throughout the term of his proba-
tion.
6. Defendant is not allowed in any establish-
ment primarily concerned with the sale of
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New Employees

Alana Keith Rajacic, Jr. has been hired as KBIC’s newest Tribal Police Officer. Alan is the son of Alan Rajacic, Sr. and Darlene Genschow. At the age of 16, he enrolled in a military academy known as the MYCA (Michigan Youth Challenge Academy). One year later, at age 17, he enlisted into the Army National Guard 107th En. Co., now known as the 1431st En. Co. In 2009, he was deployed to Afghanistan for ten months. As of February 9, 2010, he and his girlfriend, Julianne, now have a beautiful baby girl, Mia.

Becky Genschow has been hired as a KBIC Natural Resource Technician. Becky is the daughter of Bob and Gladys Genschow. She lived and worked on the KBIC reservation all of her life. She is currently attending Ojibwa Community College part-time. Becky is a five-year veteran of the KBIC Beartown Fire Fighters.

Becky states, “I like to attend PowWow’s, bowl, shoot pool, and hang out with friends in my free time. I am a very happy go lucky person. I love animals and some fish. I am very pleased to be working at the KBIC Beartown Fire Fighting Department.”

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

Attention Well Owners!

This spring, the Keweenaw Bay Natural Resources Department (KBARD) will be collecting drinking water samples to determine the levels of uranium in tribal member wells. KBARD Water Resources staff will be conducting the sampling. Wells screened within the Jacobsville Sandstone formation will be given first priority but all tribal member residences are eligible for testing. Contact KBARD staff if you would like to have your home sampled.

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W.H.I.P.P.
(Wellness, Health, Intervention, Prevention, Program) Task Force

Mission Statement: “The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Wellness, Health, Intervention, Prevention Program is dedicated to improving and maintaining the general health and well being of our employees, dependents, and community members. Our goal is to provide information, activities, motivation, services, and recognition to enhance the ability of people to better manage their own health, improve their quality of life, and reduce their risk of disease and injury.”

Positive lifestyle choices develop a culture that is focused on celebrating and improving the quality of life for all.”

Thank you to everyone who made the recent Health Fair on February 19th at the Community Center by the Marquette Casino a success! Everyone loves the health fair, and there is always great information and free items for your good health and well being. There were 12 vendors and the WHIPP Task Force and Tribal Health had booths. Thank you to all who donated and worked so hard to prepare and make sure that everything was taken care of. The information regarding healthy brown bag lunches and healthy snacks was also provided by the WHIPP task force. There were also great prizes (see list of winners). Also good job to everyone who was participating in the exercising and walking programs (also in Marquette).

April is “National Cancer Control Month.” According to the National Cancer Institute, cancer treatment accounted for $72.1 billion in 2004—just under 5% of U.S. spending for all medical treatment. The National Institutes of Health estimated that cancer caused a 17.9 million, or 4% drop in employee productivity in 2006. PREVENTION PAYS: prevention and early detection are the keys to fighting cancer! Although no prevention measure is guaranteed to stop cancer, there are steps to take to help stop cancer. A pastel people photo on page ten.

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The Four Thunders Drum Prevention/Intervention program recently presented to members of the KBIC community proved to be a success. Male and female participants of all ages attended the three session event which brought community members together, provided people the opportunity to learn the cultural meaning of the drum and songs, and to provide the people with an alternative to drugs and violence. The three sessions were presented as part of the KBIC Weed & Seed Community initiative along with a partnership from the KBIC Youth Programs. Chris Gerard, Weed and Seed Coordinator, stated, “The Four Thunders Drum event turned out to be more popular than we expected. It was an awesome experience to see so many people of all ages attend and take part in the construction of the drum, stick making, singing, and the cultural meaning behind the drum. I want to thank Lisa Denomie and Amber Houston for preparing the food, the KBIC youth program employees, community members took part, and a special thanks to the Four Thunders Drum group.” Weed & Seed and the KBIC Youth Programs plan on holding shorter drum sessions throughout the summer. These events will be advertised when they are scheduled.

- Submitted by Chris Gerard
SECRETARY’S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2010.

Activities reported by the Secretary, Susan J. LaFernier, for the month of February 2010.

We all need to commit to do our part to make a difference to protect our environment and change the world. I hope that you have been learning how to save and conserve energy to protect our Earth if you are able. I continue to emphasize that every month is “Energy Awareness Month,” and our theme for the year is “Commit to Conserve.” There are simple everyday conservation measures we can take and commit to practicing. There are also everyday measures we can do to reduce air pollution, conserve water, reduce/reuse/recycle/buy materials, and prevent pollution in general. Once again, October is Energy Awareness Month! This year’s theme, “A Sustainable Energy Future—Putting All the Pieces Together,” encourages you to see yourself as a piece of a puzzle fitting into the big picture, shaping our energy future, and moving our nation toward energy independence. All of this information is available on the EPA.gov and energy.gov websites.

Please do your part to protect our earth and water every day. It is our responsibility: Tribes, residents, municipalities, businesses, and visitors need to protect and respect all our water and land. (And all of our lakes) waters, land, and wildlife. The lakes have always been and always will be important to the quality of our life.

In order to have monthly meetings with our employee wellness group and our Blue Cross representative/Employee Benefit Agency. The official name for the Task Force is: H.I.P.P. (Wellness, Health, Intervention, Prevention Program). The members of the task force also developed a mission statement that reads: “The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC), a non-profit, non-partisan organization is dedicated to improving and maintaining the general health and well being of our employees, dependents, and community members. Our goal is to provide information, activities, motivation, services, and recognition to enhance the ability of people to better manage their own health, improve their quality of life, and reduce their risk of diseases, injury, and illness. Positive lifestyle choices develop a culture that is focused on celebrating and improving the quality of life for all. It is never too late to encourage positive lifestyle behaviors that will help us live longer, happier lives.” The Task Force sponsored a booth at the Health Fair on February 12th that featured healthy “brown bag lunches” with recipe samples and also samples of healthy/delicious trail mix. A mini version was also presented for the Marquette Casino Snails to be distributed at the snack bar. Thank you to everyone who prepared for the Fair and helped bring the day of the Fair. There was much work to do, and everyone did a great job with ideas, donations, and assembling the brown bags. Also thank you to our Health Department for all of their hard work on the Health Fair.

Approved the meeting minutes of October 1, 3, and 5, 2009;

Approved a donation of $250 to the K.B. Hwy's First Church. The church requested the donation to be held in L’Anse on February 19-20-21;

Approved $1000 to the “Pallone for Congress” campaign;

Denied a $385 request from a Marquette Tribal member for payment of diabetic shoes because the proper process was not followed;

Approved the Four Thunders Drum Prevention/Intervention Program services agreement for 2010;

Approved the meeting minutes of October 17, 24, 28, and 29, 2009;

Approved a Tribal contribution of $29,000 for the balance needed for the new Tribal Information System—Rite Track;

Approved Resolution KB1713-29 for the Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program from the U.S. Department of Justice;

Approved a tank of gas from the Pines and two lunches at the per diem rate for JoAnn Jaukkuri’s trip to Marquette for a disability hearing;

Approved up to $658 per person for up to eight people to attend the HACCP Training in Brimley in March;

Approved Resolution KB1736-2010 NiGA Membership Renewal for $750;

Defeated a motion to issue a $50 fine regarding a Gaming Commission issue;

Approved postponing Gaming Commission Actions #008 and #009-2010 until the Tribal Council could meet with John Bussey the next week;

Approved Gaming Commission Actions #010/011/012 regarding the Annual Reports from the Ojibwa Casino Resort in Baraga, Ojibwa Casino in Marquette, and the Big Bucks Bingo Hall in Baraga, per the Gaming Regulatory Ordinance.

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

Approved the CEO’s Report for January 2010;

Approved a request for two deer tags for the Marcy 13th NMU PowWow;

Approved the second extension agreement to employment agreement for Michael Tisiku (Dick Storm);

Approved the tribal winery application to participate in the ATM machines effective September 1, 2009;

Approved the MOU between KBIC and the Department of Human Services — Office of Child Support and Addendum A. Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. LaFernier, Secretary

NOTICE: Please list your Keweenaw Bay Indian Community events... and related events for our Community with Janice Halverson, Administrative Specialist. This will help to prevent overlapping of meetings/events and will help our Community plan to attend all the events that they’d like to attend. Send to: Janice Halverson, 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, Michigan 49908, or call (906) 353-4104, or fax to (906) 353-7540, or e-mail to jhalverson@kbic-nsn.gov, MiLGWECH. (8) Ishwaaswi
WILD RICE PLANTING AND WETLAND ENHANCEMENT

Wild rice (manoomin) is the “food that grows on water” whose presence fulfilled the prophecies foretold in the Anishinaabe’s migration from the west to the east. It is used in our daily lives, ceremonies, and feasts. Manoomin is a high ecological value for both wildlife and fish habitat. It can help maintain water quality by securing loose soil and utilizing nutrients. The distribution of wild rice in the western Upper Peninsula of Michigan has declined dramatically from historic levels due mainly to logging and dam building. In 1991, we could not document any wild rice present in our area. With assistance from the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Flight Program and the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission, we have identified suitable wild rice habitats and planted thousands of pounds of wild rice enhancing 13 wetland areas within Baraga County. In 2009, we planted 1800 pounds of rice, enhancing approximately 33 acres at five separate L’Anse Reservation locations. Circle of Flight funding also allows us to conduct annual wetland assessments to measure success of previous enhancements. Currently we have successfully established wild rice within eight locations, providing forage for wildlife and harvest opportunities for Tribal members. Circle of Flight funding has also helped us maintain partnerships with various other area groups. Over the past three years, we have been working cooperatively with the Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Ottawa National Forest, Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission, and the Department of Agriculture to re-establish self sustaining stands of wild rice within the Ottawa National Forest. In 2009, we planted wild rice in ten acres of three lakes within the Ottawa; Lake Sainte Kathryn, Lake Thir- eene, and Kunze Lake. Wild rice was present at all three sites from last year’s seeding efforts. Parent Lake is a larger inland lake which was recently assessed and may be suitable for future planting.

WILD RICE HARVESTING

Wild rice gathering is managed and regulated by Keweenaw Bay Indian Community’s Tribal Hunting, Fishing, Trapping, and Gathering Code of Law. This activity requires Tribal members to have a Tribal hunting, fishing, trapping, and gathering card. The Wild Rice Chief (Eleanor Mode) designates wild rice harvesting areas in August of each year. There were wild rice harvests at Sand Pt. Sloughs in 1999-2002, and Robillard Impoundment in 2002. Due to limited opportunities for harvesting on-Reservation partnerships, and cooperative efforts being funded. Partnerships for planting of wild rice and other wetland enhancements have included Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Ottawa National Forest, Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Cedar Tree Institute, Superior Watershed Partnership, the Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve, Baraga County Cub scouts, Michigan Natural Features Inventory, Beartown Firefighters, and others.

Please contact the Natural Resource Department at (906) 572-5757 if you have any questions. Photos by KBTNRI Department.

Submitted by Todd Warner

40th Anniversary of EARTH DAY, April 22, 2010

“... on April 22, 1970, Earth Day was held, one of the most remarkable happenings in the history of democracy...” - American Heritage Magazine, October 1993.

The founder of Earth Day was Senator Gaylord Nelson and he had the idea evolved over a period of seven years starting in 1962. It is that time of the year again—Spring is here and let’s continue our awareness of Earth Day by cleaning our roadsides and our yards of the winter debris. Also the week of April 19-24th is National Volunteer Week. I thank all of you who have volunteered in the past with cleaning our Reservation roadside. The new, blue beautiful signs will be put along the roadsides soon honoring those volunteers who participate in our Adopt-A-Road Program. Be watching for more environment caring programs in the coming years from our Tribal Department.

For more information, visit www.epa.gov/energy/greenyard or contact cleangarden@epa.gov.
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;
- Supporting housing/transitional housing to help address family issues;
- New, custom built, super-insulated homes for homeownership on Bear Town Road;
- Home buyer training to prepare members for home ownership;
- Financial literacy training to improve members’ financial skills;
- Home maintenance training to improve members’ ability to maintain homes;
- Home rehabilitation program to improve the condition of member-owned homes;
- Home emergency assistance program to remedy negative conditions in the home;
- Individual development account program – a 4:1 matched savings program for member goals that include:

1. Down payment assistance for home purchase;
2. 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 members for prescriptions;
- 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

Robert J. “Bob” Grainger
August 2, 1955—February 23, 2010

Funeral services for Robert J. “Bob” Grainger, age 54, of Rice, Minnesota, who died at his home on Tuesday, February 23, 2010, were held at Forest Hill Cemetery in February 2010, at the Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church in Rice, Minnesota.

Bob Grainger was born on August 2, 1955, in Milwaukee, WI, to Vernon and Margaret (Crebessa) Grainger, Margaret was later re-married to Donald Stolp who raised Bob as his son. Bob married Linda Madigan, the girl of his dreams, on October 27, 2001, at Love of Christ Lutheran Church in St. Cloud. He and Linda lived a good life together. Bob owned B&L Electronics for the past five years. He also worked for Minnesota Electronics. Bob was a member of Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church. He enjoyed deer hunting in Barnes, WI, McGregor, MN, and on the “rez” in L’Anse, MI. Bob also enjoyed fishing on Lake Mille Lacs, North Long Lake, and Lake of the Woods chasing “them illusive walleyes.” He was also an avid and loyal Green Bay Packers fan.

Survivors include his wife, Linda of Rice; daughter, Sondra of Richfield; step children, Patrick Quinlan of Mounds View, Kelly (Tim) Stell of Mounds View, Thomas (Heidi) Quinlan of Royalton, Jeffrey Quinlan of Minneapolis, and Daniel Quinlan of Mounds View; and three step grandchildren; brothers, Joseph (Pat) Grainger of Waukesha, WI, Donald Stolp of L’Anse, MI, Douglas (Chrisly) Stolp, Dennis (Angie) Stolp and Darrel Stolp all of Milwaukee. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Guest book and video tribute are available online at www.williamsdinmann.com. The Dingmann Family Funeral Home of Sauk Rapids, Minnesota, assisted the family.

WHPP—Marquette Health Fair continued

decrease the risk: maintain a healthy weight throughout your life; adopt a physically active lifestyle; eat a healthy diet; and if you drink alcohol beverages, limit consumption. Also April is “Celebrate Minority Health Month” Healthy Men, Women, and Children move our Communities forward!

Remember to get your blood pressure and cholesterol checked to keep hearts, veins and brains healthy. A quick lesson on cholesterol levels: Total Cholesterol: includes you LDL, HDL, and all other lipoproteins. A desirable level is less than 200 mg/dL. Low-Density Lipoprotein (LDL) is considered the “bad” cholesterol because it transports cholesterol through the body and can build up in the artery walls. An optimal LDL reading is less than 100 mg/dL (less than 70 if you have heart disease already or are at very high risk). The higher your LDL count, the greater your risk of heart attack. High-Density Lipoprotein (HDL) is considered this “good” cholesterol because it can reduce your risk of heart disease by transport- ing cholesterol away from arteries and to the liver where it becomes harmless. A desired level is 40 mg/dL for men and 50 mg/dL for women. Triglycerides are another type of fat in the blood. Hormones regulate the release of these fats to meet the body’s energy needs between meals. High levels can increase your risk for heart disease. A desirable level is less than 150 mg/dL. An employee said she remembers the difference between LDL and HDL as: LDL = lousy (bad) and HDL = happy (good).

Happy Easter to you on April 4th!

Health Fair Winners:
Water bottles—Kristina Misegan, Kitty Menhennick, Lisa Bressette, BJ Ouellette, Mary LaRose, Billie Jo Tahhtine, Dennis Lane.
First aid kits—Erica McGrath, Julia Anderson, Patricia Joyal.
Charging valet—Randy Petersen
Tote bags—Rob Collins, Cathy Woodward, Amanda Furr, Linda Pilto, Arika Fassbender, Misty Rose, Shelley Bai
T-shirts—Sara Carlson, Kim Vanlinden, Roger Chambers, Joanne Peterson, Brenda Shaw, John Williams
Pool balls—Patrick Mager
Thermal blanket/nap—Mary Bawden
$25 Jacks cards—Erik Hintsala, Mary LaRose, Julia Anderson, Janet Warwick, Jess Filipus, Erik Hintsala
T-shirts—Erica DeGarmo
$50 Visa card—Rob Collins
Intelligent water bottle—Vickie LaPorte
Thermal mugs—Patty Joyal, Sara Carlson, Joanne Petersen, Kim Vanlinden, Amanda Furr, Peggy Winters, Theresa Benson, Misty Bowen, Gabe Wasiewicz, William Miller (Hskp)
Avon bags—Arika Fassbender, Dennis Lane

website: www.kboha.com

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
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Is Your Home Computer Asleep When You Are?

Your computer is arguably the most entertaining, educational, and often used electronic device in your home. Most of us probably take it for granted that it does all these things using relatively little electricity. But according to firms that monitor such things, Energy Star reports that electronic gadgets, most notably computers, can account for as much as 25% of home energy use. Surprisingly, despite the amount of time the average American spends in front of the television, home computers often still account for more overall energy consumption.

One major reason for this disparity may be that the average home computer is continuously left on. Most owners allow their computers to run not just for the sake of convenience, but for the simple fact that they’re not aware that they have other power-down options that don’t involve manually shutting down the operating system.

According to Allyson Klein, a technology manager for 85% of computers in the U.S. do not have their built-in power management settings utilized. If you have even limited experience with your computer, adjusting these settings is as easy as changing your screen saver. It’s a simple step you can do right now to reduce your energy consumption.

In defense of the “average” PC owner, Microsoft hasn’t exactly made the energy-saving options intuitive. In the prevalent Windows environment, both XP and Vista have these settings labeled slightly differently, depending on which operating system you’re using.

There are quick online tutorials that explain step-by-step how to take control the power management to best suit your individual needs. Listed below are a couple of links to get you started:
http://www.energystar.gov/indext.cfm?c=power_mgt_pr_power_mgt_manual_act win xp
FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS
NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS* FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS UNITED STATES AND ALASKA
(Effective October 1, 2009)

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

Income Deductions—see 7 CFR 253.6(f)
Dependent Care Deduction — Households that qualify for the dependent care deduction are allowed a deduction of actual dependent care costs paid monthly to a non-household member.
Earned Income Deduction — Households with earned income are allowed a deduction of 20 percent of their earned income.
Medical Part B Medical Insurance and Part D Prescription Drug Coverage Premiums — Households that incur the cost of Medicare Part B medical insurance and/or Part D prescription drug coverage premiums are allowed a deduction for the monthly cost of the premiums.
Child Support Deduction — Households that incur the cost of legally required child support to or for a non-household member are allowed a deduction for the amount of monthly child support paid.
- Cannot be on food stamps.

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

An Open Letter to Library Patrons:
Recently, I’ve had several patrons upset and confused by the library policy of returning items to the library and finding out they have fines the next time they want to check items out. I hope this explanation will end the confusion:
- If you return an item or items and they come in before or the day of the due date, you will not have any fines.
- If you return an item after the due date, there will be fines of $.05 daily. So even when the book is returned and put back on the shelf, you are still responsible for the fines. This is the practice of all libraries.
- I also want to make you aware that the library system is computerized and mistakes do happen. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Mary Bergerson
Library Director

NMU HOSTS INDIGENOUS EARTH ISSUES SUMMIT
MARQUETTE, Mich.—The third annual Indigenous Earth Issues Summit will be held on Monday, April 5, at Northern Michigan University in Marquette, Mich. The public is invited to attend free of charge, and no registration is required. Events begin at 9 a.m. in the Great Lakes Rooms of the University Center and culminate with an evening keynote presentation by the Church of the Flying Indian Movement activist, scholar and author.

Workshop presenters will offer hands-on training in indigenous environmental activism strategies, share information on current indigenous environmental issues, and engage participants in activities based on learning from Mother Earth. Eco-vendors and informational tables on environmental issues will also be featured.

Churchill’s presentation is titled “Water is Life: Reflections on an Omnipresent Equation.” He will offer a holistic perspective on indigenous environmental issues and will discuss how Indigenous concerns over water issues fit into the context of the bigger picture.

“Colonialism equals genocide,” writes Churchill in his book, ‘Struggle for the Land.’ “Colonialism also equals ecocide. The Native struggle for the liberation of our homelands is a struggle to achieve decolonization,” Churchill added that it is not just a Native issue: “Like it or not, we are all—Indian and non-Indian alike—finally in the same boat. Either Native North America will be liberated or liberation will be defined for us once and for all. We must take our stand together.”

Other invited guests from across North America include:
- Gail Small (Cheyenne), executive director of Native Action, who has been fighting to protect her reservation from coal companies for more than 25 years. She is featured in the film ‘Homeland: Four Portraits of Native Action.’ Her workshop will focus on how to draft Tribal laws and use organizing, alliances and legal challenges to assert Tribal control over resource extraction on and around Indian reservations.
- Ben Yahola (Quasartte/Tokobutchee), who has developed an effective Native community project in Thunder Bay, Ontario. Through various media, the community keeps an eye on the land in order to ensure its ecological health in the face of industrialism. His workshop will offer participants skills and ideas on how to create similar organizations in their own communities.
- Damien Lee (Anishinaabe), who has developed an effective Native community project in Thunder Bay, Ontario. Through various media, the community keeps an eye on the land in order to ensure its ecological health in the face of industrialism. His workshop will offer participants skills and ideas on how to create similar organizations in their own communities.
- The Summit is hosted by the NMU Center for Native American Studies, with generous support from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Com- munity. More information can be found by visiting http://www.nmu.edu/nativeamericans or by calling 906-227-1397. Eco-vendors interested in reserving a space should call the same number to apply by March 31.

- submitted by Kristi Evans

EARLY YEARS ARE LEARNING YEARS
KCBI Even Start Celebrates National Month of the Young Child
April 2010 – KCBI Even Start Family Literacy Center asks Baraga County to come together for children during April’s Month of the Young Child. As part of the National Association for the Education of Young Children’s (NAEYC) annual celebration, KCBI Even Start is honoring young children and all those who make a positive difference in children’s lives with the 3rd Annual Dream Catcher Award.
“All young children need and deserve high-quality early learning experiences that will prepare them for life, and our Dream Catcher Award provides a great opportunity to recognize those who do an outstanding job to help young children in our county,” said Gail Jun tunen, program coordinator. “The Month of the Young Child is a time set aside for local communities to remember that the ‘early years are learning years’ for all young children.”

The Dream Catcher Award was created two years ago as a way to draw attention to outstanding local individuals whose work with young children has contributed to early learning readiness and success in school. So, during the Month of the Young Child, KCBI Even Start asks the community to recognize the importance of early learning and early literacy, and to celebrate the people and policies that bring early childhood education to young children. The public is invited to submit Dream Catcher nominations for any Baraga County resident deserving of recognition in the field of early education. This award is KCBI Even Start’s tribute to the caring men and women who, in many different ways, contribute to the education and welfare of young children ages zero-eight.

Nominations for this year’s Dream Catcher Award can be submitted to the KCBI Even Start office at 353-8161, Fax 353-8169 or by e-mail at gjuntunen@kcbc-nsn.gov. Please submit your nomination for any outstanding local individual whose work with young children has contributed to early learning readiness and success in school. The KCBI Even Start asks the public to remember that the ‘early years are learning years’ for all young children.”

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April 18-24th is National Volunteer Week!

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Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Employment Opportunities

On Call positions:
* Community Service Supervisor
* Cashier
* Receptor/Clerical Worker
* LPN
* Pre-Primary Teaching Assistant
* Account Executive/Sales
* Youth Program & Facility Attendant
* Keweenaw Bay Indian Community

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