The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community’s Department of Health and Human Services celebrated the Community’s newly refurbished and expanded Health Center and the opening of their newest service, a pharmacy, on Friday, September 30, 2011. After nearly a year of construction, the Community is now enjoying a beautifully expanded health facility which includes a much needed service for all Tribal members, a fully staffed 340B pharmacy.

Carole LaPointe, Health Director, spoke after the opening. She began with a history of Indian Health Services (IHS), a 90-year timeline, “The appropriation to IHS by Congress to provide medical services and health care programs to Native Americans was made available through the Snyder Act of 1921. In 1955, the Transfer Act moved health care from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, establishing the IHS. When I first came on as the Health Director, I had the opportunity to attend an IHS conference regarding Contract Health Services (CHS). I attended the ‘CHS 101’ Workshop where they went on to explain what a Contract Health Service Delivery Area (CHSDA) was and how CHSDA’s became determined. I learned that a meeting was hosted by the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) at the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Health Center where area Tribal leaders and health care persons came together to influence legislation that would benefit all of us. The Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act of 1975 authorized the Secretaries of the Department of Interior, Health, Education and Welfare, and some other agencies to enter into contracts with and make grants directly to federally recognized Indian tribes. This Act gave tribes the authority on how they administered the funds and which gave a greater control over their own welfare. The Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA) of 1976 implemented federal responsibility for the care and education of the Indian people by improving the services and facilities of Federal Indian health programs. The Indian Self-Determination Act Amendments of 1988 authorized the BIA to negotiate compacts. Under a Self-Governance Compact, an Indian tribe can administer and manage programs, activities, functions, and services previously managed by the BIA. It acknowledges tribal authority to redesign those programs and services to meet the needs of their communities, within the flexibility of allocating funds based on tribal priorities. In 1992, amendments to the IHCIA extended the Title III self-governance demonstration to the IHS and its programs. In 1994, Congress passed the Tribal Self-Governance Act, making Self-Governance a permanent authority of the Department Of Interior. In 2002, the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community received a Self Governance Compact. The 2010 Health Reform Law was passed by current administration...
Mission Statement of the KBIC Dept. of Health and Human Services FY 2012

Our mission is to be a leader in Tribal Health and Human Services Programming and innovative strategies that contribute to building strong, healthy families and patient-centered care.

Our motto is: "Promoting and Enhancing the Healthcare of the Community."

Goal — The Tribal Healthcare Facility has expanded to meet the needs of our Community.

Our facility expansion is complete and we have added much needed dental hygiene bays and chairs for preventative dental care. We have centralized riception and billing staff, and now have the convenience of an in-house pharmacy for direct patient care. We continue to implement the electronic health record to meet our goal of becoming fully electronic by March of 2012. We continue to work toward achieving designation as a "Patient Centered Medical Home" through Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and in conjunction with Indian Health Services "Improving Patient Care" program (IPC-4). PCMH designation will increase reimbursement from Blue Cross Blue Shield by 20% and promote our continuing effort in increasing quality of care for our community.

Goal — To offer and implement a wide variety of Prevention and Educational Health Programs for members of the KBIC.

Supplemental grant funding will allow us to offer quality prevention and education Health Programs, in areas such as: Diabetes Prevention, Cancer Awareness, Obesity Prevention in Adults and Children, Domestic Violence prevention, Psychological services for Fathers and Children, Community Emergency Preparedness, Immunization, Women/Men Health Care, Tobacco Cessation, Healthy Eating, and Physical Activity.

Goal — Quality, Affordable Healthcare is available to all tribal members.

With implementation of meaningful use in the electronic health record, we will obtain status as a Patient-Centered Medical Home to improve the quality of healthcare provided to our community members. We will constantly review and assess services to increase patient satisfaction and improve customer service. We will continue to educate our community on CHS and other health benefits to maximize funding streams designed to enhance and improve the healthcare of our people. We will begin to organize the KBIC Health Care Foundation to meet the unmet health needs of our community.

KBIC TRIBAL PHARMACY NOW A REALITY

The KBIC Pharmacy opened for business on Wednesday, September 7, 2011. Pharmacist James Vollmar (pictured above), was brought on as a consultant to organize and implement the opening of the new pharmaceutical services offered at the Donald LaPointe Medical Facility. He will remain contracted for his services. Cindy Anderson, Pharmacist Technician (pictured above), was recently hired in a full-time position. Plans are to hire an additional full-time Pharmacist and a second Pharmacist Assistant in the near future.

All Tribal members and descendants are eligible for prescription services, however, you MUST be a patient of our Tribal physicians to have your medications filled by the KBIC Pharmacy.

Please bring all medical cards, insurance cards, and other prescription coverage cards you may have available to add to your patient record. There will be no co-pay required from patients who are using the KBIC pharmacy. Hours of Service will be from 8:00 - 4:30 p.m., M-F. Phone number to the Pharmacy is 906-353-4555.

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KEWEENAW BAY TRIBAL MEMBER DOCTOR WORKS FOR KBIC

KBIC member, Dr. Dan St. Arnold is the son of Samuel St. Arnold, nephew of Lort Rasanen (St. Arnold), and cousin of Jim St. Arnold. His parents, Samuel and Audrey live in Maryland and raised their children there.

Dr. St. Arnold, resides in Albuquerque, NM. He stopped in last summer and said he was visiting the area and wouldn’t mind filling in sometime for our physicians while they are on summer vacation. Dr. St. Arnold stated, “I knew Donald LaPointe, and he was instrumental in getting me a recommendation for a scholarship which helped me to attend medical school.” Carole LaPointe, Health Director, said, “We were very happy to have Dr. St. Arnold fill-in for us for three-weeks last September. He has informed us that he would come again but would prefer to come when the weather is warmer and would like to have notice at least a year in advance, if and when this does occur.”

Carole LaPointe added, “At a good-bye luncheon held by the department for Dr. St. Arnold, he told us that Dr. Zobro and he attended the same residency program, only five-seven years apart, at Michigan State University.”

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THIRD PHYSICIAN HIRED FOR KBIC

Dr. Bridget Reidy Returns To KBIC Medical Clinic

(PIctured below) Dr. Bridget Reidy, MD, Board certified physician in family Practice and Hospice and Palliative Medicine, returned to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community on October 20, 2011, with her regular clinic business hours beginning on Monday, October 24, 2011.

CANDIDATES APPROVED FOR TRIBAL PRIMARY ELECTION

At a Tribal Council meeting held on October 10, 2011, Council approved the L’Anse and Baraga District candidates for the 2011 Primary Election.

Baraga District candidates are: Robin Lee Chosa, Robert D. Curtis, Jr., John F. Davis, Janice M. Halverson, Carole LaPointe, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Dominic Picciano, and Isabelle Helene Welsh. L’Anse District candidates are: Lyndon Ekdahl, William E. Emery, Jean “Halverson” Jokinen, and Elizabeth C. Matthews.

A primary election will NOT be held in the L’Anse District for Tribal Council. It is not necessary as the number of candidates did not exceed twice the number of offices to be filled. These positions will appear on the Ballot during the General Election on December 17, 2011.

Dawn Kemppainen has been hired as the Dental Receptionist at the Donald LaPointe Health Center. Dawn is a KBIC member, the daughter of Dorothy and Bob “Red” Mayo. Dawn states, “I was born and raised in Baraga, and I now reside in Zeba with my husband of 28 years, Robert Kemppainen. Robert has worked at the Baraga Maximum Prison for the past 23 years. We have two adult children, grandchildren, Kaylee, the apple of my eye.”

To make dental appointments, contact Dawn at 353-8787.

Welcome!

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

New Employees continues page four.

NEW EMPLOYEES

Dr. Reidy worked for the Tribal Health Clinic in the early 90s when out of residency school in Marquette. Dr. Reidy states, “My forte is diabetes.” For the last nineteen years she has held positions in house call practice, part-time Hospice Medical Director for Hospice of Michigan, and family practice and urgent care assignments through Vista Staffing Solutions. She also worked at Northern Navajo Medical Center in Shiprock, New Mexico.

“We envision a women’s health clinic and continued dedication to a comprehensive patient-centered medical care approach for diabetics and other chronic illnesses. Home visits will be an option in the future on a scheduled basis,” stated Carole LaPointe, Health Director. “I hope Dr. Reidy will be with us for a long time. We have seen an increased need for another physician since the pharmacy opened in early September. We are working to meet the needs of our increasingly growing caseload.” You can make an appointment with Dr. Bridget Reidy by calling 353-8700.

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New Employees continues:

Emily Evans
Emily Evans has been hired as a Deputy Court Clerk. Emily is the daughter of Mathew and Nancy Shallfio. Emily said, “I live in Baraga with my husband and two children. I have lived here most of my life with the exception of living in Albuquerque for four years. My husband, Aaron, my son, Noah, and I moved back to the area two-and-a-half years ago. We also have an eleven-month-old daughter, Madyson. I enjoy spending my free time with my family.

I have worked for the community in different positions, most recently the Pre-Primary Program. I am honored to work for the Tribal Court. I am enjoying my new position here at the court office.”

Beth Fish
Beth Fish has been hired as a Deputy Court Clerk. Beth says, “I live in Baraga with my husband, two kids, and two step kids. I am a 2002 graduate of NMU with a Bachelors Degree in Business/Marketing. I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, cooking, and gardening. I am very excited to be back at work for the KBIC Tribal Court. Since my last hire with them in 1997-2001, WOW! Things have changed. Many of these duties were non-existent or duties performed by the clerks. Now there is a department for Child Support, Drug Court, two Probation Officers, a Court Advocate, a Court Clerk, and two Deputy Clerks. I am looking forward to working hard and being part of the team here at the Court.”

Tyler Larson
Tyler Larson has been hired as a Probation Officer at the KBIC Tribal Court. Tyler, a KBIC member, previously worked as the Weed & Seed Coordinator. Tyler said, “Unfortunately, the Weed & Seed program is at the ending stages of the grant life, but I am happy to be able to move into a more permanent position. Probation was something I was interested in doing when completing my Criminal Justice Degree at NMU, and now an opportunity has come up. I have work experience with all the partners involved, and I’m excited to continue working to help strengthen our Justice system.”

“When I’m not working, I like to spend time with my daughter and fiancé and as well as watching the Packers dominate on Sundays.”

Thurza Mathes was hired on September 15, 2011, as the new Prevention Worker at KBIC Tribal Social Services. Thurza will be providing prevention services to families with children and adults. Thurza previously worked in Hancock at Teaching Family Homes, as a Families First worker. Prior to that she worked in the Metro Detroit area at Vista Maria as a residential worker and in Specialized Foster Care. Thurza obtained her Bachelor’s Degree in Social Work through Michigan State University in 1989. Thurza said, “I am very happy to work for KBIC Tribal Social Services and be given the opportunity to help families in the local area.

Thurza comes from an Air Force family and until the age of 16, has lived in many different states and as well as three years in Germany. Thurza’s father is from the Calumet area, and she states that she always visited the Calumet area to see her grandmother every year. Thurza is currently engaged and has an eight-year-old daughter. She says, “I enjoy quilting, camping, being a Girl Scout Leader, and going to Bingo with my sister and parents.”

Isabelle Welsh, the previous Prevention Worker, recently accepted the Foster Care Coordinator position with the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS (FDPIR) NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS* (Effective October 1, 2011)

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

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Each additional member + $399

FDPIR Income Deductions—see 7 CFR 253.6(d)
Earned Income Deduction — Households with earned income are allowed a deduction of 20 percent of their earned income.
Dependant 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.
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.
Medicare Part B Medical Insurance and Part D Prescription Drug Coverage Premiums — Households that incur the cost of Medicare Part B medical insurance and/or Part D prescription drug coverage premiums are allowed a deduction for the monthly cost of the premium.
FDPIR Resource Standards—see 7 CFR 253.6(d)
$3,250 for households with at least one elderly or disabled member.
$2,000 for households without any elderly or disabled members.

Congratulations to Keith Lofquist on receiving his G.E.D. Best of Luck in the future, from the staff and students at KBIC Even Start.

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Organization calls Indian Country to honor tireless leader's advocacy work with continued action on rights protection and cancer awareness

Washington, DC - The President of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), Jefferson Keel, has released a statement on the passing of Elouise Cobell, calling for Indian Country to honor the legacy of one of Indian Country's most influential advocates by continuing to protect the rights of American Indian and Alaska Native people everywhere. NCAI also called for Indian Country to honor her life by confronting the quiet but devastating force of cancer which took the life of Elouise Cobell and is the second leading cause of death among American Indian women and Natives older than 45.

"Elouise Cobell represented the indelible will and strength of Indian Country, able to inspire a generation of American Indians to act," Keel said. "Cobell, who authored the first ever comprehensive study of the American Indian Health CARE Act, was a trailblazer for the health and wellbeing of the health on the health of Native people," continued Keel. "Just like Elouise taught us, we must not shy away from taking on what seems insurmountable. We must acknowledge cancer's deadly will and strength of Indian Country, and we must not shy away from confronting the challenge of cancer.

"Elouise Cobell, a member of the Blackfeet Tribe in Montana and lead plaintiff in the historic Cobell v. Salazar litigation, was presented with NCAI's Indian Country Leadership Award following the Cobell Settlement in 2010. The award recognized her years of service to American Indian account holders. NCAI's resolution called for Indian Country to continue supporting the Cobell settlement.

"From her life, we have lessons of resilience and commitment, and in her passing, we have lessons that will inspire us to continue fighting for health for the health of our Native people," continued Keel. "We must acknowledge cancer's vicious assault on Indian Country's most vulnerable resource, our people. We will honor her with a promise to the future generation of leaders that follow in Elouise Cobell's footsteps, to continue the fight for the health of our people." According to Native American Cancer Research (NACR), cancer is the second leading cause of death among American Indian women and among American Indians older than 45 years of age. In 2008, the American Cancer Society released the first large-scale national study about cancer among American Indians, and Alaska Natives. The report stated "For all cancers combined: Incidence rates are 50 percent higher than the rates for non-Hispanic whites."
The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community recognizes October as Domestic Awareness Month, and in doing so held their 3rd Annual Chelsey LaFernier Memorial Walk on October 7, 2011. With over 400 registered for the day’s events, the attendees began their day participating in four breakout sessions: “Dynamics and History of Violence” and “Advocacy for Native Women” by Ruth Oja, a Victim’s Advocate from the Hannahville Indian Community, and “Impacts of Violence on Children” and “Safety Planning” by Beatrice Jackson and Anita Sherman of the United Three Fires Against Violence.

Walkers gathered for the 1.8 mile walk on the corner of Lyons and McGillian Street, in Baraga, Michigan, near the home where Chelsey LaFernier, a KBIC member, was murdered by her domestic partner. Chelsey’s life was taken on January 22, 2009, through a devastating act of domestic violence. The group proceeded through the tribal neighborhoods onto M-38 to Beartown Road where participants gathered at the Niwin Akeaa Center in the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College. Participants received purple shirts to wear on their journey. Purple is not only the color which represents domestic abuse awareness, it was also Chelsey’s favorite. The evening’s events began with Chelsey’s sister, Lily Leinonen, citing a poem she wrote for Chelsey, followed by a release of balloons to signify and acknowledge survivors of domestic violence. Proceeding a Feast, Four Thunders Drum presented the Honor Song for the occasion, followed by an opening prayer by elder, Myrtle Tolonen. Tribal Council Secretary Susan LaFernier gave the welcome, opening remarks, and introduced the keynote speaker, Mildred Muhammad.

Mildred Muhammad, is the ex-wife of John Allen Muhammad, the DC Sniper. A powerful speaker, Mildred Muhammad told her story of how she was the intended target. “John told me, ‘I don’t mind because you don’t matter.’ At one point, he told me, ‘You have become my enemy and as my enemy, I will kill you.’” John Allen Muhammad, the DC Sniper was sentenced to death in September 2003. He took part in the Washington sniper attacks during a three-week period in October 2002. On November 10, 2009, Muhammad was executed by lethal injection. Investigators also believed Muhammad intended to kill his ex-wife Mildred, who had estranged him from his children. According to this theory, she would appear to be just another random victim of the snipers. Muhammad frequented the neighborhood where she lived during the attacks, and some of the incidents occurred nearby.

This year’s event were planned by the KBIC Ojibwa Women Survivor Advisory Committee, the OVW (Office of Violence Against Women) Programs and Services, and the Baraga County Shelter Home. They received assistance from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community’s: Tribal Council, Language Program, Weed and Seed Program, Tribal Social Services, Youth Programs, New Day, and Cultural Committee, and the Ojibwa Casino and Resort.

(Gone But Not Forgotten,” written by Kelsy Y. Sheppard, cited by Lily Leinonen
You were so full of life,
Always smiling and carefree,
Life loved you being a part of it,
And I loved you being a part of me.
You could make anyone laugh,
If they were having a bad day,
No matter how sad I was,
You could take the hurt away.
Nothing could every stop you,
Or even make you fall,
You were ready to take on the world,
Ready to do it all.
But god decided he needed you,
So from this world you left,
But you took a piece of all of us,
Our hearts are what you kept.
Your seat is now empty,
And it’s hard not to see your face,
But please always know this,
No one will ever take your place,
You left without a warning,
Not even saying good-bye,
And I can’t seem to stop,
Asking the question why?
Nothing will ever be the same,
The halls are empty without your laughter,
But I know you’re in Heaven,
Watching over us and looking after.
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November is Native American Heritage Month

SPEAKER: Jim St. Arnold, Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission

Wednesday, November 2 at 6 p.m.

Mead Auditorium, West Science Building

11th annual First Nations Food Taster
Friday, November 4 from 5 - 7 p.m.

D.J. Jacobetti Center

the NMU Native American Student Association.

FILM: “Barking Water”
Wednesday, November 9 at 7 p.m.

Jamilah Hall 102

MUSIC WORKSHOP: with guest, Diggings Roots
Friday, November 11 at 10 a.m.

Reynolds Recital Hall

WORKSHOP: Making Wild Rice Sticks with guest, Roger LaBine
Saturday, November 12 at 8:30 a.m.

Beaumier Heritage Center, First Floor Cohodas Contact the Beaumier Heritage Center at 227-3512 to sign up for this workshop.

CONCERT: Diggings Roots-Anishinaabeg Blues
Friday, November 11 at 7:30 p.m.

Petersen Auditorium, 39 East Division Street, Ishpeming

FILM: “Older Than America”
Wednesday, November 16 at 7 p.m.

Jamilah Hall 102

INFORMATIONAL GATHERING: Decolonizing Diet Project
Learn about an Indigenous foods research project. We are seeking participants!

Friday, November 18 at 11 a.m.

- Mead Auditorium, West Science Building

- Marquette Commons, Third St. Marquette Marquette Commons, Third St. Marquette

PUBLIC READING: Voice on the Water: Great Lakes Native America Now
Wednesday, November 30 at 7 p.m.

Jamilah Hall 105

For more information about these programs call the NMU Center for Native American Studies at 906-227-1397 or visit us at www.nmu.edu/nativeamericans.
Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Natural Resource Department will be monitoring deer harvested in the 2011 hunting season for Chronic Wasting Disease. Deer heads from hunter harvested deer are sought for sample collection. Our goal is to reach 100 heads again this year. We successfully collected 103 heads last year (all tested negative), and we’d like to offer a big “thank you” to all who participated!

Funding for collection and processing is provided by Animal Plant Health Inspection Service through the U.S. Department of Agriculture. A prize drawing will take place for all participants again this year thanks to funds provided through the KBIC Natural Resource Committee. Winners of last year’s prizes were: Freddy Dakota (deer blind), Dan Hochstein (ladder stand), Joe Spruce (GPS unit), Tommy Ross (binoculars), Kyle Seppanen (snow shoes), and Marlene LaPlante (Backpack). One prize ticket is given for each head donated, and up to two entries are allowed per participant. Prizes this year are: pop-up deer blind, snowshoes, portable heater, spotting scope, cold weather sleeping bag, and a high quality thermos.

A staff member from KBIC Natural Resource Department is available to collect heads from Tribal Members at your camp location or place of residence, if you provide detailed directions (call 524-5757 x18 for pick up). If you prefer to deliver the head yourself, drop off receptacles are located at: the back door of Indian Country Sports on Front Street in L’Anse and KBIC Natural Resource Department in Pequaming (note: we can age your deer at the NRD on Monday-Friday, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm). If you drop off a head after hours, be sure to include your name/address/phone so that we can enter a prize ticket for you.

We appreciate your assistance to protect the health of our deer population. In the past four years, about 300 heads have been tested and none were positive. Thank you for your continued support and participation. Prize drawings will take place in early January. If you have any questions, please call the KBIC Natural Resource Department at 524-5757 x18.

~ submitted by Pam Nankervis, Wildlife Biologist

KBNRD STAFF COLLECT ASH SEED

Early fall is prime time to collect seed for propagation and preservation of native species in our area. Of particular interest for collection by KBNRD staff is seed from ash trees. Ash is culturally significant to the Anishinaabe people and is used to make many items including bows, sleds, snowshoes, and baskets. Collection of ash seed is ongoing in an effort to preserve and protect the ash resource in our area from the emerald ash borer, a small green exotic beetle that has already killed tens of millions of ash trees throughout the Eastern U.S. (including Michigan) and parts of Canada. KBNRD is part of a cooperative effort with BIA Forestry and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service for collecting ash seed. Collections have been completed from scattered sites on approximately 96 acres of tribal land. This year, seed was collected from over 30 individual trees at nine sites.

To collect the seed, which is typically at the very top of the tree, requires climbing the tree or using extended reach branch trimmers. Collection occurs during the fall after the leaves of the ash tree have fallen and seeds are exposed. “It’s a good thing we went out when we did,” remarks Plant Technician Karen Andersen, “with this recent wind the wind much of the seed is probably gone now.” Although there are 65 members of the ash family in North America, we are concerned with black and green ash, which both occur on the reservation. Black ash is often more difficult to locate and more difficult to collect from as the seeds are often out of reach, even for a climber. This year we were lucky to find several stands of black ash with seed in reach.

The USDA Agricultural Research Service in Colorado will hold ash seed collected from tribal lands in long-term storage. There is a memorandum of understanding between the Tribe and USDA that the seeds will not be genetically tampered with or given away without KBIC approval. The Department of

PRIZE DRAWING FOR HUNTER PARTICIPATION WITH CWD SURVEILLANCE

We’re monitoring the deer for Chronic Wasting Disease again this year, and our goal is to reach 100 samples. PLEASE donate your deer heads. Thanks to the KBIC Natural Resource Committee, prize drawings are set for January: deer blind, snowshoes, portable heater, spotting scope, cold weather sleeping bag, and a high quality thermos. Call us and we’ll pick it up! 524-5757 x18 or drop it off at KBIC Natural Resource Department in Pequaming or at the back door of Indian Country Sports in L’Anse.

DONATE – WIN -- DONATE -- WIN -- DONATE -- WIN -- DONATE -- WIN

Chris Chosa climbing an ash tree to collect seed.

Donates ash tree with seed at top.

Ash tree marked with numbered tag after collection.

Prizes - Chronic Wasting Disease Collection - Prizes

We all win with healthy wildlife!

Early fall is prime time to collect seed for propagation and preservation of native species in our area. Of particular interest for collection by KBNRD staff is seed from ash trees. Ash is culturally significant to the Anishinaabe people and is used to make many items including bows, sleds, snowshoes, and baskets. Collection of ash seed is ongoing in an effort to preserve and protect the ash resource in our area from the emerald ash borer, a small green exotic beetle that has already killed tens of millions of ash trees throughout the Eastern U.S. (including Michigan) and parts of Canada. KBNRD is part of a cooperative effort with BIA Forestry and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service for collecting ash seed. Collections have been completed from scattered sites on approximately 96 acres of tribal land. This year, seed was collected from over 30 individual trees at nine sites.

To collect the seed, which is typically at the very top of the tree, requires climbing the tree or using extended reach branch trimmers. Collection occurs during the fall after the leaves of the ash tree have fallen and seeds are exposed. "It’s a good thing we went out when we did," remarks Plant Technician Karen Andersen, "with this recent wind much of the seed is probably gone now." Although there are 65 members of the ash family in North America, we are concerned with black and green ash, which both occur on the reservation. Black ash is often more difficult to locate and more difficult to collect from as the seeds are often out of reach, even for a climber. This year we were lucky to find several stands of black ash with seed in reach.

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Agriculture continues to monitor for the presence of emerald ash borer in our area. One of the ways we can help reduce the spread of emerald ash borer is to stop the transportation of firewood onto or out of tribal lands. For further information please contact KVIC Natural Resources Department at (906) 524-5757.

~ submitted by Erin Johnston,
Lake Superior Program Coordinator

KBNRD Staff Assist Local High School Students with Macroinvertebrate Sampling on the Huron River

On Friday, October 7th and Thursday, October 13th KBNRD staff assisted local volunteers Dave and Marycella and Baraga and L’Anse high school students in collection and identification of macroinvertebrates (aquatic insects, insect larvae, crayfish, clams, snails, etc.) in the Huron River. These efforts are part of the broader MiCorps Volunteer Stream Monitoring program that takes place annually in the spring and fall.

Why macroinvertebrates? As it turns out, macroinvertebrates are excellent indicators of water quality. Identifying macroinvertebrates present in a water system can help determine the health and quality of the water body for larger organisms such as brook trout. In addition to looking at the macroinvertebrate community, volunteers also collect information on stream depth, substrate, and fish and wildlife. “We had a great time with the students and you could tell they were having fun and learning too! We would be happy to help out again in the future,” remarked KBNRD Water Resources Technician, Kit Laux.

KBNRD water and fisheries staff collect similar data on rivers and streams throughout the reservation in order to monitor water and habitat quality for fish and wildlife. This information also helps protect reservation waters from any contamination or disturbance. For further information please contact the KBIC Natural Resources Department at (906) 524-5757.

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Students from Ben Johnston’s Advanced Biology class at Baraga High School used kick-nets to collect macroinvertebrates

KBNRD Staff Assist in Contaminated Soil Clean-up on Indian Cemetery Road

Last November KBNRD staff responded to a call about a front-end loader that had overturned at the sand pit on Indian Cemetery Road. The machine was leaking fuel, coolant, hydraulic oil, and transmission fluid into the soil. KBNRD staff quickly responded by

Attention  KBIC Pre-Primary Education Openings

If you have a child aged 6 weeks through Kindergarten and need quality child care while you attend work or school, give KBIC Pre-Primary Education Program a call. They currently have child care openings available.

The KBIC Pre-Primary Program is conveniently located near the Tribal Offices in Baraga.

Child care grants and/or free tuition for qualified children are also available.

CALL TODAY 353-KIDS (5437) or stop by the NEWLY OPENED CENTER across the parking lot of the Niwin Akeea Recreation Center.

KBIC Partners in Adult Tobacco Survey

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community in partnership with the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. is conducting a survey of the knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors related to commercial and traditional tobacco use. The Adult Tobacco Survey (ATS) is being done among KVIC members, 18 years and older living in Baraga, Houghton, and Ontonagon Counties. The goal is to recruit 275 randomly selected people to participate in the survey. Those selected have been sent a letter asking if they would like to participate in the survey. If they chose to participate they will be contacted to arrange a time and date to conduct the face-to-face interview. The survey interview takes about 20-30 minutes. The information collected is combined to help develop a profile of community smoking/health behaviors and attitudes. Results from the survey will help us to identify tobacco use problems and needs specific to our community. It will also help to improve services and programs aimed at preventing or decreasing commercial tobacco use.

Community members who have been trained to conduct survey interviews are Debbie Arens, Michelle Wood, Ruth Keller, Heather Wood, and Kathy Mayo. If you would like more information about the Adult Tobacco Survey, please contact either Kathy Mayo (353-4519) or Heather Wood (353-4546) at the Donald A. LaPointe Health Center, or Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan ATS contact person Lisa Abramson at 906-632-6896.

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calls for vested interest.

Drug Conviction Report

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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 information regarding any convictions of the Controlled Substances section 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.

Amanda Strong, case #11-092, controlled substance (use - morphine) – 1st offense

Sentenced on 09/15/2011 to:
1. The Court will refer the Defendant to the Drug Court.
2. Defendant must obtain a substance abuse screening and follow the recommendation of that screening until successfully discharged.
3. Jail 180 days. Credit for ten days served. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated. (Concurrent with Case # 11-141.)
4. After successfully completing the Drug Court Program, the Court may entertain a motion to reduce fines up to half.
5. 12-18 months of standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with the $10.00 monthly fee. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of drug and PB testing, if any.

Cheryl Denomie, case # 11-144, controlled substance (altering – prescription) – 4th offense

Sentenced on 09/19/2011 to:
1. $2000 fine.
2. Defendant must obtain a substance abuse screening and follow the recommendation of that screening until successfully discharged.
3. Jail 180 days. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
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Mission: To provide affordable and attractive housing opportunities in a safe and healthy environment to qualifying tribal members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, encourage self-improvement of the community’s low income families, and provide employment opportunities.

Programs and Services provided by the KBOHA:

- Low income rental homes and apartments
  1. 158 Homes/apartments in Baraga
  2. 50 Homes in Zebo
  3. 40 Homes in Marquette/ Harvey
- Supportive housing/transitional housing to help address family issues;
- New, custom built, super insulated homes for homeownership on Bear Town Road;
- Home buyer training to prepare members for home ownership;
- Financial literacy training to improve members’ financial skills;
- Home maintenance training to improve members’ ability to maintain homes;
- Home rehabilitation program to improve the condition of member-owned homes;
- Home emergency assistance program to remedy negative conditions in the home;
- Individual development account program – a 4:1 matched savings program for member goals that include:
  1. Down payment assistance for home purchase;
  2. Business expansion/start-up expenses.
- Low cost home improvement loan program for qualifying Tribal members;
- Low cost tax preparation program for residents and Tribal members;
- Affordable curbside trash service for residents and members;
- Ojibwa Building Supply Do It Best—providing Tribal employment, quality affordable 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.

KBIC Even Start Family Learning Center

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NATIVE AMERICAN ART SHOW

Gallery 325, located at 315 McGillan Street in Baraga, Michigan, will open their third annual Native American Art Show with a reception on November 4, 2011, 7-9 pm. Artwork for the Native American show can be dropped off at the Gallery on Wednesday, Nov. 2, 12-4 pm, and Friday Nov. 4, 1-3 pm. The public is welcome and urged to attend the reception, or view the art for a number of weeks (Wed 12-4 pm, Sat 10-12 noon).

KEWEENAW BAY OJIBWA LIBRARY NEWS...

MeL. What is it? It’s the Michigan e Library, the “e” is for electronic. What will it do for me? It has data bases on every subject imaginable, such as full text magazines and newspapers, GED and ACT, careers, etc. tests and tutorials, Job and Career Acceleration to name just a few. You can start a genealogy project, find information to fix your car, truck, etc... There is legal information, health and wellness, business and jobs, and sites for kids and teens. The possibilities are endless. Is there a cost? There is no cost for using MeL. There is no cost to print from your home computer. The site will ask you for your Michigan Driver’s License number, this is for them to keep track of usage. How do I find MeL? It’s easy. Go to mel.org, no “www” is necessary. What if I don’t have a computer and internet? Visit the Ojibwa Community Library. We can assist you. If you need to print, we charge $.10 a page.

~ Mary Bergerson, Ojibwa Community Library Director
September 6, 2011
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:–

Greetings! I am writing to share information about two programs of great importance to Tribal communities and Native households — Lifeline and Link Up. These programs help to provide telephone service to low-income consumers living on Tribal lands for as little as $1 a month. Lifeline and Link Up, run by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), help eligible low-income consumers establish and maintain telephone service by discounting services provided to them by wireline and wireless providers. These programs are part of the Federal Universal Service Fund, or USF. I would like to share some important news and new developments about these programs with you.

The Office of Native Affairs and Policy (ONAP) is your official, one-stop point of contact at the FCC for all of your questions about communications services, including traditional wireline telephone service, wireless telephone service, broadband service, and radio and television licensing. The FCC established ONAP in August of 2010 to promote the deployment and adoption of communications services and technologies throughout Tribal lands and Native communities. My staff and I are available to help you with all of your questions.

Background on the Lifeline and Link Up Programs

There are additional Lifeline and Link Up discounts available to low-income consumers living on Tribal lands. That is, enhanced Lifeline and Link Up benefits are provided to low-income consumers who live on a Federally recognized Indian Tribe’s reservation, pueblo, or colony; on a former reservation in Oklahoma; within an Indian allotment; or within an Alaskan Native region established by the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

Enhanced Lifeline for Tribal Lands provides qualified telephone subscribers living on Tribal lands with discounts of up to $32 per month on basic monthly telephone charges. As a result, qualified subscribers on Tribal lands may receive basic local phone service for a little as $1 per month. Enhanced Link Up for Tribal Lands provides qualified low-income subscribers living on Tribal lands with a one-time discount of up to $100 on the initial installation or activation of a wireline or wireless telephone for the primary residence.

Eligibility for Enhanced Lifeline and Link Up for Tribal Lands

There are two ways to qualify for Enhanced Lifeline and Link Up for Tribal Lands — based either on household income or on participation in one of a number of income assistance programs. A low-income consumer living on Tribal lands wishing to qualify based on household income must have an income that is at or below 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. The 2011 Federal Poverty Guideline information appears below.

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For each additional person, add $ 5,157 $ 6,453 $ 5,927

A low-income consumer living on Tribal lands wishing to qualify for Lifeline and Link Up based on programs must participate in one of the following income assistance programs:

- Medicaid;
- Food Stamps;
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI);
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8);
- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP);
- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF);
- The National School Lunch Program’s free lunch Program;
- Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance;
- Tribally-Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TTANF);
- Head Start (if income eligibility criteria are met); or

- State assistance programs (if applicable).

Restrictions on the Lifeline and Link Up Programs

Qualifying low-income consumers, whether living on Tribal or non-Tribal lands, may receive a Lifeline and Link Up discount on either wireline or wireless phone service, but they may not receive discounts on both kinds of service at one time. That is, Federal government rules prohibit qualifying low-income consumers from receiving more than one Lifeline and Link Up discount at that same time.

This has been the rule for a long time, but the FCC is just starting to launch a new initiative to eliminate duplicates going to the same person. I wanted to make you aware of this new initiative, and I am asking for your help in getting the word out to your community. Here is how the new initiative is going to work:

- The FCC and the Universal Service Administrative Company, or USAC, are working together to implement this new initiative. USAC is the non-profit company that administers the Universal Service Fund, of which Lifeline and Link Up are funded through USAC works for the FCC.
- The FCC and USAC have identified 12 states in which many customers appear to be receiving duplicate Lifeline discounts. Those 12 states are: Alaska, Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.
- The FCC has put USAC in charge of notifying consumers who are found to have more than one Lifeline discount and making sure that they receive only the one discount they are allowed to receive. Here is how the process will work if a consumer is found to have more than one Lifeline discount:
  - USAC will send a letter to the consumer, who will be given 35 days to select one of their current carriers to be their only Lifeline provider.
  - USAC will send a postcard reminder ten days later, and the consumer may also receive a phone call if they fail to make a selection.
  - If the consumer still does not make a selection, USAC randomly assigns the consumer to one of their current carriers. The consumer will then be de-enrolled from the Lifeline program of their other carrier. This means that the consumer will continue receiving a Lifeline discount from one carrier only and will stop receiving a Lifeline discount from any other carrier.

Even if your Tribe is not located within one of the 12 states targeted for this new initiative, it is still very important for the members of your community to understand the Lifeline and Link Up rules. These important programs are critical to communications services in Indian Country. Every eligible consumer needs to be aware of them. And everyone needs to understand that they may receive only one Lifeline and Link Up discount at the same time.

Again, ONAP is here to ensure that your voices are heard and your concerns are addressed. Please feel free to contact me and my staff at 202-418-2930 or native@fcc.gov.

Thank you and best regards,
Geoffrey C. Blackwell
Chief, Office of Native Affairs and Policy Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau Federal Communications Commission


Contaminated Soil Clean-up continues:

using a spill kit and absorbent pads to absorb as much of the pooling liquid as possible and contain fluid that was still leaking from the overturned machine.

After the machine was turned upright and remaining pools of fluids were cleaned up, the contaminated soil was excavated to about one foot below the surface. KBIIC Tribal Response Program provides for emergency response by KBIIC staff in situations like this one. Testing after the initial excavation indicated that the soil was still contaminated and a second excavation took place in December 2010. Following completion of the second excavation, soil testing indicated that contaminants had been cleaned up and remaining soil was clean. A total 30 tons of contaminated soil were excavated and recently disposed of at the K & W Landfill. For further information, please see the document referenced.
ATTENTION: Information on the Marquette Senior Citizen’s Christmas Party will be made available when Tribal Christmas checks are distributed, or for more information contact Patricia Brown at 273-0318.

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• Community Education


Kewanaw Bay Indian Community Employment Opportunities

* Cleaning Supervisor — November 3

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.

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Taylor Drift, Cynthia Thierry, and April Niemi of KBIC Head Start and Early Head Start, L’Anse, have been awarded a Child Development Associate (CDA) credential in recognition of outstanding work with young children. The Council for Professional Recognition (www.cdacouncil.org) in Washington DC awards credentials to early childhood educators who demonstrate the ability to constructively work with young children in group settings.

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Child care staff and parents wanting more information on CDA should visit: www.cdacouncil.org.

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The CDA community nationwide is having a positive effect on the quality of early childhood education by helping preschools, day care centers, and family child care programs hire qualified and competent professionals who ensure the best care for our nation’s youngest.

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