The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwe

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) held their annual Senior Banquet on Friday, June 4, 2010, at the Big Bucks Bingo Hall in Baraga, Michigan. The Senior Banquet is held in honor of KBIC’s Graduating L’Anse, Baraga, and Community Schools students. The evening began with a welcome by Terri Denomie, Education Committee Chairperson, and an opening prayer by elder and Education Committee member, Moly Loonsfoot. Staff of the Migizi Wadiswan (Eagle’s Nest) served a delicious meal to the graduates, their families, and honored guests. Suzanne Kahkonen, Education Committee member, introduced the evening’s guest speaker, Carole LaPointe. Carole is a 1973 graduate of Baraga High School. She graduated with a Nursing Degree from Suomi College, now known as Finlandia University. Carole has had a wide variety of work experience throughout her nursing career which includes nurse’s aide, staff nurse, OB nurse, ambulatory clinical nurse, prison nurse, community health/diabetes nurse, and director of nursing. Her non-nursing employment includes waitress, car hop at the drive-in, craft teacher for the KBIC Summer Program, J.O.M. Aide, Secretary, Head Start Bus Driver, Y.A.C.C. Crew Leader, Native American Outreach Worker at Michigan Technological University for five years, and KBIC Youth Director for two years before she accepted her current position as Health Director for the KBIC Department of Health and Human Services. While juggling her career, she is the mother to five children and is a grandmother of five grandchildren. Carole told the audience, “I also am a member of the prestigious FBI, Face Book Indians. I will never forget my high school graduation; however, I do not remember a word the speaker said to us during the actual ceremony; it was 37 years ago. I have watched most of you grow up on our reservation. As the WIC nurse, I probably poked your fingers when you were small children, or I may have given you one of your early childhood immunizations. I have watched you in youth activities, read about your accomplishments in the Tribal newsletter and the L’Anse Sentinel, and watched you play sports at various school and tribal sporting events. I was even lucky enough to get to see some of you on the TV6 news on the TODAY show in April of 2008. While you’ve just finished a big milestone by completing your education, you are also just starting on a new path, and you’ve got the whole world in front of you, and it’s up to you where you’ll go. There are many scholarships out there, and once you have your degree, nobody can ever take it from you.” Carole cited an excerpt she found for this occasion from the book, *All I Really Need To Know I Learned in Kindergarten*, by Robert Fulghum. “All I really need to know about how to live and what to do, I learned in Kindergarten. Wisdom...”}

Tribal Council Members:
- Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President
- William E. Emery, Vice-President
- Susan J. LaFernier, Secretary
- Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, Asst. Secretary
- Eddy Edwards, Treasurer
- Toni Minton
- Elizabeth D. Mayo
- Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.
- Jerry Lee Curtis
- Frederick Dakota
- Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.
- Isabelle H. Welsh

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:
- June 12, 2010 Tribal Council meeting
- KBIC Holds 2010 Tribal Senior Banquet
- Zaaqii Project Greenhouse Constructed
- Ojibwa BP One-Year Anniversary Celebration
- Miss Keweenaw Bay Candidatess
- DHHS Superior Spirit Award Winner for July
- New Employees
- Aabinoojijens
- Deepest Sympathy


Troy Roberts and Melinda Roberts (son and mother) 2010 Community Schools Graduates.
The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on June 12, 2010 at the Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room. William E. “Gene” Emery presided over the meeting with Susan J. LaFernier, Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, Eddy Edwards, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Toni Minton, and Isabelle Helene Welsh present. Vice President William E. “Gene” Emery shared numerous Thank You and For Your Information items addressed to Council. A Secretary’s Report was given for May 2010, by Secretary Susan J. LaFernier (page two). Council passed the Department Head Reports for April 2010. Mary Wright, a Houghton County artist, who is historically known for art projects that involve the whole community, presented her newest endeavor—the story line. Ms. Wright invites Tribal members to submit to the story line project. How to participate—Research your family history and find a family member who was strong in the face of life’s challenges and write a short story about them. Include a photograph of this person; or provide a picture or document pertaining to their life. Each story (words and pictures) will be transferred by student volunteers to a fabric panel, which will be strung together and put on display at different locations. Individuals, who wish to submit to the story line project, should contact Mary Wright at 906.361.5548.

Jon Magnuson, of the Cedar Tree Institute, requested a donation from the Tribe at the Zaagkii Project 2010. The purpose of the Zaagkii Project is to connect at-risk youth and teenage volunteers in a process that helps address both a healing of the inner self and the practical protection of the environment. This summer they are working on removing invasive plant species, building boxes for seed storage and working to protect bee and butterfly populations that are being threatened in Marquette and Baraga counties. Mike Shalitoe, a KBIC member who lives in Marquette will be assisting on this project. The referred youth, many of whom are of Native American descent, have been referred from the Marquette Juvenile Court. Motion by Frederick Dakota to donate $3200 to the Cedar Tree Institute—would be approved by Michael LaFernier, Sr., nine supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, two absent (Curtis, Swartz), motion carried.

Mike Duschen, KBIC member, requested assistance in the amount of $300 for medical travel. He has exhausted his allocated funds through the General Assistance office from a previous surgery and is now scheduled for shoulder surgery in Marshall. Mr. Duschen stated he did file an appeal to his denial at the General Assistance office. Motion by Toni Minton to approve a donation of $300 to Mike Duschen for medical travel expenses pending his appeal, supported by Elizabeth D. Mayo, nine supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, two absent (Curtis, Swartz), motion carried.

Sandra Pittsley, Ojibwa Senior Citizens President, reported a number of our seniors are concerned on how they have been treated at the Ojibwa Motel. They are not given much respect when they are spoken to by the management and times their pool use were not presented to the Ojibwa Senior Citizens before they were implemented. There are seniors who live in L’Anse and get off work at 4 p.m. and can not use the pool until 6 p.m. which would require them to go back to Baraga. When seniors have gone to the pool there often has been no one using it, and seniors have been told when their hours are and not in a respectful way. A petition was presented to Council which stated—“We elders believe we should be able to use the motel pool as we need to as we are not going to abuse it, nor do we need to be chaperoned. We are very upset by the poor attitude that is given to us by the front desk and manager.” The petition had more than 25 signatures. Discussion revealed they are only permitted to use the pool from 6-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday. Motion by Isabelle H. Welsh to direct the Ojibwa Motel Manager to give full and complete access to our Ojibwa Senior Citizens before July 3, 2010, so that they can use the motel swimming pool and to treat them in a respectful manner, supported by Eddy Edwards, nine supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, two absent (Curtis, Swartz), motion carried. Further discussion resulted in a consensus of the Council to direct the CEO to work on more hours for pool use for our youth as well.

Susan LaFernier requested the July Saturday Council meeting of July 3, 2010, be changed, and suggested July 17, 2010, as the Denise Marth Memorial Run will be held on July 10, 2010. Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to reschedule the July 3, 2010 Saturday Council meeting to July 17, 2010, supported by Michael LaFernier, Sr., nine supported, (Loonsfoot, Matthews, Minton), 0 abstained, two absent (Curtis, Swartz), motion carried. Further discussion resulted in a consensus of the Council to direct the CEO to work on more hours for pool use for our youth as well.

Activities reported by the Secretary, Susan J. LaFernier, for the month of May 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. This year the theme is “Commit to Conserve.” There are simple everyday conservation measures we can all easily commit to. There are also everyday measures we can do to reduce air pollution, conserve water, reduce/reuse/recycle/re-buy materials, and prevent pollution. Once again, October was 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 the large puzzle, fitting into the big picture, shaping the future, and making a meaningful contribution to our nation toward energy independence. All of this information is available on the EPA.gov and energy.gov websites.

Thank you to everyone who cares and protects our earth and water every day. It is our responsibility: Tribes, residents, municipalities, businesses, and visitors need to protect and restore the quality of Lake Superior’s (and all of our lakes) waters, land, and wildlife. The lakes have always been and will always be important to the quality of our lives. Let’s protect and respect them! During the discussion the motion was brought forward that the story line be held on the weekend of July 17, 2010. Motion by Eddy Edwards to rescind the previous motion and to leave the July Saturday Council meeting on July 3, 2010, supported by Elizabeth D. Mayo, nine supported, (Loonsfoot, Matthews, Minton, 0 abstained, two absent (Curtis, Swartz), motion carried.

So the Council adjourned. Following adjournment, Council held the 2nd Reading of Proposed Amendment to the Motor Vehicle Code for the Purpose of Tilting Ordinance 2010-04.

SECRETARY’S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2010.

The new blue signs have been erected at the corners of the dedicated parking places for the July 3, 2010 Grand Prize winners. The KBIC segment has two grand prize winners. The Zaagkii Project 2010, supported by Michael LaFernier, Matthews, Edwards, Loonsfoot, Mayo, Minton, Welsh), two opposed (Loonsfoot, Matthews, Mathematics), 0 abstained, two absent (Curtis, Swartz), motion carried.

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Barb Mayo at the Baraga Casino for the “Employee Nutritious Recipe Cookbook.” Thank you to the WHIPP Task Force and great job walkers! There are approximately 170 Baraga/Marquette and Tribal Government employees participating! Remember to attend the “5th Annual Denise Marth Memorial Fun Run” on July 10th from 9 a.m.-noon, which the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community sponsors. Be watching for special events/healthful information.

On March 11th and 12th, KBIC, Huron Mountain Club, National Wildlife Federation, and the Yellow Dog Watershed Environmental Preserve, Inc. filed “Petitions for Review of Final Determination and Order of the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, Concerning Permit No. 71 31 Groundwater Discharge Permit No. MP 01 2007” in the circuit court for the County of Washkantew Ann Arbor, Michigan. The oral arguments/briefs were heard on June 2, 2010, regarding the request for a motion to dismiss/and a change of venue by Kenncott. A decision has not been made by the judge as of this date.

The MIDNRE received a request from the Kennecott Eagle Minerals Company to modify the groundwater discharge permit for the infill design for the Eagle Rock Mine project that is related to the UIC (underground injection control) permit that requires approval by the EPA. Kenncott then announced that they no longer needed the permit from EPA. KBIC submitted a letter to EPA officials explaining our concern and the numerous reasons why this modification would still require Kenncott to acquire a UIC permit. On May 13th, we met with four EPA representatives from Chicago who included the Acting Regional Administrator and the Water Division Director. We visited Eagle Rock, the Salmon Trout River, and the seeps where waste water from the mine will drain. We also had a consultation meeting with them on the next day and further explained our concerns on the need for the EPA/Underground Injection Control (UIC) permit. As of this time, we have been informed from the EPA that the new Regional Administrator, Susan Hedman, would like to meet with KB to further discuss our concerns on the permit requirement. Also as of May 7th, the Woodward Road LLC requested a withdrawal of their road permit application to the MIDNRE.

Miwegoch and our appreciation to all of our brave and courageous members and friends who have been taking care of Migi zii wa sin throughout the ages regardless of some of the articles that you may have read. If you have any questions, please come talk with Council.

Please continue to call/write your elected officials and Governor and tell them that the short term benefits are not worth the harmful long term effects on our health, rivers, Great Lakes, wood and wild places because of the great potential for acid mine drainage. Please call me or write/email the following organizations:


Remember to continue to pray for and honor all of our special fathers and men in our Tribal Family’s Day June 20. Also remember all of our veterans, service men and women, and their families. Thank you to everyone who helped clean and prepare for the May 31st Memorial Day services, THPO office, Baraga American Legion Post #444, Rev. John Henry, and to our Cultural Committee for coordinating the services at the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Cemetery. Also please attend the Community meeting at the Pinery on June 23rd regarding the protection and preservation of the cemetery. There will be many landscape changes at the Pinery because of last year’s fire and please be helpful by abiding with the directions to protect this sacred place. The hand pump at the Pinery Cemetery is repaired and a new hand pump will be installed at the Assinsin Cemetery.

Remember those who are ill, all who have lost loved ones in the last year, and our economy struggles. Let us be thankful for our beautiful area and we pray for peace in the world, good health, and happiness.

We also continue to recognize the richness of Native American contributions, accomplishments, and sacrifices to the political, cultural, and economic life of Michigan and the United States. Remember “Indian County Counts—Our People, Our Nation, Our Future!” Remember the Drug Tip line number is 353-DRUG or 353-3784. The yellow banners are around the reservation with this drug tip line number displayed. Mission statement: “To 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.”

During May 2010, the Tribal Council had one Regular Tribal Council Meeting on May 8, 2010. This meeting is covered in the June 2010 Newsletter. Tribal Council held four Special Council Meetings. Following are motions from May.

At the council meeting held May 6, 2010, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the meeting minutes of December 10 and 17, 2009, and January 2 and 7, 2010.
- Motion to introduce an amendment to the Tribe Code, Title 7, Domestic Relations 7.211 Custody of Minor Children; Child Support; and Visitation, which (e) would grant the right of visitation to grandparents when a child is under the jurisdiction of the Court.
- Approved Resolution KB1748-2010 regarding identification of Traditional Cultural Properties.
- Approved the Baraga Fire Department’s liquor license application for the May 22nd Mud Drag and waived the fees.
- Approved Resolution KB1749-2010 Seavoy Acquisition—Purchase Agreement.
- Approved a land acquisition budget modification for $160,000 for the possible Plum Creek properties purchase.
- Motion to dissolve the Baraga Casino General Manager position to Mr. Robert Mudd and negotiate the salary/contract.
- Approved Resolution KB1750-2010 Groundwater Discharge Permit No. MP 01 2007 in the circuit court for the County of Washkantew Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- Approved the Doctor’s Employment Agreement with Dr. Arthur Schimelfenig, Ph.D. Licensed Psychologist, effective May 19th.
- Approved the Construction Contract with the Ojibwa Housing Authority d/b/a Ojibwa Builders and a change order for a partial rubber roof for the KB, Tribal Police/Conservation building on U.S. 41, Baraga.

At the council meeting held May 20, 2010, the following actions were taken:

- Approved for the charges for the Assinins Cemetery hand pump (well) from Larson Well Drilling LLC.
- Approved the use of the old Marquette airport property for the propane emergency program training for the Negunee Township Fire Department. Our local departments will also be invited to attend.
- Approved the Baraga 2% for $133,126 for general purposes only as listed.
- Approved to have Ken Marshall do an assessment on the Baraga and Marquette Casino’s property to determine the assessed value and to keep it confidential.
- Approved Resolution KB1756-2010 in the amount of $133,126 for the Baraga 2% Distribution.
- Approved the revision to the Emergency Fund Policy to include with the immediate family: Great & Great great relations to uncle/aunt, grandmother and grandfather and grandchildren (including the spouse’s relations), foster parents and nieces/nephews.
- Approved the KBIC Personnel Policy revision to 7.8 Attendance at meetings: to allow up to 40 hours of training for the KBIC Wildland Firefighters and they must utilize annual leave or request a leave without pay.
- Approved to table the salvage of the old barn (behind the Even Start facility) for one week.
- Defeated a motion to table the release of the letter of credit from SNB to the Ojibwa Builders for the Clinic renovation until all information regarding the contract is received and whether it is allowable.
- Approved to release one-half of the let...
• Approved the renewal of Tim Mayo’s Business License for All Purpose Dry Wall;
• Approved the Procedures for Processing a Domestic Relations Order (for the 401(k) Plan) and delegated the process to the Tribal President;
• Approved the Services Agreement with Dale Schmeisser, R.D., Ph.D. (for consulting services for the Community’s Diabetes program).

At the council meeting held May 27, 2010, the following actions were taken:
• Approved the meeting minutes of January 28, and February 4, 2010;
• Approved a donation of gift cards in the same amount as last year for the SADD organization’s alcohol free graduation parties;
• Approved to reconsider the letter of credit motion from the May 20th meeting;
• Approved a donation request for Colleen DeRoche for medical travel according to travel policies to Green Bay on May 31st;
• Approved a request for a stove to

Dawn Kempainen up to $500 pending Ojibwa Housing’s emergency program funding approval;
• Denied a request from Audie Connor/George Gauthier for a donation to attend a Powwow in Red Lake;
• Approved to reconsider the Baraga 2% Distribution Resolution approval motion from the May 20th meeting;
• Approved Resolution KB1760-2010 for the Baraga 2% Distribution (in the amount of $118,125.61);
• Approved rescheduling the June 5th Regular Tribal Council meeting to June 12th;
• Approved the testing for lead abatement and asbestos in the old barn (behind the Even Start facility) in the amount of $2,500;
• Approved additional funds for the Assiniboin Cemetery hand pump for $2,416.26;
• Approved Resolution KB1755-2010 (replaces KB1751-2010 approved on May 13th) for the KB Wildland Firefighter’s program, volunteer firefighters, and EMT’s;
• Approved Jim Welsh’s Fireworks license renewal for three months;
• Approved a new Fireworks license for three months to John Varline, Jr.;
• Approved the Gold Productions Engagement Agreement for the Holly-wood Knockout Wrestling on November 16, 2010;
• Approved the Wirth Entertainment Engagement Agreement for the Hollywood Knockout Wrestling on November 22, 2010;
• Approved 15 new slot machines at a cost of $259,610 per the Interim General Manager’s request. The cost per machine is $18,900 with a license fee of $1,100 per machine. The vendor will also accept the 15 old machines as trade-ins for $2,200 per machine. The proposal contains seven conversions worth $22,085 from the vendor should the machine themes not work;
• Approved a four day work week at the Donald A. LaPointe Health Clinic until September 7th per the Health Director’s request.

Gaming Commission
• Approved seven new employee gaming licenses;
• Approved the revocation of three employee gaming licenses for cause;

Respectfully submitted,
Susan J. LaFernier, Secretary

New Employees

Dr. Art Schimelfenig is our new psychologist at the KBIC Medical Clinic in the Behavioral Health Services Department. He goes by “Dr. Art”. Dr. Art moved to this area 14 years ago in order to enjoy hunting, fishing and cross country skiing. He worked from 1996 to 2008 for Marquette General Hospital at a clinic in Hancock. He has worked for Aspirus Keweenaw Hospital since the MGH Hancock Clinic closed in 2008. Dr. Art is pleased to be with KBIC Behavioral Health Services at the Donald A. LaPointe Health & Education Center and with the New Day Treatment Center.

Dr. Art provides psychotherapy for children, adolescents and adults, as well as marriage counseling and psychological/neuropsychological examination. Dr. Art’s specialty area of practice is neuropsychology. If your children are having school, behavior or attention problems, he can be of assistance. If you would like help just making some things better in your life and family, make an appointment at 353-4532.

SUMMER YOUTH SUPERVISORS SELECTED — ON THE JOB

The Summer Youth Program has hired a total of 74 youth with each youth working four to eight weeks during the program’s length. These youth have been placed in various departments throughout the Tribe — KBIC maintenance has seven youth workers, Ojibwa Housing Authority has four youth workers, KBNRD/U.P. Watershed has ten Natural Resources youth trainees, Pre-Primary has seven youth workers, Ojibwa Community College has one youth worker, Ojibwa Senior Citizen’s Gift Shop has one youth worker, Pressbox has two youth workers, Ojibwa Resort has three youth workers, KBIC Commodities has one youth worker, TERO/Grantwriter has one youth worker, Ojibwa BP has two youth workers, Shulstead’s has two youth workers, Linna’s has one youth worker, L’Anse Furniture Mart has one youth worker, Early Headstart has three youth workers, and the remainder of the youth assigned to the Ojibwa Campground with Supervisors Dan Giddings and Tyler Larson.

Jodene Rasanen, who returns as the Program Director this summer, states, “We would like to thank all persons involved with taking an interest and giving their time to help improve the job skills and build upon the experiences of our youth for a stronger future.”
2010 KBIC FORESTRY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The KBIC Education Department announces the availability of the 2010 KBIC Forestry Scholarship applications. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community has a vital interest in the preservation of the land and forests on and near the reservation. The Tribal Council has approved two scholarships for college students pursuing Forestry degrees. The scholarship amount is $2,500, twice a year for up to four years. Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Enrolled Tribal member
- Resident of Michigan, Wisconsin or Minnesota
- Attending an accredited college/university in Michigan, Wisconsin, or Minnesota
- Enrolled as a full-time student
- Pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Forestry documented by their college

Eligible students must complete an application, submit an essay detailing their interest in their chosen field and submit a copy of their official transcripts (high school or college).

For more information and to request an application, contact Amy St. Arnold, Education Director at 906-353-6623, ext. 4117, or at amy@KBIC-nsn.gov. The application deadline is August 2, 2010, at 4 p.m.

2010 ANN MISEGAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The KBIC Education Department announces the availability of the 2010 Ann Misegan Memorial Scholarship applications. The scholarship amount is $1,000, twice a year for up to six years and will be awarded to a new student each fall. Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Enrolled Tribal member
- Attending an accredited college/university
- Enrolled as a full-time student
- Pursuing a degree in a Health Care field
- Resident of Baraga or Marquette County

Eligible students must complete an application, submit an essay detailing their interest in their chosen health field and submit a copy of their official transcripts (high school or college).

For more information and to request an application, contact Amy St. Arnold, Education Director at 906-353-6623, ext. 4117, or at amy@KBIC-nsn.gov. The application deadline is August 2, 2010, at 4 p.m.

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.

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 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...

WHIPP WALKING CHALLENGE WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Congratulations to (Marquette employees) Brenda Shaw, Dawn Rivord, Jean Fredrickson, Nicole Ross, Sandy Tahlten, (Baraga employees) Ann Picciano, Betty Kauppila, Donna Carriere, Joan Gauthier, (Government employees) Clayton Ekdahl, Joel Mills and Vicky Milko, all of who were selected as the WHIPP Walking Challenge segment two winners. They each will receive a $25 grocery store gift card. Great job to our winners and all of our participants! Keep up the good work everyone, segment three drawings are just around the corner. Remember it’s not too late to join.

VOAKES GRADUATES FROM BASIC ARMY/MILITARY TRAINING

Robert Lee Voakes, Jr., graduated from the Army Basic Training and the Military Police Training on April 22, 2010, as PV2 Voakes, Robert Lee.

Voakes completed the 22-week long combined training at Fort Leonardwood, MO, at a One Site Training also known as OSUT.

Voakes is serving in the active Army and has been assigned to the 164th MP Company at Fort Richardson, Alaska, where he will be stationed for three years. During his time in the service, he plans on working toward a Criminal Justice Degree and Airborne School. Voakes, is currently awaiting final orders on deployment sometime in 2010. His goals include taking the experience of serving his Country and bring his experience and education home to serve his community.

Voakes is a 2009 Graduate of Baraga High School. He is the brother of Christopher Voakes, who served with the 1431st in Afghanistan in 2009. Robert Lee Voakes, Jr., is the son of Robert & Valerie Voakes, grandson of Mrs. Annabelle DeCota, and Mrs. Fanchon Picard Boyette.

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Congratulations to Jesse Jones (OHA) and Tasha Perry on the birth of their son. Jesse Martin Jones, Jr. Jesse was born at Bell Memorial on March 12th at 5:20 p.m. He weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz., and was 20½ inches long.

Proud grandparents are Ken and Barbara (Picciano) Jones of Ontonagon. Great grandparents are Pearl (Curtis) Picciano and the late Dominic Picciano of Baraga.

5th Annual Denise Marth Family Fun Run, Walk, Bike, and Bowl
L’Anse Waterfront Park
L’Anse to Pегquaming,
J u l y 10, 2010, 8 a.m.
Contact G ordette Luetz
(906) 353-7898
for more information.
OJIBWA BP, CAR WASH AND LAUNDROMAT HOLDS ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Ojibwa BP, Car Wash, and Laundromat held their one-year anniversary celebration on June 19th at the BP Gas Station located on US41 in Baraga. Customers who purchased eight gallons of gasoline between 11 am—2pm received a free $10 Car Wash certificate. Many community members attended the celebration where BP served free hot dogs and Mountain pops, and offered free pontoon rides on Keweenaw Bay.

BP recently added the rental of pontoons, kayaks, and pedal boats, for their customers. See store for details and make your reservations today!

One-year anniversary prize winners were:

- Two-night stay at Keweenaw Mountain Lodge in Copper Harbor includes a $100 meal voucher and Deluxe cabin rental—Todd Chosa; Pair of tickets to the U.P. Championship Rodeo—Lorraine Francois and Don Mleko; Two-hour Pontoon rental—David Ekdahl; One full eight hour day of kayak rentals—Diana Carlson and Deb Haa-jata; $25 BP gift cards—Eugene Loonsfoot, Chris Swartz, Dale Finsvall, and Steven Denomie; Free BP Lunch Specials—Jim Emery, Mary Kostamo, Karen Van Straten, Nancy Eliason, Mary Tikkanen, Stan Spruce, Harry Janjunan, Jody Jokis, Kelly Shanahan, and Julie Rasanen; $10 Ojibwa Carwash—Bruce LaPointe, Bonnie Huttunen, Doreen Blaker, Robert Curtis, Kristin Sullivan, Brad LeClaire, Shirley Zasadnyj, Tabathia Miller, Paul DesRochers, and Karin Adams.

Tom and Brandy Chosa of Baraga, members of the U.P. Mud Drag Association, attended the race held in Baraga on May 22, sponsored by the Baraga Fire Department. It proved to be a good day for the Chosa Racing Team. Brandy placed 3rd in the Pro-Mod Truck Class.

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!

BP Prize winners continued:

was not at the top of the graduate-school mountain, but there in the sand pile at Sunday school. Share everything. Play Fair. Don’t hit people. Put things back where you found them. Clean up your own mess. Don’t take things that aren’t yours. Say you’re sorry when you hurt somebody. Wash your hands before you eat. Flush. Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you. Live a balanced life—learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some. Take a nap every afternoon. When you go out into the world watch out for traffic, hold hands and stick together. Be aware of wonder. Remember the little seed in the Styrofoam cup: the roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why, but we are all like that. Goldfish and hamsters and white mice and even the little seed in the Styrofoam cup—they all die. So do we. And then remember the Dick-and-Jane books and the first word you learned—the biggest word of all—look. Everything you need to know is in there somewhere. The Golden Rule and love and basic sanitation. Ecology and politics and equality and sane living. Take any of those items and extrapolate it into sophisticated adult terms and apply it to your family life or your work or your government or your world, and it holds true and clear and firm. Think what a better world it would be if all—the whole world—had cookies and milk about three o’clock every afternoon and then lay down with our blankets for a nap. Or if all governments had a basic policy to always put things back where they found them and to clean up their own mess. And it is still true, no matter how old you are—when you go out into the world, it is best to hold hands and stick together.”

The Keweenaw Bay Education Committee presented their scholarship for L’Anse to Tom Wideman and for Baraga to Kyle Seppanen. The Dawn Louise Denomie scholarship was presented to David Seppanen. All graduates received gifts from President Warren “Chris” Swartz, Jr., for the KBIC Tribal Council; from Charles Loonsfoot, Jr., Suzanne Kahkonen, Terri Denomie and Lynn Haataja for the Keweenaw Bay Education Committee; from Cody Blue, Beverly Lussier and Gerry Mantilla from the KBIC Cultural Committee; and from Loretta Hugo, Sandra Pittsley, and Lois Bedell from the Ojibwa Senior Citizens. The following graduates were unavailable to attend the event: (Baraga) Robert Duschaine, Patrick LaPointe II, (L’Anse) Thomas Wideman, (Community Schools) Amber Soli.

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Top Water Conservation Tips

1. **No drips** - A dripping faucet can waste 20 gallons of water a day. A leaking toilet can use 90,000 gallons of water in a month. Get out the wrench and change the washers on your sinks and showers, or get new washerless faucets. Keeping your existing equipment well maintained is probably the easiest and cheapest way to start saving water.

2. **Install new fixtures** - New, low volume toilets, low-flow showerheads, water-efficient dishwashers and clothes washing machines can all save a great deal of water and money. Aerator nozzles on showerheads can significantly reduce water volume; water-saving showerheads can cut the volume of water used down to 1.2 gallons per minute or less, and some even have a “pause button” to let you stop the water while soaping up or shampooing. It has been recently pointed out that low-flow showerheads and faucets are estimated to save 45 gallons of that 280 gallons of water used in a typical household per day, almost 18% of your usage. A low-flow toilet could save another 50-80 gallons of water a day. Together, those changes nearly cut in half the household’s daily use, saving a considerable amount of water and passing that savings on to your water bill, as well as your water heating bill.

3. **Cultivate good water habits** - All the water that goes down the drain, clean or dirty, ends up mixing with raw sewage, getting contaminated, and meeting the same fate. Try to stay aware of this precious resource disappearing and turn off the water while brushing your teeth or shaving and always wash laundry and dishes with full loads. When washing dishes by hand, fill up the sink and turn off the water.

4. **Stay off the bottle** - By many measures, bottled water is a scam. In most first-world countries, the tap water is provided by a government utility and is tested regularly. Taste tests have shown that in many municipalities, tap water actually tastes better. Bottled water is not as well regulated and studies have shown that it is not even particularly pure. A four-year study of bottled water in the U.S. conducted by NRDC found that one-fifth of the 103 water products tested contained synthetic organic chemicals such as the neurotoxin xylene and the possible carcinogen and neurotoxin styrene. Much bottled water doesn’t come from a “Artesian springs” and is just tap water anyhow. (Coca-Cola adds salt to its Dasani water to make it taste better, just like fast food.) Not only is it more expensive per gallon than gasoline, bottled water incurs a huge carbon footprint from its transportation, and the discarded bottles are a blight. If you want to carry your water with you, get a bottle and fill it. If your water at home tastes funny, try an activated charcoal or ceramic filter.

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**KBIC GREENHOUSE IS CONSTRUCTED**

The KBIC Dome Greenhouse began as a vision more than two years ago and became a reality on May 21, 2010. Located at the KBIC Natural Resource Department on Pequaming Road, it is one of the few greenhouses in this region whose purpose is to work with native plant species. It has been specially planned and constructed to withstand local climate and weather; hence, high winds and heavy snow fall. It will hopefully help serve as both an educational tool and an example of the diversity of native plant life for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and this region of the Great Lakes basin.

The Cedar Tree Institute based in Marquette, Michigan, was instrumental in funding and coordination of procurement (through ‘Growing Spaces’ in Colorado) and construction of the 33 foot elegant circular domed greenhouse. KBIC provided supplemental funding and staff time. A number of community volunteers assisted in the construction. We’d like to thank the following people for their assistance with making the construction of the greenhouse a timely success: Jon Magnuson, Rich Trudell of Trudell Construction, and others. Many volunteers assisted, and we will be recognizing them at a future date.

Operations planning is in progress to ensure we effectively utilize the growing space. Jan Schulz, Botanist for the USDA Forest Service, and Sue Rabatelli of Borealis Seed Company met with staff from the Natural Resource Department in June to help guide the way into the first plantings in the greenhouse so that staff can learn how to manage the state-of-the-art growing facility with fairly easy and fast growing beginner plants.

It is important to note that beginning to plant and care for the contents of the greenhouse at this time of the year is a tough season to begin. The sun is typically more intense at this time resulting in hotter than ideal temperatures to begin. Jan and Sue both suggested that we “start small, observe plant behavior, and allow them to guide each new step along the way.”

There are plans for a grand opening celebration at the end of August and workshops on harvesting and growing local native seeds that will be offered to community members interested in taking part of this exciting and ecologically important endeavor. Specific details will be provided in July.

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~ Submitted by Todd Warner, Director KBNRD

**Photos compliments of Keweenaw Bay Tribal Natural Resource Department.**
also survived by his aunts, Aurelia Hull of Grafton, WI, Agnes Huecksteadt of Baraga, and Cecelia Owens of Baraga, MI. In addition, he is survived by his nieces and nephews Leona Bogda, Angelica Bogda, Roger Bogda, Sierra Curtis and Louis Curtis, Jr., and many cousins including a special cousin that was more of a brother to him, David Hull, Sr. He was preceded in death by many loved ones with warm embrace on his homecoming. His gift of joke telling, the comfortable atmosphere he projected and his smiling face will always be remembered. He will be loved and sadly missed by all.

Monday evening, June 14, 2010, a traditional drumming ceremony took place in the funeral chapel. Funeral services for Mr. Crebessa were held on Tuesday, June 15, 2010, from the Reed Funeral Service and Chapel of L’Anse, with Pastor Ray Emerad officiating. Internment took place in the L’Anse Evergreen Cemetery.

Deepest Sympathy

JEROME E. “YOGI” CREBESSA
December 2, 1962 — June 9, 2010

Jerome E. ‘Yogi’ Crebessa, 47, of Milwaukee and formerly of L’Anse, passed away at his residence in Milwaukee on Wednesday, June 9, 2010, following a courageous battle with cancer. He was born in Milwaukee, WI, on December 2, 1962, the son of Roger and Lois (Crebessa) Bogda. After high school, Yogi studied in the mechanical field at Northern Michigan University for one year. He married the former Sandra Marlega in Milwaukee on October 22, 1988. Yogi was a professional painter and owned his own business. He prospered in his business because he went where men feared to go and specialized in high-rise buildings inside and out. Yogi was one of a kind and will always be remembered that way. Yogi was a member of Parkway Apostolic Church in Milwaukee. He enjoyed various activities including berry picking, hunting, fishing, swimming, singing, dancing, four-wheeling, long bike rides with his family, bonfires, and loved racing stock cars. Yogi was a student of the Bible and enjoyed biblical discussions. He was a very loving, compassionate and kind person and was loved by all for his positive and uplifting love for life. His main love, though, was being with his family.

Mr. Crebessa is survived by his loving wife Sandra; children Melissa (Sean) Kruse, Cheyenne Crebessa, Samantha Crebessa, Roger “Boo” Crebessa, and Jerry Jr., all of Milwaukee; grandchild Ava, arriving this summer; his parents Roger and Lois Bogda of L’Anse; brother Donald “Goob” Bogda of Green Bay, WI; and sister Cheryl “Sister” Bogda of L’Anse. He is the 14-year-old daughter of Tammy and Michael Seymour of Marquette, Michigan. Her Indian name is Wiig was do kwe (Sweet Grass Woman), and she is of the Bear clan. Sierra is a traditional dancer and assisted her mother, grandmother, and friends with the design and making of her regalia.

Sierra enjoys participating in Honor classes, Drama Club, Symphony Band, Student Council and will be traveling to Europe for ten days on July 6th with the L’Anse High School International Club. Sierra continues to receive scholastic achievement awards in Honors Convocation, and currently has a GPA of 3.704. She plans on going to Bug, a four-year college in California to study Acting and Marine Biology after high school.

Sierra participates in tribal youth programs and works at the KBIC Daycare as a summer youth employee in addition to working her part-time job at Espresso on Main in L’Anse. Sierra enjoys all sports, attending football games, reading, writing, traveling, long bike rides, four-wheeling with her cousins, going to the movies and the beach.

Sierra believes she can be a good role model and uphold the honor and responsibility of Miss Keweenaw Bay, and influence future generations positively to be the best version of themselves.
Mission: To provide affordable and attractive housing opportunities in a safe and healthy environment to qualifying tribal members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, encourage self-improvement of the community’s low income families, and provide employment opportunities.

Programs and Services provided by the KBOHA:
- Low income rental homes and apartments
  1. 158 Homes/apartments in Baraga
  2. 50 Homes in Zeba
  3. 40 Homes in Marquette/Harvey
- Supportive housing/transitional housing to help address family issues
- New, custom built, super-insulated homes for homeownership on Bear Town Road
- Home buyer training to prepare members for home ownership
- Financial literacy training to improve members’ financial skills
- Home maintenance training to improve members’ ability to maintain 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
- Surplus FEMA mobile home program for 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 Negauane—providing profits for housing programs
- Ojibwa BP, Car Wash and Laundry—providing Tribal employment, superior products and service, and profits for housing programs.

DRUG TASK FORCE TARGETS KBIC SUMMER YOUTH WORKERS DURING DRUG PREVENTION PROGRAM

The KBIC Drug Task Force mission statement is to promote education through public awareness with the specific objective to eliminate the use of “illegal drugs” for the betterment of the health, welfare, and safety of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and our neighboring communities. Chris Gerard, Weed and Seed Coordinator states, “As a Task Force, we focus on prevention and educational efforts and opportunities that will help fulfill our mission statement. We decided that the timing was right to provide a prevention and educational program to a large number of community members that make up the KBIC Summer Youth Program.”

The KBIC Drug Task Force worked quickly with Jodene Rasanan, KBIC Summer Youth Director, who was more than willing to work with the Drug Task Force during the implementation of the program. Gerard added, “Our Drug Task Force meeting was on a Tuesday and one week later, we were able to provide the prevention program to approximately 50 of the 75 summer youth workers.” Not all of the summer youth workers were able to attend the program due to work assignments that prevented them from being in the immediate area.

The Drug Task Force provided two educational videos on Meth Awareness and Gangs in Indian Country. The videos explained the details of what “Meth” is and the negative effects it has on a person, their family & friends, and their future goals and achievements. The Task Force also provided lunch and other educational information to the youth participants. The KBIC Drug Task Force would like to thank Lisa Denomie and Shawnee Stein from the KBIC Pre-primary program for helping prepare the food and Cheryne Clements from KBIC Youth program for providing the facility and projector.

KBIC Drug Task Force Members:
- Chris Gerard – Chair
- Becky Tussing – Vice Chair
- Valerie Voakes – Secretary
- Brad Dakota
- Dale Dakota
- Heather Chapman
- Bill Kirchofer
- Susan LaFernier
- Marty Curtis
- Vicki Dompier

Natural Resource Department – L’Anse Reservation
Well Abandonments Request for Information.

The Natural Resource Department is still interested in knowing locations of wells on Reservation which are no longer in use and could be properly abandoned.

In 2004, we received funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs Environmental Management program to abandon unused Tribal member wells on the L’Anse Reservation. To date we have abandoned 17 wells that were no longer in use.

Unused wells pose a risk to drinking water sources by providing a potential pathway for contaminants to be released directly to groundwater. Abandoning unused wells by sealing them with cement or bentonite eliminates this potential risk and helps ensure groundwater aquifers are protected.

Well abandonment is just one of the many ways your Natural Resource Department is working to protect human health and environmental quality on the Reservation. If you have knowledge of an abandoned well or have any questions, please contact Micah Petoskey, Water Resources Specialist, KBNRD at 524-5757 ext. 15 or mpetoskey@kbic-rsn.gov.
The DHHS Superior Spirit Award Winner for July.

Heather Wood-Paquet, is the DHHS Superior Spirit Award winner for July. She was nominated by community members who stated, “Heather is a knowledgeable exercise facilitator. She has a pleasant personality that makes being in a group that she is facilitating fun. She has great organizational skills as her events are well attended. I especially enjoyed the line dancing classes she offered at the women’s retreat. Whenever I need information, Heather volunteers to gather whatever I may need. She is very helpful member of the Health Department.”

Heather received a beaded lanyard for her name badge and is able to park in the facility.

Visitors of the Donald A. LaPonte Medical and Educational Facility are invited to nominate an employee for this award. Please take the time to give your nomination to reward a staff member who has made your experience more pleasurable. Nomination boxes are located throughout the facility.

**OJIBWA SENIOR CITIZEN EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTED**

The Ojibwa Senior Citizens elected their 2010-2012 Executive Board Officers during their June meeting. Officers named were: President—Sandra Pittsley, Vice President—Lois Bedell, Secretary—Loretta Hugo, Treasurer—Debra Parrish, Assistant Secretary—Marilyn Loonsfoot, and Assistant Treasurer—Agatha Cardinal.

The July Ojibwa Senior Citizens’ meeting will be held Wednesday, July 22, 2010. A Pasty Sale fundraiser will be held on Thursday, July 22, 2010. Call 353-6096 for more information.

**Ojibwa Community Library News**

The Ojibwa Community Library held an open house on June 4th for the elders. Thirteen elders attended and enjoyed cooked coffee, dessert and door prizes. The group sang “Happy Birthday” to Pearl Thoresen, with Dave Firestone accompanying them on his harmonica. Milgewech to those who attended.

**July 2010 Calendars Events**

**July 3** — Regular Saturday Council Meeting, 10 a.m.

**July 5** — Government offices closed, 4th of July Holiday

**July 10** — Denise Marth Marathon, 8 a.m.

**July 18** — Lake Superior Day

**July 22** — Ojibwa Senior Citizens’ Pasty Sale

**July 21** — Veterans meeting, 7 p.m.

**July 22** — Ground blessing/feast 12 noon

**July 23** — 32nd Annual Keweenaw Bay Maawanji’ding, Grand Entry 7 p.m.

**July 24** — 32nd Annual Keweenaw Bay Maawanji’ding, Grand Entries 12 noon & 7 p.m.

**July 25** — 32nd Annual Keweenaw Bay Maawanji’ding, Grand Entry 12 noon; Parent’s Day

— submitted by newsletter editor

Events occurring throughout KCIB are welcome to be listed on the Calendar of Events. Contact newsletter@k hic.nsn.gov to list your events. Some events are more detailed FYI within the newsletter. For up-to-date event listings, visit www.ojibwa.com and click on calendar. For Youth events, see @ www.ojibwa.com, click on youth club, or contact 353-4623/353-4644/353-4644 for the facility attendants or the Kitchen/craft rooms.

**Attention all Community Members!**

Effective Monday, June 14, 2010, the Donald A. LaPointe Health & Education Center will change business hours to:

**Monday through Thursday,**

7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

This change is temporary through the construction phase of the medical center building. Regular business hours will resume on Tuesday, September 7, 2010. Call 353-8700 for medical appts.

Call 353-8787 for dental appts.

Call 353-4532 for behavior health appts.

Call 353-4510 for community health

**Zeba Indian Mission United Methodist Church**

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Annual Camp Meetings will be held August 1-6, 2010, at the Zeba United Methodist Church Campgrounds, 7:00 p.m. each evening. Everyone welcome! “Worship in the Great Outdoors!”

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