Determined members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community have been joined by fellow Native Americans from neighboring communities in a peaceful protest being held at Migi zii wa sin (Eagle Rock) in the Yellow Dog Plains region where Keweenaw Eagle Mine has been drilling for a sulfide mine. The protest began in late April, and protestors state they are there to stay “for as long as it takes.”

Levi Tadgerson, a Bay Mills Indian Community member said, “We are defending the water; we are defending our treaty rights and our right to practice our culture. We’re defending our right to live a healthy life and have our kids live a healthy life.”

The Tribal Council visited Migi zii wa sin and the protestors as they reconvened their monthly Council meeting at the site. President Swartz began with “What we are doing here today is trying to save Mother Earth. Mother Earth is crying for our help, and we are here today to try to support her and try to save the fish, the swimmers, the crawlers, the flyers and the four-legged. I am real honored to be here and why we are here today is really important. Our brothers and sisters are making us aware that the Keweenaw Mine has begun to mine at Migi zii wa sin. This sulfide mine process is going to have some detrimental effects to the environment, not only to our ground water but to the streams that are nearby, and we all know that those streams feed to Lake Superior, and Lake Superior is the largest and freshest body of water in the world.”

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and numerous environmental groups are concerned with the damage the sulfide mine will do to our water and land. In addition, Migi zii wa sin has been a site of Native American ceremonies for centuries. These groups have spent a tremendous amount of dollars in legal fights and continue to do so against the Keweenaw Eagle Mine Company.

In his address at the Council meeting held at Migi zii wa sin, Council member Frederick Dakota stated, “We have spent $4,380,000, which was a report on a paper I received last week. Everyone in the judicial system is smiling. This Rio Tinto is a foreign corporation. They have come over here, and they are very close to the boundaries of our reservation. It is certainly going to be doing something to us in terms of fish in Lake Superior and the deer on this land. Those are things our forefathers gave to us. Life at that time was pretty simple, and they were very smart people, but they knew the simple ways. That was to have shelter, keep warm, and have something to eat. Things have changed a lot. I don’t know how we are going to take care of these problems that we have here. I do know that our Tribe is trying very hard and spending a lot of money to try to keep these people out of here. I don’t know how much longer we are going to be able to hold up or how much money we are going to spend. Is there some other way that we can overcome this problem? The main thing is you have to make certain that nobody gets hurt out here...nobody. Be very careful. How

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Susan J. LaFernier, Secretary
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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:
• Council visits Migi Zii Wa Sin
• May 8, 2010 Tribal Council meeting
• KBOCC Honors Ceremony and Commencement
• KB Head Start Graduation
• WHIPP Skin Awareness Walk
• KBIC Holds Foster Home Recruitment Dinner
• DHHS Superior Spirit Award Winner for June
• 2nd Annual KBIC Environmental Fair Held
• 2010 KBIC Spring Cleanup begins
• New Employees
The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on May 8, 2010, at the Tribal Center Conference Room. Warren (Chris) Swartz, Jr., presided over the meeting with William E. Emery, Susan J. LaFernier, Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, Eddy Edwards, Fred Dakota, Michael L. LaPointe, Donald A. LaPointe, Sr., Elisabeth D. Mayo, Toni Minton, and Isabelle Helene Welsh present. President Warren (Chris) Swartz, Jr. shared numerous Thank You and For Your information items addressed to the membership. Reports were given for April 2010, by President Warren (Chris) Swartz, Jr. (page two), Secretary Susan J. LaFernier (page three), and CEO Larry Denome (page four). Council approved the Department Head Reports for March 2010.

Michael LaFernier, Sr., sought permission to repair a Terex Fork Lift the Tribe purchased some time back and with which they are having quite a bit of problems with now, but it is a good machine. It needs a power steering pump and some transmission work needs to be corrected before someone gets injured. Mr. LaFernier talked with workers at Terex and has located an individual who can repair the machine for a maximum amount of $5500. Motion by Susan J. LaFernier to authorize the Tribal Construction manager to spend up to $5500 to fix the Terex Fork Lift, supported by Eddy Edwards, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried.

At the conclusion of the CEO report, discussion on the current health care building renovation project resulted in a motion. Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo, seconded by Bruce LaPointe as the Project Manager of the Donald A. LaPointe Center renovation, supported by Eddy Edwards, nine supported (Emery, Mayo, LaFernier, Mayo, Welsh, Minton, Curtis, Dakota, LaFernier, Loonsfoot), one opposed (Minton), 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried. Consensus of the Council was to meet on Thursday, May 13, 2010, for a work session to develop a donation policy.

Council moved into closed session with KBIC Tribal members with Marquette 2% requests on the agenda. Following closed session, Council reconvened at Migi zii wa sin (Eagle Rock), See Eagle Rock article page one.

• submitted by newsletter editor

KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT PRESS RELEASE—May 5, 2010

KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY WILL SEEK PERMANENT ACCESS TO EAGLE ROCK FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS

Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President of the Tribal Council, issued the following statement today:

“I am announcing today that the Community has agreed to meet with Kennecott to discuss permanent access to our sacred place.mie. Sally Amos (Eagle Rock) is a place of very great importance to the citizens within the proposed Eagle Mine site, without, however, waiving any rights the Community or its members have in connection with contesting the construction and operation of Kenne
cott’s proposed mine.”

The following is a list of activities that occurred in the office of the President for the months of March and April 2010:

• The Recodification of the Tribal Code Book is being reviewed by Yvette Frisvall.

• Decisions were made on the renewal rates of Blue Cross and Blue Shield with an additional insurance card that is complimentary to the Blue Cross and Blue Shield card. The decision was made to help decrease the rising costs of insurance.

• I attended an Inter-Tribal Council (ITC) meeting in Sault Ste. Marie. We discussed the community’s request regarding additional funding from ITC for our HeadStart/ Early HeadStart program. The board of directors heard our request and decided to support the community’s resolution of the relinquishment of services, allowing the KBIC to operate its own truly basin high quality and inclusive program to meet the educational, health, and social needs of our children and their families.

• I met with Custom Champs, Inc. officials Monica Timmins and Laura Huhn. They are looking for companies that can assist them with the manufacture of parts and distribution for their Power Platform Truck. The Council decided not to pursue this business venture.

• The Council met with Lance Morgan, CEO of Ho-Chunk, Inc. Lance is a Harvard educated lawyer who has helped many Tribes form business development corporations, enact business codes, and understand issues revolving gas distribution and taxes, and cigarette taxes. Oweesta paid for Mr. Morgan’s traveling expenses, and we requested Lance to address topics including the evolution of Ho-Chunk, Inc., the best structure for KBIC to pursue business opportunities (RAGA companies). Lance wants to meet with Council preferably on a Monday in the near future.

• Early in the month, I informed Congress of our concerns relating to the PACT Act. The Act empowers state governments to enforce federal law. It also forces tribes to report their Tribal tobacco sales to the states which is a direct infringement on sovereign tribal treaty rights. In addition, we have significant economic concerns. Most notably it will destroy our economy by eradicating jobs, as well as Tribal revenue generated from the sale of cigarettes. Unfortunately the PACT Act passed without the Senate even taking a vote. The U.S. Constitution has what is called the Indian Commerce Clause. This basically says that Congress has the power to regulate commerce with the Indian tribes. I also wrote to President Obama, on behalf of our members, requesting that he seriously consider vetoing the PACT Act bill, given the importance of tobacco sales to our Tribal economies. Unfortunately again, the President signed the bill.

• The Council discussed to construct a greenhouse at the hatchery site in L’Anse.

• I signed a letter of support for the next enhancement grant from IMLS (Institute of Museum and Library Services). This grant will go to support the Early Head Start and Head Start in the following ways: introducing the children to how a library functions; introduce children to books by reading to them; 0-3 year olds will participate in lap reading. An adult will look at a book with the child, purchase books for all classrooms, and encourage parents to bring their children to the library where they will have library bucks.

• GLIFWC informed the Community that LVD is submitting a letter to the State of Michigan on behalf of LVD and other Wisconsin bands regarding Tribal walleye harvest guidelines, coordinated declaration on border lakes, the use of gillnets and strengthening enforcement of the 1842 ceded territory has been declared for harvest by the LVD Band.

• The Community has filed a lawsuit hoping to overturn a state permit for a nickel and copper mine. While we’ve known this project does not meet legal requirements for protecting the environment. In addition, we’ve seen Kennecott Eagle Minerals Co.’s application to prove the project will avoid damaging rivers, ground water, and other natural resources in the Yellow Dog Plains region of Marquette County.

• I received a press release from the White House informing the Community that the President signed into law the Patient Pro
tection and Affordable Care Act, the health insurance reform bill passed by Congress. In addition to reducing our deficit, the President goes on to say making health care affordable for tens of millions of Americans, and enacting some of the toughest insurance reforms in history, this bill also permanently allows the Indian In
dian Health Care Improvement Act, which was first approved by Congress in 1976. As a Senator, President Obama co-sponsored this Act back in 2007, because he believed it is unacceptable that Native American communities still face gaping health care disparities. Congress’ responsibility to provide health services to Ameri
can Indians and Alaskan Natives derives from the nation-to-nation relationship between the federal and Tribal governments. By signing this bill, they have taken a criti
cal step in fulfilling that responsibility by modernizing the Indian health care system and improving access to health care for American Indians and Alaskan Natives.

• This year the Council allowed its Tribal members to speak Portage Lake. Overall the fishing went well. Most of the fisher
mens were pleased that they were allowed to exercise their treaty rights in the manner they did.

• I wrote a thank you letter to express our appreciation to Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez for the heating assistance that we have received from the Bolivarian Energy and CITGO Petroleum over the past year and to request that he continue the program.

• I wrote a letter to the administrator of EPA Region 5 seeking the government to gov
ternment consultation regarding the Eagle Mine Project in Marquette County. I told her of the Community’s objection to Kenne
cott’s withdrawal of its application for an Underground Injection Control permit for its Treated Water Infiltration System (TWIS), which will inject over 500,000 gal
gons of partially treated mine waste water into the local border lakes. Congress’ decision on whether or not to require Kenne
cott to obtain a UIC permit is very critical to the Community’s efforts to protect, not only the groundwater in the ceded terri
tory, but also to prevent the destruction and desecration of our sacred place known as Migi zii wa sin (Eagle Rock) which will occur as a result of future construction and operation of the proposed mine. This meeting will occur next Friday, May 14, 2010.

This concludes my report for the month.

Respectfully submitted,
Warren (Chris) Swartz, Jr., President.
Activities reported by the Secretary, Susan J. LaFerrier, for the month of April 2010.

We all need to commit to do our part to protect our environment and change the world. I hope that you have been learning how to save and conserve energy to protect our Earth if you are able. I continue to emphasize that every month is “Energy Awareness Month,” and our theme for the year is “Commit to Conserve” because so many everyday education and innovation measures we can all easily commit to. There are also everyday measures we can do to reduce air pollution, conserve water, reduce energy use, and prevent pollution in general. 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 a large puzzle, fitting into the big picture, shaping our energy future, and moving our nation toward energy independence. All of this information is available on the EPA.gov and energy.gov sites.

Thank you to everyone who cares and protects our earth and water every day. It is our responsibility: Tribes, residents, municipalities, businesses, and non-profits 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 always will be important to the quality of our life.

Thank you to all who have continued to commit to our Adopt-A-Road program. The designated routes from last year have been cleaned and we also have more volunteers this year who are coming out to volunteer on “How to Clean Up a Roadside Safely.” On April 7, I met with Scott Swanson from the Baraga County Road Commission regarding the new blue Adopt-A-Road signs in Baraga, L’Anse, and Zeba (photos were taken). Litter gets blown, it gets thrown, and it gets dumped. PLEASE DON’T LITTER—LOCK IT UP AND REPORT LITTERING.

We have been working on the completion of the comprehensive plan, the updated personnel policies, and other policy concerns. We continue to have monthly meetings with our employee W.H.I.P.P. (Wellness, Health, Intervention, Prevention Program) Task Force, volunteers and our Blue Cross representative! Employee Health Agency representatives from each of the task force developed a mission statement that reads: “The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) is committed to helping employees to improve their health and well being of our employees, dependents, and community members. Our goal is to provide information, activities, motivation, services, and recognition to enhance the ability of people to better manage their own health, improve their quality of life, and reduce their risk of disease.” (3) The Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Report shows that people with better lifestyle choices develop a culture that is focused on celebrating and improving the quality of life for all. It is never too late to encourage positive lifestyle choices. We all believe that healthier lives will lead to longer, healthier lives. On April 29th, the Task Force and volunteers sponsored an “Employee Skin Cancer Awareness Walk” at the KBCOC parking lot as April was Cancer Awareness Month. Employees were given an additional time at lunch to attend (including the Casinos). There is still time to submit a nutritious recipe to Barb Mayo at the Baraga Ca- sina for the upcoming “Employee Healthy Living” Recipe Cookbook. “Thank you to everyone who prepared, setup, and helped at the walk. Sun-screen and information was handed out and there were 14 employees who entered the contest, wore their favorite crazy hat. I wore my Easter bonnet. There is currently an employee “Walk Your Way to Wellness” walking challenge taking place from May 2—August 7, 2010, with prizes being awarded during each of the five segments, and there will be two grand prize winners. Be watching for special events/ health information, and special events coming up this month.”

On April 28, Chris, Fred, and I attended the Ojibwa Community College’s BIA Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) Exit Interview Review Team visit. The college received a favorable report. The college was well prepared and there were many questions regarding its ability to fund innovation and other changes that need to be made for accreditation.

On March 11 and 12, KBIC, Huron Mountain Club, National Wildlife Federation, and the Yellow Dog Watershed Environmental Preserve, Inc. filed “Petitions for Review of Final Environmental Impact Statement” with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Concerning Part 31 Groundwater Discharge Permit No. GW1810162 and Part 632 Nonferrous metallic Mineral Mining No. MP01 2007 in the Circuit Court for the County of Washtenaw in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The oral argument date has changed from May 26, to June 2, 2010.

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 application for the EPA. Kenneckett then announced that they no longer needed the permit from EPA. KBIC has submitted a letter to EPA officials explaining our concern and the numerous reasons why this modification would still require Kenneckett to acquire a UIC permit. As of this time, we have not heard a response from the EPA on the permit requirement. There also should be a decision/response soon on the proposed Woodland Road permit from the MNDNRE.

On April 21, I attended a panel discussion at Northern Michigan University on the Eagle Rock Mine Project and the DVD “Mining Madness, Water Wars: The Great Lakes in the Balance” with Yale and NMU students which Jessica Koski scheduled. Migwech and our appreciation to all of our brave and courageous members and friends who have been and are taking care of Migi zii wa sin during the past few weeks and to Jessica Koski for attending the River to Shanty to London in April. Also please see the press release that was issued on May 5, from the Office of the President of KBIC.

I strongly 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 potential for acid mine drainage. Please call or write if you would like to review the National Wildlife Federation’s DVD “Mining Madness, Water Wars: The Great Lakes in the Balance”.

Remember to continue to pray for and honor all of our special mothers and women in our lives on Mother’s Day—May 9th. Also remember all of our veterans, service men, women, and their families, especially on May 31st—Memorial Day. Be watching for the annual Memorial Day Services at the Pinery with the Grand Pines of America. Be watching for information (signs at the Pinery) on how you can help with identifying old and forgotten graves, or please call me with information. There will be many landscape changes at the Pinery because of the current construction, and please be helpful by abiding with directions to protect this sacred place. Only certain areas will be cleaned this year to help slow the erosion. Our congratulations to all of our high school and college graduates! Also remember those who are ill, 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, accomplishment and sacrifices to the political, cultural, and economic life of Michigan and the United States. Remember “Indian Country—Our People, Our Nations, Our Future!” Remember KBIC Dog 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 April 2010, the Tribal Council had one Regular Tribal Council Meeting on April 10, 2010. This meeting is covered in the May 2010 Newsletter. Tribal Council held six Special Council Meetings. Following are motions from those meetings:

At the council meeting held April 10, 2010, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the meeting minutes of November 5, 6, 7, and 12, 2009.
- Approved a new business license for John Nyberg.
- Approved Resolution KB 1742-2010 and the Adoption Agreement for the 401-K Plan and waived the approval of the minutes.
- Approved purchasing Smart phones Service for the Tribal Court judges.
- Approved an amendment to the Government and Enterprises Personnel policies regarding a signed doctor’s statement for an employee with a neurological condition that affects their job performance.
- Approved a $1,000 donation to Lois Bogda regarding her son’s terminal illness.
- Approved to interview six candidates for the Baraga Casino General Manager and pay for their flight or mileage and a one night stay.
- The Council found that special circumstances exist which warranted an exception for the regulations to initiate the proposed plan for a special wild rice planting for harvest in Portage Lake for 2010, at a 6% harvest of wild rice and designated a landing site at Portage Lake.
- Approved the Tribal Environmental Agreement between KBIC and EPA’s Region 5.
- Approved tabling two requests for merit increases until the CEO develops a policy within 60 days.
- Approved the Professional Services Agreement between KBIC and ANA Grant Project and Janet Marr to provide plant specialist assistance.
- Approved the First Amendment to Services Agreement between KBIC and Justin Markoe.

At the council meeting held April 15, 2010, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the meeting minutes of November 13, and 19, December 3, and 5, 2009.
- Approved the payment of New Day’s past due IPPCO bill for $8011.55 because of a defective meter.
- Approved the request from the Baraga County Community Foundation to use Tribal roads for the July 10th annual near the (3) Northwood memorial benefit fundraiser event.
- Approved a donation request for a kitchen stove for Debbie Williams to be purchased from Ojibwa Building Supply and pay the difference and the emergency fund not to exceed $500.
- Approved a donation request for $250

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The new Early Childhood facility location has changed slightly. The initial plans had the new facility connected onto the community center on the west side. Council has determined that the best location for the new facility would be on the east side just off of the existing parking lot of the community center. Staff has revised plans, and it is estimated that construction will begin in July. The board will provide a look at the new equipment purchase approved by the Board in May. The new equipment places the credit card equipment was installed. New fueling dispensers have been installed with limited interruption to customers. The final installation will include graphic and marketing software to optimize the menu. The maximum number of credit cards (10) per machine is currently 50, but this number is expected to grow to 150 as the technology is improved.

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Recently, Kennecott has announced that it intends to commence ground preparation activities at the Eagle Mine site, including fencing and drainage. This activity will result in the loss of a significant portion of the Community’s ceded territory to Kennecott for the mine. “This litigation is now in the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment granted the permits which the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will have on the environment and on our health and welfare of Tribal members for the next seven generations.”

In order to address these concerns, the Community and other concerned parties – the National Wildlife Federation, the Huron Mountain Club and Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve - have engaged numerous recognized environmental experts and mining experts to conduct an extensive review of the Kennecott mining plans. These experts found major technical deficiencies in Kennecott mining plans and concluded that the mine will have on the environment and on our health and welfare of Tribal members for the next seven generations. In addition, an assessment by the Community’s Tribal Historic Preservation Office has concluded that migi zii wa sin is a place that has been sacred to the members of the Community and their ancestors for hundreds, if not thousands, of years and that Kennecott’s proposed mine construction and operation will desecrate and, perhaps, even destroy this sacred place.

Accordingly, the Community and its co-partners have filed legal actions contesting the adverse impacts that the Kennecott mine will have on the environment and, especially, on migi zii wa sin. This litigation is now in the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment granted to Kennecott for the mine. Science to pursue a bachelors degree in Forestry. Jonreau will be assisting the master’s student in his summer research and will be participating in a program through the National Science Foundation known as Research Experience for Undergraduates. Jonreau states, “I will be conducting my own research which will involve measuring the respiration rate of tree roots in five different cover types; Eastern Hemlock, Northern Red Oak, Jack Pine, Aspen and Red Pine. He will be sampling the soil and extracting the tree roots from the soil. The roots will be immediately put into a CO2 reading machine, and the levels will be measured. This program will involve the complete scientific method, and the results will be published in a scientific journal. Jonreau states, “My advisors for this research will be Dr. Andrew Burton of Michigan Technology University and Mickey Jarvi, a master’s student. I am very excited and honored to be chosen to conduct this research and I appreciate everyone’s help for supporting me through my college endeavor, especially my family.”

Jordreau is the son of Robert and Lynda Jordreau, and the grandson of the (late) Boyzie and Meno Jordreau. Jordreau previously attended college in California and will intern with Bureau of Indian Affairs Forester, Dave Osmak. He will be sampling the soil and extracting the tree roots from the soil. The roots will be immediately put into a CO2 reading machine, and the levels will be measured. This program will involve the complete scientific method, and the results will be published in a scientific journal.

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**WHIPP WALKING CHALLENGE WINNERS ANNOUNCED**

Congratulations to Nancy Kauppila, a Baraga Casino Bar employee and Mary Linden, Public Health Nurse at the LaPointe Health Center who were selected as the WHIPP Walking Challenge segment one winners. There will be drawings for one year gym membership. Way to go girls!

Keep up the good work everyone, segment two drawings are just around the corner.

**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). More information and how to request an application can be found at KBIC-nsn.gov. Application deadline is August 2, 2010, at 4 p.m.

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**KBIC FORESTRY SCHOLAR EXCELS IN HIS FIRST YEAR**

A KBIC Forestry Scholar completed his first year with a 4.0 GPA. Jerry Jordreau received the KBIC Forestry Scholarship in 2009, and chose Michigan Technological University’s School of Forest Resources and Environment to pursue a bachelors degree in Forestry. Jordreau will be assisting the master’s student in his summer research and will be participating in a program through the National Science Foundation known as Research Experience for Undergraduates. Jordreau states, “I will be conducting my own research which will involve measuring the respiration rate of tree roots in five different cover types; Eastern Hemlock, Northern Red Oak, Jack Pine, Aspen and Red Pine. He will be sampling the soil and extracting the tree roots from the soil. The roots will be immediately put into a CO2 reading machine, and the levels will be measured. This program will involve the complete scientific method, and the results will be published in a scientific journal.

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**WHIPP TASK FORCE HOLDS SKIN CANCER AWARENESS WALK**

The W.H.I.P.P. Task Force held a Skin Cancer Awareness Walk on Thursday, April 29, 2010, at the KBOCC parking lot. Sixty-four government and enterprise employees participated in the event which was to raise awareness of skin cancer. Participants received cancer related educational pamphlets, sun-screen, and a healthy snack. Participants were encouraged to wear goofy hats. WHIPP organized the event with KBOCC donating the use of their parking lot, informational and registration tables were donated by the Youth Club, and Eagle Radio provided music from their trailer. Employees were also able to sign up for the five segment walking challenge, Walk Your Way To Wellness. Prize winners for the Baraga Skin Cancer Awareness Walk were: $50 Pines Card—Lisa Denomie, Cheryne Clements; $25 Pat’s Foods Card—Laura Mayo, Lynn Velmer; $20 Larry’s Market Card—Gina LaBeau, Vicki Emery, Jeannie Kauppila, Mary Tikkanen, Beth Connor.

**WHIPP TASK FORCE HOLDS SKIN CANCER AWARENESS WALK**

Participants in the Skin Cancer Awareness Walk (above) Angela Kelly (left) and Kim Klopstein (right), (below) Cheryne Clements (left) and Lisa Denomie (right).

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**Marquette Employees, left to right (standing) Jim Nardi, Pete Wessman, Cathy Woodward, Kathy Pleaugh, Arica Fassbender, B.J. Ouelette, Pat Mager, (kneeling) Linda Hough, Bonnie Nelson, Shelley Bal, David Haataja, and Vickie Laporte.**

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**Marquette Enterprise employees participated in a Skin Cancer Awareness Walk on April 29, 2010, in the Ojibwa Casino II parking lot. Prize winners for the Marquette Skin Cancer Awareness Walk were: $25 Walmart Gift Card—Cathy Woodward, Linda Hough.**
much money we are going to use, I don’t know. But those are things that have to be discussed by this group and by our Council.”

Council secretary, Susan J. LaFernier addressed the group and stated, “I would like to say thank you to everyone who has worked and helped over the last six years, actually since 2004. It has been a long journey for a lot of people protecting Eagle Rock, the land and the water for the next seven generations. May our God and Creator be with you until we meet again.”

President Swartz concluded with letting everyone know what the Community has been doing with regards to the Kennecott Mineral Company coming here. “The Community has filed a lawsuit hoping to overturn the State permit for a nickel and copper mine. The project, we feel, doesn’t meet legal requirements for protecting the environment. I wrote to EPA Region 5 requesting a government to government consultation regarding the Eagle Mine Project here in the Yellow Dogs in Marquette County. I told the new director of our objection to Kennecott’s withdrawal of its application for an Underground Injection Control permit for its Treated Water Infiltration System. Kennecott has asked to meet with the Community, and I issued them a letter informing them the Community will seek permanent access to Eagle Rock for Tribal members.” (See separate press release).

The protestors have built a kitchen, a sweat lodge, council lodge, and wigwams, at the Community Education Center. The young graduates sang four songs (ABC’s; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5; once I caught a fish alive; and in Ojibwe — Ambe, Giwewedaw; Boozho) for their audience. Graduates, family, and friends enjoyed a feast following the ceremony.

KBIC Tribal Council pictured above at Migizi wa sin (Eagle Rock). Left to right (front row) Elizabeth (Chlo) Matthews, President Warren (Chris) Swartz, Jr., Toni Minton, Secretary Susan J. LaFernier, (back row) Vice President William (Gene) Emery, Frederick Dakota, Elizabeth (Popcorn) Mayo, Gary Loonsfoot, Sr., Isabelle Welsh, Michael LaFernier, Sr. Photo compliments of Greg Peterson.

KB Head Start Graduation

KBIC Child Development HeadStart held their Graduation Program on Friday, May 14, 2010, at the HeadStart Center in Zebal, Michigan. Each graduate received a certificate from HeadStart staff and a gift from the Tribal Council. The young graduates sang four songs (ABC’s; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5; once I caught a fish alive; and in Ojibwe — Ambe, Giwewedaw; Boozho) for their audience. Graduates, family, and friends enjoyed a feast following the ceremony.

Newslette photo. (Left to right) Council member Frederick Dakota, Mitch Bolo, Council member Isabelle Welsh.


KBIC HOLDS FOSTER HOME RECRUITMENT DINNER

KBIC Indian Child Welfare—Justice Committee and Tribal Social Services co-sponsored a recruitment dinner on Wednesday, May 12, 2010, to recruit foster homes for children who are in need. The event was held at the Big Bucks Bingo Hall in Baraga, Michigan.

President Warren (Chris) Swartz gave the welcome at the evening’s event saying, “Each May in celebration of National Foster Care Month, we salute the dedicated, compassion, and commitment of people who make a difference by serving as foster parents. The Council is continually impressed by the positive impact our foster parents make in the lives of children and youth in need. These partners are a critical part of our service team to provide youth with what they need most: a safe place to live, adults who are invested in their success, and hope for the future.”

The evening events included an honor song by Four Thunders Drum, poems written by Sally Brunke and Samantha Tolonen, and Judith Heath and Lori Mulhig were featured speakers with a message. Lori Mulhig, a foster parent who recently has been appointed to the KBIC Indian Child Welfare—Justice Committee, spoke of the rewards one receives from helping a child in need. “What you get back is unmeasureable. Yes, you do get attached. How can you not? That is one of the most important things for a child in the foster care system. The child needs to know that

“Your Children...Our Priority”

We provide the following services:

- Establishment, Enforcement and Modification of Child Support Orders
- Paternity Establishment
- Location of Custodial and Non-Custodial Parents
- Community Education


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KEWEEENAW BAY OJIBWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE HONORS CEREMONY AND COMMENCEMENT

KBOCC held their Honors Convocation and Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, May 1, 2010, at the Niwin Akeaa Center, with three graduates receiving diplomas. Christopher Chosa, a Fall 2009 graduate, received an Associate of Arts, Liberal Studies with Native American Emphasis; Betti Szaroletta, a Spring 2010 graduate, received an Associate of Applied Science, Early Childhood Education; and Ryan Koski, a Summer 2010 graduate, received an Associate of Arts, Liberal Studies.

Timothy Shanahan, Chairman of the KBOCC Board of Regents, served as Master of Ceremonies. Four Thunders provided music for the processional, honor song and recessional. The KBIC Honor Guard led the procession and posted the colors. Invocation was given by elder, James (Jay) Loonsfoot, Sr. Debra Parrish, KBOCC President, presented the welcome for the ceremonies, and Council member, Frederick Dakota, gave the Tribal Council’s address.

This year, KBIC member, Doreen Blaker gave the commencement address. Ms. Blaker is a past Council member of six years, has served the KBIC Community as an employee for 16 plus years, and is currently the Tribal Court Advocate. She has been on the youth committee, firefighting committee, cultural committee, and the Indian child welfare committee, and she enjoys volunteer work throughout the Community. Doreen has a Bachelor's of Social Science/Pre-law. She is a mother of five and a grandmother of two with two more on the way. In her spare time she enjoys bowling and watching sports. During her speech, Ms. Blaker told the audience, "Owned and operated by the Ojibwa Housing Authority. All proceeds go to affordable housing activities in our community."
KBOCC Graduation continued:

"Education is a powerful tool that can help preserve and protect our tribe’s interests. It can empower our Tribal people to break down the barriers of mis-understanding regarding our treaty rights. Education keeps us adaptable to this fast paced world of technology and is used to enhance our Ojibwa culture, traditions, and beliefs, and to teach our version of history and how we see the past."

Cherie Dakota and Megan Shanahan submitted Scholastic Honor Awards to several students from the Spring, Summer, and Fall 2009 semesters (listing at conclusion of article).

Ryan Koski received the Student of the Year Award. Ryan Koski has participated in KBOCC student events and organizations, participated in the MICUP summer internship program at Michigan Technological University. Ryan Koski is a role model for younger people of the community, and is also the KBOCC 2010 valedictorian.

Brooke Danielson received the Zoongide-enini Award. The name of the Zoongide-enini Award was gifted to the college by Kelly Dowd in memory of her son. The award is presented to a student who exemplifies courage and perseverance in overcoming obstacles to the student’s educational goals. The student is chosen by faculty for being an outstanding example of bravery, responsibility, diligence and good spirit.

E Halverson received the Outstanding Freshman Award. E participated in the Student Leadership Seminar, participated in the drafting and ratification of the student government by-laws, participated in student cultural events, and represented KBOCC at the AIHEC student conference. E was able to do all of these things while maintaining excellent attendance and academics in the classroom.

Shelly Danielson received the Volunteer Student Award—the Spirit of Leadership Student Volunteer. Shelly has been involved with both student government and student leadership, often volunteers to help set up for meetings, does the leg work to get projects started such as paper recycling project and fundraising projects for the student government, has mentored and tutored fellow students, and has set up study groups.

Anita Chosa, Spring 2009, Fall 2009
Cindy Knapp, Fall 2009
E Halverson, Spring 2009, Fall 2009
Betti Szaroletta, Spring 2009, Fall 2009
Jeanne Tehako, Spring 2009
Casey Trevelhan-Lahlit, Spring 2009

Scholastic Activity

Dean’s List (3.5-4.0 GPA with 12 or more credits)
Shelly Danielson
E Halverson
Cynthia Curtis
John Hebert, Fall 2009
Brook Hiller, Spring 2009
DeAnna Hadden, Fall 2009
Philomena Ekdahl, Fall 2009
Emily Evans, Fall 2009
Melissa Fish, Summer 2009
Yvette Frisvall, Summer 2009
Darlene Genschow, Fall 2009
John Hebert, Fall 2009
Debra Parrish, Spring 2009
Rose Picard, Spring 2009
Elizabeth Sherman, Spring 2009
Betti Szaroletta, Fall 2009
James Loonsfoot, Spring 2009, Fall 2009
Kim Maki, Spring 2009, Fall 2009,
Nissa Morningstar, Spring 2009,
April Niemi, Spring 2009, Fall 2009
Carol O’Hare, Fall 2009

Scholastic Achievement (3.25-4.0 GPA with less than 12 credits)
Karen Androw
Samantha Bach
Roxanne Carlson
Suzanne Kahlonen
Lauri Demonie
Lisa Chosa
Elizabeth Curtis
Diana Chaudier
Karen Androw
Lauri Demonie
Linda L Marl
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Lauri Demonie
Rose Dowd

KB Foster Parent Recruitment Dinner continued:
they belong somewhere. If your heart gets a little bashed up, it is a small price to give a child a place that is safe for them. It is worth the heartache.

Lori and her husband, Bill Mulhig, have been foster parents for the past two years. Lori states, “Sometimes even more important than, who am I? Is, who am I? We have an extreme need for foster families. It takes a whole Tribe to raise children.”

KKIC is in great need of foster parents. It takes a whole Tribe to raise children. KBIC is in great need of foster parents. Foster parenting is a rewarding sense of community service. If you are interested in more information on how to become a foster parent, please contact Isabelle H. Welsh, at the Tribal Social Services, by calling (906) 353-4102.

Department Awards
Early Childhood Education—Kim Maki
Environmetinal Science—Shelly Danielson
Liberal Studies—Ryan Koski
Writing Award—Shelly Danielson
Awards for Outstanding Academic Achievement—Shelly Danielson, Georgena Earring, Cindy Knapp; (Scholar Achievement) Shelly Danielson; (Alumni) Charlotte Loonsfoot.

Scholastic Honor 2008-2009
Dean’s List
Chris Chosa, Spring 2009, Fall 2009
Shelly Danielson, Fall 2009
Ryan Koski, Spring 2009, Fall 2009

Honors List
Cindy Knapp, Fall 2009

Scholar Achievement
Veronica Adams, Spring 2009, Fall 2009
Karen Anderson, Fall 2009
Cathy Fedie, Spring 2009, Fall 2009
Joseph Augustine, Spring 2009
Mary Lou Amaro, Spring 2009
Robert L. Loonsfoot
Betti Szaroletta, Spring 2009, Fall 2009
Raymond Cadreaus, Spring 2009
Agatha Cardinal, Spring 2009, Fall 2009
Anita Chosa, Fall 2009
Brandon Chosa, Spring 2009

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 allowable income. It includes the amount of any cost of living adjustment.

Each additional member + $312 + $390

Dependent Care Deduction—Households that qualify for the dependent care portion of their earned income are allowed a deduction of actual dependent care paid monthly to a non-household member.

Earned Income Deduction—Households that qualify for the earned income portion of their earned income are allowed a deduction of 20 percent of their earned income.

Medicare Part B Medical Insurance and Part D Prescription Drug Coverage

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 CALL BOXES, CRATES, BASKETS, ETC...
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Submitted by Todd Warner

ATTENTION KBIC TRIBAL MEMBERS

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

MISSION STATEMENT:
“The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Wellness, Health, Intervention, Prevention Program is dedicated to improving and maintaining the general health and well being of our employees, dependents, and community members. Our goal is to provide information, activities, motivation, services, and recognition to enhance the ability of people to better manage their own health, improve their quality of life and reduce their risk of disease and injury. Positive lifestyle choices develop a culture that is focused on celebrating and improving the quality of life for all.”

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2010 KBIC Spring Cleanup

KBIC is providing a one-time free curbside collection of bulky waste for enrolled KBIC Tribal Members residing within the boundaries of the KBIC L’Anse Reservation. Tribal members residing within the Village of L’Anse and the Village of Baraga will be included in this event. KBIC will not be reimburzing Tribal members residing in the Village of Baraga for participation in the Village of Baraga Spring Cleanup event this year. KBIC Spring Cleanup curbside pickup is for Tribal member residences only. Businesses and non-Tribal residences are not included in the KBIC Spring Cleanup.

Tribal Members were provided the wish to participate must place waste at the curb or road side directly in front of their residence by the morning of the FIRST DAY for PICKUP ON THEIR STREET ROUTE (listed below).

Elders or Tribal Members with physical disabilities who are not able to move their waste to the curbside can call Tribal Construction (353-6950) for special arrangements.

L’Anse Village Tribal Member Residents must call Tribal Construction with their name and address before June 11th to ensure they are included in the collection.

Baraga Village Tribal Member Residents must call Tribal Construction with their name and address before June 17th to ensure they are included in the collection.

L’Anse Collection Routes: June 7th through June 11th

June 7th: Brewery Road, Vuk Road, Dynamite Hill Road, Barbo Road, Indian Road, Silver Road, Arvon Road, Herman Road.

June 8th: Hannila Road, Shanee Road, Townline Road, Biltonen Road, Heath Drive, Ford Farm Road, Haataja Road, Pikes Peak Road.

June 9th: Jenoff Road, Haanpaa Road, Indian Cemetery Road, Tailor Road, Whirligig Road, Marksman Road, Zeba Road, Johnson Roads, Pequaming Road, Aurora Road.

June 10th: Power Dam Road, Usimaki Road, Maki Road, Dog Patch (Old 41), Lee Road.

June 11th: Village of L’Anse Tribal member collection. Village of L’Anse Tribal members must call with name and address to arrange for pickup prior to June 11th.

Baraga Collection Routes: June 14th through June 17th

June 14th: Bearstown Road, Guy Road, M-38 from the Village of Baraga limits to Baraga Plains Road, Lindblom Road, Wadaga Road.

June 15th: Mission Road (north of Tribal Construction to Lindemann Road), Ben Road, Tangen Road, Carlson Road.

June 16th: Lindemann Road, US-41 outside of the Village of Baraga, Shippy Road.

June 17th: Village of Baraga Tribal member collection. Village of Baraga Tribal members must call with name and address to arrange for pickup prior to June 17th.

ALSO - On June 18th. Tribal members can also drop off waste at Tribal Construction between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. This is a one time only drop off and waste will not be received any other day aside from June 18th.

The following items and types of waste WILL NOT BE accepted during Spring Cleanup – Please call with any questions about acceptable wastes.

Hazardous waste, batteries, liquids, oil & oil filters, paint, antifreeze and coolants, yard waste, tires, radioactive materials, fluorescent bulbs, explosives, wood preservatives, weed killers, solvents, propane tanks, pesticides, or loose trash. CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS is not acceptable. If present, will be left at the curbside. Waste piles that consist of a mix of acceptable and unacceptable waste may not be collected. Loose trash MUST BE BAGGED. Loose waste not bagged may not be collected. White goods (refrigerators and freezers) must have doors removed or they will not be collected.

If you are unsure about your pickup date, or if you are included in the Spring Cleanup, or if you have other questions, please contact the KBIC Natural Resource Department (906) 524-5757, or Tribal Construction, at (906) 353-6950.

To be added to the mailing list or to correct your mailing address, contact the enrollment office at (906) 353-6623 ext. 4113.

To place an ad, submit an article, or request additional information or ideas on possible articles contact Lauri Denomie at newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov

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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 KBHOA:

- 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. College tuition and expenses for residents;
- Low cost home improvement loan program for qualifying Tribal members;
- Low cost tax preparation program for residents and Tribal members;
- Surplus FEMA mobile home program for Tribal members;
- Stipend FEMA program covering mileage and child care expenses for residents attending college;
- Affordable curbside trash service for residents and members;
- Prescription subsidy program to reimburse Tribal elders and disabled individuals.
- 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 Neguane—providing profits for housing programs;
- Ojibwa BP, Car Wash and Laundry—providing Tribal employment, superior products and service, and profits for housing programs.

The New England American Indian Economic Development and Procurement Conference

The New England American Indian Economic Development and Procurement Conference will be held on June 22, 2010, from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The event will take place at the Embassy Suites Boston – at Logan Airport, in Boston, Massachusetts. The exhibitor space will be FREE, as will conference admission for attendees.

This event will be comprised of government procurement workshops; exhibits by prime contractor companies, government agencies and nonprofits; and networking opportunities. Various workshops will be given throughout the day including: How to Get on the GSA Schedule, Selling to the State of Massachusetts, Doing Business with the DOT, Understanding the “Buy Indian” Act, and many more.

The conference will be sponsored by the Turtle Island Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC), Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development, and UIDA Business Services.

For more information, please contact the Turtle Island PTAC: 651.917.0819 or wfreier@sidfieldlans.org.

OJIBWA COMMUNITY LIBRARY

WHAT IS Mel?
It is the Michigan electronic Library.
WHAT CAN Mel DO FOR ME?
MeL can help you find information about genealogy, car repair, hobbies, build a business, Michigan history, home schooling, practice tests for college, career services, GED, etc. from millions of full-text articles and many other sources.

HOW DO I FIND MeL?
Go to www.mel.org and follow the links.

IS THERE A COST?
It is free to Michigan residents. Mel. will ask you for your Michigan Driver’s License number, this is only used to keep track of usage. There is no charge for printing information from your home computer. At the library it will be $.10 per page.

WHAT ABOUT EMPLOYMENT AND START-UP BUSINESSES?
Go to www.mel.org/bizandjobs. It is the business and jobs gateway. You can browse career exploration resources and take job search courses. You can access any Michigan Work! sites for job-search resources.

When your child comes home from school and tells you he/she has to write a paper citing four sources, and only one can be from the internet, you can go to MeL and find the other three sources of information in the form of books, newspapers, journals, and magazines.

Good luck and have fun with this wonderful resource.

W.H.I.P.P. continued:
active lifestyle; eat a healthy diet; if you drink alcoholic beverages, limit consumption.
Healthy men, women, and children move our communities forward!

On May 3rd the first U.S. National Physical Activity Plan was released at a press event in Washington D.C. The plan has a vision: One day, all Americans will be physically active and they will play, work and play in environments that facilitate regular physical activity. The plan aims to create a national culture that supports physically active lifestyles. Its ultimate purpose is to improve health, prevent disease and disability, and enhance quality of life.

Remember the summer events: “Walk your way to Wellness” Walking Challenge, May 2—August 7, and the Denise Marth Memorial Family Fun Run,” July 10, 2010, 9 a.m.—noon. Migwech and have a happy summer!

“A Time to Remember”
Thank you for remembering our deceased veterans and our loved ones on Memorial Day — May 31st. Continue to also remember all of our veterans and those currently serving in the military. Let us also remember our disabled and hospitalized veterans. Among our fellow citizens today are 3.4 million veterans with service-connected disabilities. They amount to 1.5% of the entire U.S. adult population. “Invisible wounds” of the mind are just as debilitating as lifelong physical wounds sustained on the battlefield. We all have a never-ending debt to these and all veterans who sacrificed for our country. On Memorial Day and every day, let’s pay tribute, pray, and give a National salute to all of our veterans at home, hospitalized, disabled, and actively serving.

submitted by Susan J. LaFarmier

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

All Tribal Veterans Welcome!

ATTENTION KBIC MEMBERS

The 2nd Reading of the Proposed Amendment to the Tribal Code Domestic Relations Ordinance 2010-05 will be held on Thursday, June 10, 2010, in the Tribal Center Conference Room following the special Council Meeting.

The Tribal Council will receive verbal and written comments from Tribal members at the public hearing in accordance with the Legisla-tive Process. public hearing procedure adopted by the Tribal Council.

Copies of the proposed Ordinances are available at the Tribal Center, KBIC Donald LaPointe Medical Center, Cen- ter, Ojibwa Senior Citizens Center, Tribal Court, Commodity Foods Center, Ojibwa Housing Office and Ojibwa Community College. Copies are also distributed to all De-partments within the Tribe.

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Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing Authority

website: www.kboha.com

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Employment Opportunities

- On Call positions:
  - Community Service Supervisor
  - Unit Manager
  - LPN
  - RN
  - Account Executive/Sales
  - Cashier
  - Receptions/Clerical Worker
  - Pre-Primary Teacher Assistant
  - Youth Program & Facility Attendant

- Clinical Social Worker — open until filled
- Family Aide (on-call) — open continuously

For current job listings, complete job announcements, applications and contact information: KBIC Personnel Department, 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49908-5210 or 906-353-6023, ext. 4176 or 4140 or visit: www.ojibwa.com
New Employees

Lisa Denomie (center) is shown above with the two individuals who nominated her for the award, Kelly Dowd (left) and Vicky Miekko (right). Photo compliments of Even Start student, Lea Renfro.

As one of her nominator’s put it, “Lisa has an outstanding way of relating to our youth and is always very creative in her teachings. She goes the extra mile!” Denomie is a longtime early childhood educator and was a former preschool teacher at KBIC Head Start before taking the lead in the Tribal preliminary program. A graduate of Keeweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College, she currently provides educational leadership for teachers in her early childhood program.

As the 2010 recipient of the “Dream Catcher” Award, Lisa was honored at a luncheon hosted by KBIC Even Start adult ed students at its center on Wednesday, April 28th where she received her certificate and a handcrafted dream catcher.

“We would like to thank the people who took the time to submit nominations for this year’s award,” stated Juntunen. “Nominations were submitted for outstanding parents, teachers, paraprofessionals, and other service providers for the early childhood education programs of Baraga County. Each nominee was a deserving individual, and we applaud their efforts, thanking them for all they do to enrich and support the lives of children in our community.”

~ submitted by Gail Juntunen

KBIC Even Start Family Literacy Center announced the selection of this year’s recipients for the third annual “Dream Catcher Award” in celebration of the NAECY National Month of the Young Child. This year’s award goes to a deserving individual whose work to early childhood education and family literacy has easily qualified her for this award. This year’s award goes to a deserving individual whose work to early childhood education and family literacy has easily qualified her for this award. This year’s award goes to a deserving individual whose work to early childhood education and family literacy has easily qualified her for this award.

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Suzan received a beaded lanyard for her name badge and is able to park in the spot specifically designated for the DHHS Superior Spirit Award winner. Congratulations, Suzan Ollila!

Why Should I Care About Land Management?

Effective management of land resources means thinking about what you want to preserve, what needs to be improved, and what needs to be protected in the facility attendants or the kitchen/craft rooms.

KBIC would like your input in developing a plan of action.

Proposed actions: erosion controls, cemetery mapping, burial identification, memorial wall, cleaning, removal of debris, and replacement of spirit houses.

June 2010 Calendars Events

June 5 — Regular Saturday Council Meeting, 10 a.m.

June 7 — Spring cleanup begins

June 10 — 2nd Reading of the Proposed Additions to the Tribal Code Domestic Relations Ordinance

June 16 — Veterans meeting, 7 p.m.

June 18 — Happy Father’s Day

June 21 — Summer savings

~ submitted by newsletter editor

Events occurring throughout KBIC are welcome to be listed on the Calendar of Events. Contact newsletter@kbic.nsn.gov to submit your events. Some events are more detailed FYI within the newsletter.

For up-to-date event listings, visit www.ojibwa.com and select KBIC Events Calendar or go to the front page of www.ojibwa.com, click on youth club, or contact 906-4643 Main Office at Youth Club, or check the facility attendants or the kitchen/craft rooms.

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KBIC would like your input in developing a plan of action.

Proposed actions: erosion controls, cemetery mapping, burial identification, memorial wall, cleaning, removal of debris, and replacement of spirit houses.

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John Varline, Jr., was recently hired as the Post Disposition Probation Officer with the Tribal Court. John is a 2009 graduate of Northern Michigan University. He is currently pursuing an Apprenticeship within our tribe’s Ojibwe Language Revitalization Program with Earl Otchingwangan.

Dale Shaflloe was recently hired as the Executive Director of the KBIC Gaming Commission. Dale is a 1990 L’Anse High graduate who began his career in gaming at our Baraga casino shortly after graduation. Not long after that, he moved away to work on the newly constructed riverboat, the Casino Belle, in Dubuque, Iowa. Dale has since held gaming licenses in Iowa, Illinois, Michigan and Missouri. He has ten years of table games experience working for corporate casinos such as Ameristar and Station Casinos.

Dale decided to move back to the Upper Peninsula in 2000 to raise his family and pursue higher education. He graduated in 2006 with a degree in Economics from Northern Michigan University. He is currently pursuing an Apprenticeship within our tribe’s Ojibwe Language Revitalization Program with Earl Otchingwangan.

KBIC Even Start Family Literacy Center announced the selection of this year’s recipients for the third annual “Dream Catcher Award” in celebration of the NAECY National Month of the Young Child.

Suzan Ollila, RN, is the DHHS Superior Spirit Award winner for June. Sue was nominated by two co-workers who said, “Sue is willing to help me when I ask. She takes the time to explain things if I have questions. She multi-tasks on a daily basis, to help all of us in the medical clinic.” Sue has worked very hard as a case manager in advocating for patient care and continuity of care. She has spent a lot of time in coordinating services with outside agencies as well as following up on tasks as assigned. Sue has been instrumental in learning the UPHF formulary and has trained staff on how to use the formulary for cost containment.

Suzan received a beaded lanyard for her name badge and is able to park in the spot specifically designated for the DHHS Superior Spirit Award winner. Congratulations, Suzan Ollila!

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changed. Good communities don’t happen by accident. They happen through the active participation of citizens in managing development processes.

Soon we will invite your participation in community workshops designed to envision the future of Tribal lands. Once we have the vision, we can figure out collectively how to make it happen. Making it happen means creating an understanding of the important criteria that you want future development to achieve. It means creating a decision-making tool that reflects KBIC values and goals.

We’ll bring the food. All you have to bring is your ideas and your vision for the future. Come be a part of the creation.

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