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KBOCC'S STUDENT GOVERNMENT JOINS PARADE OF NATIONS CELEBRATION



Michigan Technological University held their 24th Annual Parade of Nations on Saturday, September 14, 2013, with the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College's Student Government joining the celebration. The Parade of Nations celebration hosted a number of different activities, one was the parade which began in Hancock, MI, proceeded over the lift bridge, continued through downtown Houghton, and concluded at Dee Stadium.

Dee Stadium housed a multicultural festival which featured food and music from more than 50 countries with Anishinaabe of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community amongst them. The Parade of Nations and multicultural celebration is a celebration of cultural diversity.

The KBOCC's Student Government's float (shown above) placed third in this year's display of different cultures. Photo compliments of Denise Moschetto-Meroni.

SEPTEMBER 7, 2013 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on September 7, 2013, at the Ojibwa Casino Conference Room, in Baraga, Michigan. President Warren C. Swartz, Jr. presided over the meeting with Elizabeth D. Mayo, Susan J. LaFernier, Toni Minton, Jennifer Misegan, Robert (RD) Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Jean Jokinen, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Carole L. LaPointe, Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, and Don Messer, Jr. present.

President Warren C. Swartz, Jr. shared numerous *Thank You* and *For Your Information* items addressed to Council. President Warren C. Swartz, Jr. gave the President's Report (page two), Secretary Susan J. LaFernier gave the Secretary's Report (page three), Treasurer Jennifer Misegan gave the Treasurer's Report (page five), and Larry Denomie III gave the CEO's Report (page four). Council passed the Department Head Reports for July 2013.



President Warren C. Swartz, Jr. (left) accepting the firefighter's plaque of appreciation from L'Anse Fire Chief Mike Bianco (right).

Mike Bianco, L'Anse Fire Chief, was accompanied by a number of L'Anse and

Tribal Council Members:

Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President
Elizabeth D. Mayo, Vice-President
Susan J. LaFernier, Secretary
Toni Minton, Asst. Secretary
Jennifer Misegan, Treasurer
Robert D. (RD) Curtis, Jr.
Frederick Dakota
Jean Jokinen
Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.
Carole LaPointe
Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews
Don Messer, Jr.



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- September 7, 2013 Tribal Council Meeting
- Tribal Housing Authority Receives Award
- Health Reform For American Indians and Alaska Natives
- Chelsey LaFernier Memorial Walk Announced
- Loonsfoot Honored, Retirement
- Ojibwa Senior News
- Deepest Sympathy



ATTENTION KBIC MEMBERS RESIDING ON THE RESERVATION

**A Secretarial Election is scheduled for
October 22, 2013.**

The election will be conducted in accordance with the regulations set forth in Title 25, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 81 (25 CFR § 81) and Pub. L. 100-420, as amended by Pub. L. 101-301.

Adult members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community who are 18 years or older on October 22, 2013, who **physically reside on the reservation, and who registers to vote**, may vote in the election. There will be one polling place at the **Ojibwa Senior Citizens Center** in Baraga from **7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

The Registered Voters List will be posted October 2, in all Tribal offices and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Michigan Agency.

The ballots will be counted on October 22, after 7 p.m. Immediately after the ballots are counted the election results will be posted in all Tribal offices and at the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Michigan Agency.

Council Meeting continued:

Baraga Department Firefighters as he presented the Tribal Council with a plaque of the firefighters' appreciation for the KBIC's support during the recent U.P. Firefighters Tournament held in L'Anse and Baraga last month.

Curby Robillard addressed the Council per their request. Curby Robillard, a descendant, explained that he has had permission from his uncle to reside on his uncle's allotted land within the reservation boundaries for many years. Neighbors have raised health and well-being concerns to Council related to Mr. Robillard residing next to them and alleged a number of incidents over a twenty-year period. Mr. Robillard acknowledged previously that he had cut some trees and indicated that he has not cut any trees since that time; and that he in fact has made arrangements with the BIA to make restitution for the cutting of the trees. Mr. Robillard apologized for incidents the neighbors believe have occurred, and indicated that he does not want to make the neighbors mad at him. **Motion by Susan LaFernier to cancel Resolution KB1937-2013 (because the uncle could not fulfill the requirement) and to continue to meet with Curby Robillard to discuss his options and stipulations, supported by Elizabeth D. Mayo, five supported (Mayo, S. LaFernier, Misegan, Dakota, M. LaFernier), one opposed (Messer), five abstained (Minton, Curtis, Jokinen, LaPointe, Matthews), motion carried.**

Susan J. LaFernier requested Council schedule the 3rd Reading for the Proposed Ordinance 2013-03 to Amend (clarify) Tobacco Ordinance 2008-02. Council consensus was to schedule this

3rd Reading for the September 19, 2013 meeting.

The Chelsey LaFernier Memorial Walk is scheduled on October 5, 2013, which is the date of the regularly scheduled Council meeting to be held at the Marquette property. **Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to hold the regular October 5, 2013 Tribal Council meeting in Baraga and move the regular Tribal Council meeting held in Marquette to November 9, 2013, supported by Jennifer Misegan, eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**

Jean Jokinen stated that the audit team had a meeting with the auditors in regards to the OHA Forensic Audit yesterday (09/06/2013) where it was asked if Council was going to continue or not. **Motion by Jean Jokinen to put an end to the audit based on yesterday's meeting and consider it as complete, supported by Robert (RD) Curtis, Jr., two supported (Curtis, Jokinen), nine opposed (Mayo, S. LaFernier, Minton, Misegan, Dakota, M. LaFernier, LaPointe, Matthews, Messer), 0 abstained, motion defeated. Motion by Carole LaPointe to wait for the written report to review from yesterday's meeting and then make a decision to either stop the audit or move on, supported by Don Messer, Jr., nine supported (LaPointe, Messer, Mayo, S. LaFernier, Minton, Curtis, Dakota, Jokinen, Matthews), two opposed (Misegan, M. LaFernier), 0 abstained, motion carried.**

Jennifer Misegan stated grievance hearings were held at Thursday's meeting where resolutions should be made in closed session, but no resolutions were formally made regarding the grievances. **Motion by Jennifer Misegan to support the decision of the Assistant**

CEO for those terminations but to clear the information regarding the termination from their files as to the reason why were terminated, supported by Susan J. LaFernier, eight supported (S. LaFernier, Misegan, Curtis, Dakota, M. LaFernier, LaPointe, Matthews, Messer), one opposed (Jokinen), two abstained (Mayo, Minton), motion carried.

Treasurer Jennifer Misegan brought forward the donations for September 2013. **Motion by Toni Minton to approve the September 2013 donations in the amount of \$500.00 for Joseph Spruce's request for the Law Enforcement Torch Run with proceeds to benefit Special Olympics, supported by Elizabeth D. Mayo, ten supported (Mayo, S. LaFernier, Minton, Misegan, Curtis, Dakota, M. LaFernier, LaPointe, Matthews, Messer), one opposed (Jokinen), 0 abstained, motion carried.**

Council moved into closed session with the following motions made upon return to open session prior to adjourning. **Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to approve the interim wage for the I.T. Site Manager at the Health Center, supported by Jennifer Misegan, nine supported (Mayo, S. LaFernier, Minton, Misegan, Dakota, M. LaFernier, LaPointe, Matthews, Messer), two opposed (Curtis, Jokinen), 0 abstained, motion carried. Motion by Jennifer Misegan to waive the ten day waiting period to grieve the termination of the I.T. Site Director and to post, eight supported (Mayo, S. LaFernier, Minton, Misegan, Dakota, M. LaFernier, LaPointe, Messer), three opposed (Curtis, Jokinen, Matthews), 0 abstained, motion carried.**

~ submitted by Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2013

The following is a list of activities that occurred in the office of the President during the month of August 2013:

- The schedule for the secretarial election has been set. There was a minor change to the schedule to allow claims/challenges to the voter's list. It changed from October 10th to the 11th. The purpose of the election is to conduct a Secretarial Election on a proposed amendment to Article VIII §1 of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Tribal Constitution.
- The Community requested the BIA to increase 638 portions of the forestry program. Currently the bureau allocates about \$95,000.00 to manage the entire forest lands in Michigan that the BIA has oversight on. KBIC owns about 55% of those lands. We currently get about \$1000 to manage the lands on or near our reservation. We participated in an informal conference with the Bureau and informed them that we feel we should get more than \$1000.00. After the informal conference the Bureau denied our request.
- I met with Senator Stabenow at the Community College. She was in the area and decided to stop by and check out our college. We informed her of the college becoming accredited. I also took the opportunity to address a couple of issues with her and her staff. I was excited that she came to the reservation and thanked her for service to the Com-

munity and the citizens of Michigan.

- I attended the celebration of the recognition of the Community College. I was honored to give the welcoming address. A number of people attended and were recognized for their efforts to achieve accreditation. Our representative Scott Diandi was in attendance, and he was also impressed with the facility.
- I attended a meeting in Chicago to discuss the shortcomings of the EPA's trust responsibility to Tribes. My observations from the meetings in Chicago:
 - * There was an armed Federal Protection Service officer outside of the meeting when tribes met with EPA and the states. No officer was present during the meeting between environmental groups and EPA and states.
 - * EPA Region 5 lacks mining expertise.
 - * Most grassroots (local) environmental advocacy groups are aligned with Great Lakes Tribes. Their message was "EPA isn't involved in regulating mining activities, and they should be. EPA is failing in its oversight of states who've been delegating EPA authorities."
 - * The Environmental Law & Policy Center (ELPC) and the Natural Resource Defense Council (NRDC) have demonstrated that their allegiance to the Obama administration prevents them from taking a position

critical of EPA. It's a fact that many former ELPC and NRDC employees who were involved in supporting the Obama campaign are now working for EPA.

- EPA has been delegating most of its federal authorities to the three states (Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin) in attendance at the meetings. My assessment of how these states are discharging trust responsibilities to Indian tribes:
 - * Minnesota: They seem to be interested in taking on the responsibilities but haven't figured out exactly how to do it.
 - * Wisconsin: It's not our job to uphold trust responsibilities.
 - * Michigan: The Commissioner of the MDEQ admitted he didn't even know what these trust responsibilities are.
- There was a recommendation that the Great Lakes Tribal leaders meet with Administrator McCarthy. At that meeting, Great Lakes Tribal Leaders should formally request that EPA designate the Great Lakes as an Aquatic Resource of National Importance. This could include an NCAI resolution supporting the designation and a letter of request for the designation from a very large number of environmental groups. Administrator McCarthy has the ability to direct EPA employees with mining experi-

ence from around the country to:

1. Evaluate the job Region 5 has done,
 2. Make recommendations to increase Region 5 mining expertise.
- The Council agreed to give John Paul DeCota a big boat license and to prorate the license fee.
 - We are continuing to talk with Dan McNeil. He is a Tribal Member who took the test to receive his Michigan Bar license to practice law. He hasn't received his license yet, but we would like him to work with us to help decrease the work load in the attorney's office.
 - I also attended a school board meeting in Baraga. We discussed the upcoming budget and also discussed the importance of the Title IV Program to Indians in education.
 - Finally, we should consider supporting the Inter-Tribal Trade Act of 2013. The purposes of the Act is to revitalize Tribal economies by encouraging tribes to sell their natural resources and the products they develop into a broader market in a larger geographical area. It would help promote outside investment in Indian businesses and trade operations by clarifying the laws applicable to inter-tribal trade. It would also encourage inter-tribal cooperation and the development of inter-tribal business relationships as a means to improve the economies of the participating tribes and to promote tribal self sufficiency and self determination.

This concludes my report.

Respectfully submitted,

Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President

**KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN
COMMUNITY AND TRIBAL HOUSING
AUTHORITY RECEIVES AWARD
FROM THE US DEPARTMENT OF
HOUSING AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT**

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community was awarded an Indian Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$600,000. The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing Authority (OHA) in Baraga, Michigan, is the sub-recipient. The award will be used, in conjunction with additional resources provided by the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) and by OHA, to construct a community building in Zeba, Michigan. The community building will also include communal gathering space for feasts, group training or coaching sessions, and other community activities.

OHA was created by the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community in 1965 as a unit of Tribal Government. Its operational goals are ensuring that safe, decent, and affordable housing is available to KBIC families; creating economic opportunities for the KBIC and Tribal members; assisting the local community development efforts, and ensuring fiscal integrity in the operation of its programs.

**TRIBAL NON-PROFIT
ORGANIZATION RECEIVES AWARD
FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
TREASURY**

The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing and Community Development Corporation (KBOHCDC) in Baraga, Michigan, has been awarded a Native American CDFI Assistance-Financial Assistance (NACA-FA) grant in the amount of \$250,000. The award will be used to capitalize a home purchase revolving loan fund for Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) Tribal mem-

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SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR AUGUST 2013

Activities reported by the Secretary, Susan J. LaFernier, for the month of August 2013.

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

We continue to recognize the richness of Native American contributions, accomplishments, and sacrifices to the political, cultural, and economic life of Michigan and the United States.

A wonderful fall is upon us as we continue to enjoy the wonderful seasons of our area!

The annual summer government picnic was held on August 2nd at the L'Anse Golf Course. One-hundred-fifty employees (and committee members were invited) attended; played bingo, cribbage/card games, bean bag toss; went on a one-mile fitness walk; and of course, golfed. Three new challenges were added this year, and the following people won: Kevin Perrault/1'9" closest to the pin; Gary Loonsfoot, Jr./25' longest putt; and Suzanne Jondreau/longest drive. We all enjoyed great picnic food. Thanks to all of our employees for planning, setting up for the picnic, cooking, grilling, and helping with the games and prizes, and cleanup. Many thanks to our Picnic Committee: Larry Denomie, Kim Klopstein, Gary Loonsfoot, Jr. and to the Tribal Council.

On August 16th and August 23rd, Tribal Council members and Natural Resource staff had the privilege to take a boat ride (thanks to our Police Officers) to Manitou Island off the Keweenaw Peninsula. It is a beautiful island with two lighthouses, a dock, and many acres of pure woods where trees amazingly grow on little soil and where the pinecones grow upward! The island is able to tell many stories of the activities that went on there through the years, mainly commercial fishing. We did find downed telephone poles that connected the lighthouse to the mainland. Be watching for more information on Manitou Island.

Remember the dates (see poster/ads) regarding the upcoming Secretarial Election on October 22, 2013. The only polling place open will be at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens Center in Baraga from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. You will be voting on an amendment to the Constitution regarding Article VIII Section 1. Community Informational meetings will be held on September 24th at the Zeba United Methodist Church and September 26th at the Ojibwa Seniors Center.

I had a great time helping at the Pines Convenience Center "Customer Appreciation" Day on August 27th. Thanks to the staff: Trish, Suzie, Dan, Larry, radio station personnel, and everyone else who helped make the day fun.

The employee W.H.I.P.P. (Wellness, Health, Intervention, Prevention Program) Task Force and volunteers continue to have monthly meetings. It is never too late to encourage others and begin positive lifestyle changes that will help us live longer, healthier, happier lives. Mino-Bimaadizin—"Live Well." Remember everyone should participate in at least 30 minutes of physical activity five times a week to stay fit. Congratulations to our 2nd place Keweenaw Bay walkers out of 11 Tribes participating again this year in the Tribe to Tribe Walking Challenge. They were congratulated by Blue Cross & Blue Shield with a check on August 20th. The annual blood drive will also be held on October 1st (see flyer).

NATIVE VOTE 2013—every vote and voice counts. We have 822 total eligible voters and 681 registered voters, 429 registered voters, or 63%, voted in the December election. Our goal for Keweenaw Bay is to have 100% of our registered/eligible members vote!

Remember to continue to pray for each other, to honor and remember all of our veterans, service men and women, and their families. Also remember those who are ill, those with economic struggles, and all those who have lost loved ones during the past year and on September 11. We pray that we and the world will be graced with the gifts of peace, love, and joy.

Thank you for all that you do to keep our land the beautiful place it is. Thank you, God and Creator, for the great blessings of our land. "Who does the land belong to? Some to those who have walked on, a little to those still living, but most to those yet to be born." ~ unknown.

~ Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift, that is why we call it the present.

During August 2013, the Tribal Council held one Regular Tribal Council Meeting on August 3, 2013, at the Ojibwa Motel Conference Room. This meeting is covered in the September 2013 Newsletter. Tribal Council held four Special Council Meetings. Following are the unapproved motions from August.

At a council meeting held August 1, 2013, the following actions were taken:

- Tabled the Tribal Attorney job description review and have a discussion with Attorney Heather Chapman before posting for a Tribal Attorney;
- Approved a line item Hardship Funds for the Community Needs Assistance Program (511) and to use the remaining senior heating funds for food and shut-offs using the CSBG guidelines for two months;
- Defeated a motion to offer the TERO Director position to Sue Ellen Carlson (after five interviews);
- Approved to offer the TERO Director position to Debra Picciano;
- Approved to pay the balance of \$2,162.85 out of the General Fund (510) for the Spring Clean-up;
- Approved to table Resolution KB 1945-2013 for a new drawing for the Campground (Marina) Right-of-Way Amendment;
- Approved the KBIC Space Lease Agreement for two (2) ATM Machines with River Valley Bank at the Marquette Casino;
- Approved the bid from Ojibwa Building Supply for \$98,498.00 with a contract (to include warranty and a time frame) for the Baraga Casino carpeting;
- Approved the use of the former Tribal Maintenance facility (at the Industrial Park) for \$1.00 for 99 years for office space for the Aanikoosing, Inc.;

At a council meeting held August 8, 2013, the following actions were taken:

- Defeated a motion to approve a donation of \$3,992.00 (additional) for burial expenses for George Curtis;
- Approved to pay the difference between a regular size casket and a larger casket for George Curtis;
- Approved to appoint Diana Chaudier, Gretchen Emery, Peggy Loonsfoot, Jeanne Kauppila, and Kim Klopstein to the Secretarial Election Board (October 22, 2013 Election);
- Approved Resolution KB 1945-2013 Campground Right-of-Way and to move forward with the paving after Labor Day;
- Approved to not pave (or gravel) the loop by the (Marina) Fishing Memorial, remove the small loop and do a change order to the contract;
- Approved Resolution KB 1947-2013 Diana L. Chaudier and Jason R. Chaud-

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Secretary Report continued:

- ier modification to their residential lease;
- Approved to refund all of the Pow-Wow vendors from this year's Pow-Wow;
- Approved the Letter of Support to MTU for the GLRI (Great Lakes Restoration Initiative) grant application regarding Torch Lake;
- Approved the Services Agreement with Checker Transport for the youth charter bus trip August 17-20;
- Approved the renewal 2013 fireworks license for (Pete) Morin Fireworks;
- Approved the Tier II Services Agreement with Range Telecommunications for \$4,125.64 for the radio station's Herman tower FCC compliance.

At a council meeting held August 15, 2013, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the 2013 General Election Timeline for December 14, 2013, and the 2013 Primary Election Timeline for November 2, 2013;
- Held the 2nd Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2013-03 Clarification to Title 21B.604 of the Tobacco Ordinance of 2008;
- Approved the adjudication of Steven Cadeau for five years;
- Approved the bid from U.P. Concrete Pipe Company for \$11,592.00 for 12 gauge pipe and \$15,057.00 for 10 gauge pipe for the Robillard Creek culvert/fish passage;
- Approved the Great Lakes Fishery Trust application for a dock in Zeba and to submit for a cleaning station;

- Approved the Tribal Council Secretary's Report for July 2013.

At a council meeting held August 29, 2013, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the Early Spring Productions (Rick Allen) to film on the Reservation and at the Pinery Cemetery in a respectful way;
- Approved a donation to Early Spring Productions of \$2,500.00;
- Approved the September 11, 12, 13, 18, 2012 Tribal Council meeting minutes;
- Approved that family members of George Curtis be able to donate advance (\$150.00-\$300.00) from their 2013 Christmas Gift Check for his funeral expenses;
- Approved the renewal business license for Zebing Solutions (Jeff Swartz and Arlan Friisvall);
- Approved Resolution KB 1949-2013 Irvin J. Smith III Recreational Lease;
- Approved Resolution KB 1950-2013 Alden L. Connor, Jr. Residential Lease;
- Approved Resolution KB 1953-2013/Purchase Agreement for 40 acres on the Pikes Peak Road for \$38,000.00 from Joe Sirard;
- Approved Resolution KB 1951-2013 Forest Management Deduction Account Expenditure Plan October 2013-September 2014;
- Approved the project agreement with the Board of County Road Commissioners for Baraga County for the Tailor Road Improvements;
- Approved Resolution KB 1948-2013 Eligible Voters List for the Secretarial Election to amend Article VIII;

- Approved the donation request from Teresa Miller and Tina Messer for travel expenses up to \$520.00 (need receipts) to attend their uncle's funeral in Minnesota;
- Approved to appoint John Davis to the Economic Development Committee;
- Approved to appoint Jeff Loman to the Natural Resources Committee;
- Approved to appoint Lauri Denomie to the ICWA (Justice) Committee;
- Approved to reappoint Roy (Donny) Koski to the Aaniikoosing, Inc. Board of Directors for three years;
- Approved the Beverage Agreement with Pepsi Beverages Company for the Casinos;
- Approved the MTU Huskies Athletic Marketing Contract for the Baraga Casino;
- Approved the Secretarial Election budget of \$2,778.00;
- Approved the Enrollment Department to share addresses of Tribal members who cannot be found regarding the class action Cobell lawsuit;
- Approved the Innovative Gaming Solutions Gaming Operations Evaluation Proposal (Marquette and Baraga Casinos);
- Approved the Services Agreement with Earl Otchingwanigan-Language Instructor, Rose and Linda Trudeau-Language Instructors, and the Bay Mills Community College modification of Memorandum of Understanding.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. LaFerner, Secretary

CEO REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2013

The month of August 2013 included the following activities and reportable items:

- In Pauline Spruce's July monthly report, she included an "Ethnic Statistics" report. According to the data collected by Pauline, which dates back to 2002, the government now employs the highest percentage of Native Americans, which the report indicates is at 74.2%. We also employ the highest percentage of KB members at 65.29%. The report also indicates that with 314 employees, it is the highest number employed for the reporting period.
- Staff with the Bureau of Indian Affairs met with our staff to conduct an "Informal Conference" related to KBIC's request to direct contract for Forestry funds. Sarah Maki, Assistant CEO, did an excellent job presenting our case and acted as the spokesperson for KBIC. Sarah's detailed information will require the BIA to explain their math in calculating their proposed contract amount which is substantially less than the calculations prepared by Sarah. Sarah also noted a ruling that was made by an Administrative Law Judge in a case with the Paiute Indian Tribe, where allocations for Realty funds were based on actual acres and not Federally Inherent activities performed. Based on that methodology presented in that case, KB is requesting contract funds in the amount of \$52,089. The Hearing Officer had 10 days to issue her decision which we received late and indicated she agreed with the BIA. KB can appeal the request which would entail filing of paper documents to the Interior Board of Indian Affairs – no formal court proceedings would be required.
- I attended the Health Board meeting held on August 14, where discussion occurred regarding prescriptions taking

longer than usual to fill. The issue has become a problem since the implementation of the Electronic Health Record and the electronic system used to process fills. Staff has developed a new system which has aided in expediting the fills. The medical providers will be utilizing the alternate method while an alternative EHR systems is explored.

- The Summer Youth Work and Youth Day Camp programs wrapped up the week of August 5. Nicole Arens, Youth Programs Coordinator, had oversight of both programs. There were issues that arose with both programs that were dealt with accordingly. The camp program was new this year and successful for the most part. If the programs continue next year, proactive measures will be taken to develop plans to address the issues that occurred this year. From feedback I received, overall the kids really enjoyed the programs.
- The HUD ICDBG Grant for the Transfer Station has been officially awarded and funds appropriated. The funds are slated for site work and equipment purchases associated with the project. HUD also approved the ICDBG grant award for the Zeba Community Center in the amount of \$600K. OHA will be the lead on that project which was a re-submission by Kristen Wakeham of OHA, of a grant prepared by Jim Stingle, KBIC Grant Writer. The \$200K match will come from the land provided by KB in the amount of \$75K and the remainder will be provided by OHA. The site for the new community center is currently being considered.
- The Pines held their first Customer Appreciation Day event on August 27. Approximately 450 hotdogs were served between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Susan LaFerner and I assisted Pines staff at

the event with cooking, serving, and registering customers for the prize drawings. This will likely become an annual event to provide thanks to the thousands of customers which patronize the Pines.

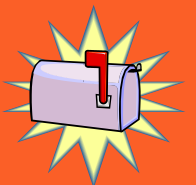
- Bruce LaPointe, Projects Manager, will serve as the Tribe's Building Inspector. Bruce's office is located at the Department of Public Works which is in our industrial park. Applications for permits will continue to be provided at the Tribal Center through our front desk receptionist.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Larry J. Denomie, III, CEO

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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!

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2013

Activities reported by the Treasurer, Jennifer Misegan, for the month of August 2013.

Donations approved for the month of August were as follows: \$500 for the Omega House, \$350 for the Baraga County Community Foundation for a sponsorship at the Tony Selkey Memorial Golf Tournament, and \$2,500 for an Early Spring Productions film entitled *Mutt*.

The fiscal year 2014 budget reviews are scheduled to begin on Monday, September 9th. Council will meet Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, will hold a regular Council meeting on Thursday, September 12th, and will continue to meet the week of September 16th, if need be. Council will begin the week by reviewing the annual audit report. The budget meetings are open to Tribal Members and will be held in the Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room.

I attended a preliminary budget meeting on August 21st with CFO, CEO, and Assistant CEO. We reviewed the proposed Casino budget and discussed the general Tribal budgets as well as the schedule for next week's meetings.

A conference call was held on August 13th with the small group involved with the Forensic Audit for the Ojibwa Housing Authority. Unfortunately, it was not clear as to which Council member would be involved in the group. It was later brought forward that Council Member Jean Jokinen, was going to be involved. I apologize for any misunderstanding. During the call and after reading through the packet of information sent to the auditors by OHA, I reviewed a list of further documents that the auditors still needed. Once the list was received, via e-mail to Attorney Heather Chapman, she notified the Board Chairperson and the Executive Director. They were once again instructed to forward the documents to the Treasurer, so they could be compiled and to ensure that everything asked for was received. It did

not happen in this manner. OHA chose to send most of the documents straight to the auditors, and I did not receive any of the requested documents. I've provided Council the e-mail along with the list since there had been some confusion, and the members of the Housing Board were told that the Treasurer had compiled the list.

A second conference call was held September 6th, and this time we made sure Council Member Jean Jokinen was included as there had been some confusion as to who had been designated by Tribal Council to be involved with this group. Once the confusion was cleared up, the conference call proceeded with the Tribal President taking part in the call. The auditors had prepared some spreadsheets comparing OHA's audited financial statements and provided the group with answers from some of the initial questions Council had. That information may be shared with Council in closed session as the group is made well aware of the confidentiality associated with being part of this working group. The group felt that at this time a site visit is not necessary until further review has been made. Another list of documents was sent to the group and was forwarded to OHA to provide the documents. Many items on the list were things missing from the previous list, and the other items were to answer questions the auditors had. The audit is not complete. If there are any questions regarding the process and what is involved in this audit, please read the engagement letter which Council approved.

The second two-percent deadline of the year is September 30th which is quickly approaching, and decisions regarding the funding will be needed prior November 30th.

As always, if anyone has questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Misegan, Treasurer

EDUCATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM

The Keweenaw Bay Education Committee offers the Education Incentive Program to local KBIC tribal students. Monetary incentives are awarded at the end of each of the four marking periods of the academic year. Awards are given for Honor Roll and Perfect Attendance. Students must meet the following criteria:

1. Must be enrolled KBIC members.
2. Must reside in one of the following four counties: Baraga, Houghton, Ontonagon, or Marquette.
3. Must attend a public or private school.

A student's Honor Roll status is defined according to the regulations of their school district. Students in grades four (4) through twelve (12) are eligible to receive this award.

Perfect Attendance follows the school policy, but time for doctor or dental appointments and funerals may be allowed. Please contact the following people for more information:

- L'Anse Area Schools – Shellie Denomie at 524-0367, or e-mail shdenomi@laschools.us
- Baraga Area Schools – Helen Jondreau at 353-6661 or e-mail hjondreau@up.net
- All others contact Amy St. Arnold at 353-4117, or e-mail amy@kbic-nsn.gov

Houghton, Ontonagon, and Marquette students must provide a copy of student report card. If attendance is not noted on the card, please have a school official document by signature. Report cards may be mailed to Keweenaw Bay Tribal Center, Education Office, 16429 Bear Town Rd., Baraga MI 49908.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Is your charitable organization planning on holding a raffle or selling raffle tickets on the L'Anse Indian Reservation?

Federal law, through the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, granted Tribes exclusive right to regulate gaming activity on Indian lands. Even if you or the members of your organization are not tribal members, the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Gaming Commission has the authority to regulate your raffle. It is unlawful to game without a license.

Please contact the KBIC Gaming Commission Office at (906) 353-4222 or stop by the office located at the Tribal Center for an application and a copy of the rules and regulations.

Applications must be received 30 days prior to all drawings for processing.



16429 Bear Town, Rd.
Baraga, MI 49908
(906) 353-4222

Lindsey Loonsfoot Earns CDA


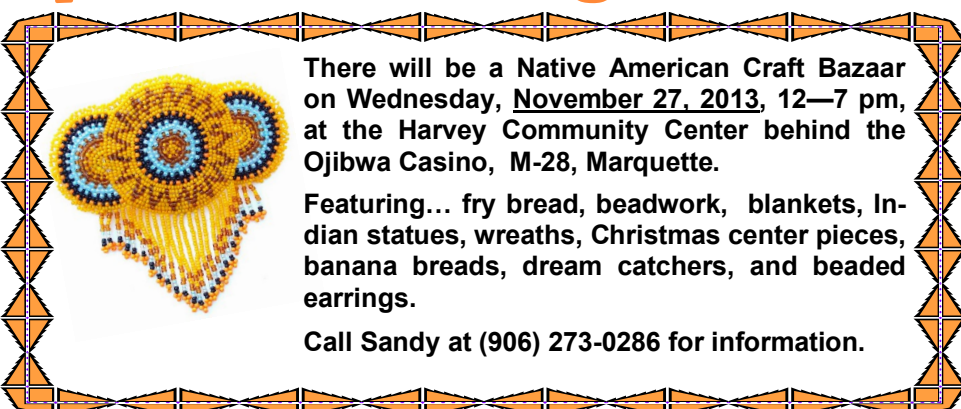
Lindsey Loonsfoot, a Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College student, has been awarded a Child Development Associate (CDA) credential in recognition of outstanding work with young children. The Council for Professional Recognition (www.cdacouncil.org) in Washington, DC awards credentials to early childhood educators who demonstrate the ability to work constructively with young children in group settings. Ms. Loonsfoot is employed at the KBIC Pre-Primary Program.

"Lindsey has worked diligently on completing educational hours and other requirements to attain the CDA," said Mary DeLine, chairperson of the Early Childhood Education Department at KBOCC. "She is an honor student and intends to complete requirements for an Associate's degree in early childhood education. I am very proud of her."

Ms. Loonsfoot completed the educational hours requirement for the CDA credential and received guidance in preparing her CDA portfolio at KBOCC. Since the college is now fully accredited, her KBOCC associate's degree will qualify her for employment at state-licensed early childhood facilities as well as federally funded programs. For information about CDA preparation or earning a degree in early childhood education, contact Mary DeLine (353-4608) at KBOCC.



Updated...change in date.



There will be a Native American Craft Bazaar on Wednesday, **November 27, 2013, 12—7 pm**, at the Harvey Community Center behind the Ojibwa Casino, M-28, Marquette.

Featuring... fry bread, beadwork, blankets, Indian statues, wreaths, Christmas center pieces, banana breads, dream catchers, and beaded earrings.

Call Sandy at (906) 273-0286 for information.

LEGAL AID CLINIC

A legal aid clinic will be available to Tribal members on Tuesday, October 29, 2013, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the downstairs conference room of the Tribal Center.

This will be the last clinic for the year! The clinic is provided by Michigan Indian Legal Services, for questions call 1-800-968-6877.



Miss Keweenaw Bay's Activities

Since being crowned Miss Keweenaw Bay on July 26, 2013, Kristina Misegan has been diligently representing KBIC at numerous events.

Kristina attended the 31st Annual Lac Vieux Desert Traditional Powwow in Watersmeet, Michigan, on August 9-11, 2013, and also participated in their 2013 Cancer Walk Run.

On August 15, 2013, Kristina attended the U.P. State Fair on Native Day and attended a powwow hosted by the Hannahville Indian Community. On August 23-25, 2013, Kristina attended the Bad River Powwow in Odanah, Wisconsin. She also traveled September 6-8, 2013, to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to attend the Indian Summer Festival.

Kristina, after a busy summer of traveling to events, has returned to her schooling but looks forward to attending many powwows and cultural activities being held throughout the winter months, including KBIC's Mid-winter Powwow, scheduled for January of 2014.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Kristina Misegan, as she is crowned Miss Keweenaw Bay, July 26, 2013. Cody Blue, Powwow Committee Member, (right) adjusts the sash.



(Above) - Kristina at Indian Summer Fest, Milwaukee, WI.

(Left) - Kristina with other royalty, Bad River Powwow, Odanah, WI.

FACEBOOK PAGE UNDERWAY



The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Facebook Page is currently under development and will be available by the end of September, early October. Continue to check the Tribe's website, www.ojibwa.com, for updated information.

Remember to... "like" us on Facebook.

Marquette KBIC Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Clinic

Community Center
(Behind Casino)

Friday, October 11

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Vaccine is available for tribal members, descendants, & non-native household contacts.

Vaccines for children under the age of 18 will not be available.

Bring your insurance card if you have one.



For more information contact Heather Wood-Paquet at 906-353-4546.

Sponsored by KBIC Department of Health & Human Services

KBIC Seasonal Flu Vaccine Clinic

KBIC Health Dept. 2nd Floor

1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

September 12th

October 10th

September 19th

October 17th

September 26th

October 24th

October 3rd

October 31st

Walk-in Basis ~ While Supplies Last

Vaccine is available for tribal members, descendants, & non-native household contacts.

Bring your insurance card if you have one.

For more information contact Heather at 353-4546.

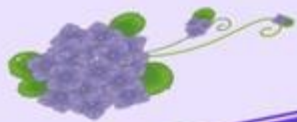
There will be a drive up clinic on Thursday, October 10th from 5-7 p.m. for adults only.



Sponsored by KBIC Department of Health & Human Services



5th Annual ~Chelsey LaFernier~ Memorial Walk Saturday, October 5th



Community Members
If you are a victim of domestic or dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, you have a safe place to call! Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Office of Violence Against Women Staff are available 24/7 at (906) 353 - 4599. Victims of any crime can call KBIC VOCA at (906) 201- 0200

"Please bring a dish to pass for the feast."

Program of Events

- 9:30 a.m. Walk Registration ~ Ojibwa Senior Citizens' Center
 - 10:45 a.m. Pipe Ceremony ~ Paul Halverson and Drumming ~ Four Thunders Drum
 - 11:00 a.m. Walk begins at the corner of McGillan St. and Lyons St.
- Program immediately following at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens' Center:
- ~ Welcome ~ Council President Chris Swartz
 - ~ Poem and Release of the Balloons ~ Lily Marcotte and Alexus DeCota
 - ~ Opening Prayer ~ Paul Halverson
 - ~ Presentation: "Sharing Our Experiences, Strength, and Hope"
 - ~ Lily Marcotte --- Marilyn "Molly" Loonsfoot ~
 - ~ Wausaumoutouikwe Sandman-Shelifoe --- OVW Staff ~
 - ~ Drumming ~ Four Thunders Drum
- 1:00 p.m. Feast/Prize Drawing

Don't Forget the Prize Drawing Fundraiser ~\$1 per ticket!



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 - KBIC Tribal Court
 - KBIC Healing to Wellness Court
 - KBIC Tribal Police
 - KBIC Tribal Historic Preservation Office
 - Ojibwa Housing Authority
 - Donald A. LaPointe Health and Education Center
 - NewDay Residential and Outpatient Services

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community

Harvest Feast

Will be held Saturday,
October 19, 2013.

Place and time to be determined.
Call (906) 353-6623, ext. "0" for more information.

OHA Receives Award continued:

bers in Baraga, Marquette, and Ontonagon Counties. Funds will be available for eligible Tribal members to borrow to purchase a home. Funds that are paid back to the KBOHCDC will then be made available to additional eligible KBIC members to purchase a home. This NACA-FA grant is the only one being awarded in Michigan and is one of only 18 NACA-FA grants being awarded nationwide.

The KBOHCDC is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization started by the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing Authority in 2006. It is a US Treasury-certified Community Development Financial Institution serving the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. Services provided or soon-to-be provided to the Community include low-interest loans for home repair, for home purchases, and for business capitalization; matched savings accounts; and a variety of financial education products. The KBOHCDC accepts donations, and all donations are tax deductible.

Health Reform for American Indians and Alaska Natives

The Affordable Care Act Gives American Indians and Alaska Natives Greater Access to Quality and Affordable Health Care

Health Reform Law and American Indians and Alaska Natives: Overview

American Indians and Alaska Natives are celebrating passage of the historic health reform law, the Affordable Care Act, P.L. 111-148. This law will improve the quality of health care and make it more accessible and affordable for all Americans, including our First Americans. The Affordable Care Act also includes the permanent reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCA), which extends current law and authorizes new programs and services within the Indian Health Service.

The new health reform law **builds** on the U.S. health insurance system, and makes three key changes.

- First, the law ends the worst practices of insurance companies, providing security to Americans who have coverage.
- Second, it makes insurance affordable for millions of Americans by creating a new insurance marketplace and providing tax credits for those who need additional help.
- Third, it brings down the costs of coverage for families and businesses while also reducing the federal deficit.

How do American Indians and Alaska Natives Benefit from Health Reform?

The Affordable Care Act law applies to American Indian and Alaska Native **individuals** because they are a part of the U.S. health care system, and may use sources of health care other than the Indian Health Service, such as private or employer-sponsored health insurance, Medicare, Medicaid, Community Health Centers, and the Veteran's Administration. The Affordable Care Act provides American Indians and Alaska Natives more choices – to use the Indian Health Service if they are eligible, to purchase affordable health care coverage, and/or to access coverage through other sources such as Medicare, Medicaid, and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) if they are eligible.

The Affordable Care Act also impacts Indian **Tribes** because they may purchase insurance for their employees or their members, and can benefit from more affordable options and reduced costs.

The Indian Health Service and its **hospitals and clinics** are also enhanced under the Affordable Care Act because many provisions expand coverage or improve the quality of healthcare for all Americans, including underrepresented minorities.

Examples of Health Reform Provisions Specific to American Indians and Alaska Natives

There are several provisions in the Affordable Care Act that will specifically benefit American Indian and Alaska Native individuals, Tribes and Indian health facilities. For example:

- The law creates state-based Exchanges by 2014 through which individuals and small businesses can purchase health insurance coverage. This will give families and small businesses the ability to comparison shop and choose the quality affordable insurance option that is right for them.
- American Indians and Alaska Natives who purchase health insurance on the individual market through an Exchange do not have to pay co-pays or other cost-sharing if their income does not exceed 300 percent of the poverty level, roughly \$66,000 for a family of four in 2010 (\$83,000 in Alaska).
- Members of American Indian and Alaska Native Tribes are exempt from individual responsibility assessments.
- The value of health services/benefits from IHS-funded health programs or Tribes will be excluded from an individual's gross income so it cannot be taxed starting with benefits and coverage provided after the date of enactment.
- The Affordable Care Act also expands Medicaid coverage starting in 2014 to individuals with incomes up to 133% of poverty level (about \$30,000 for a family of four), providing affordable, comprehensive health insurance coverage to some of the most vulnerable Americans.
- For individuals who have Medicare drug coverage (Part D coverage), IHS, Indian tribe or tribal organization, or urban Indian organization spending will count toward the annual out-of-pocket threshold in the donut hole as of January 1, 2011.

How the Indian Health Care Improvement Act Reauthorization Helps American Indians and Alaska Natives

The Indian Health Care Improvement Act, which authorizes Congress to fund health care services for American Indians and Alaska Natives through the Indian Health Service, was originally approved by Congress in 1976 and last reauthorized in 2000. The Affordable Care Act makes the reauthorization of this law permanent and authorizes new programs within the Indian Health Service to ensure the Service is more equipped to meet its mission to raise the health status of American Indians and Alaska Natives to the highest level. For example, it includes:

- Authorities for new and expanded programs for mental and behavioral health treatment and prevention;

- Expanded authorities for long-term care services, including home health care, assisted living and community-based care;
- New authorities for development of health professional shortage demonstration programs;
- Expanded authorities for funding of patient travel costs;
- New authorities for demonstration projects for innovative health care facility construction;
- New authorities for the provision of dialysis services;
- Improvements in the Contract Health Services program, which pays for referrals;
- New authorities for facilitation of care for Indian veterans; and
- New authorities for urban Indian health programs.

Some have expressed concern that the Indian Health Service would no longer exist with passage of health reform due to expanded insurance coverage. However, this concern is unfounded. Not only does the Affordable Care Act permanently reauthorize the Indian Health Service, but it also includes authorities for new services provided by its facilities. This legislation contributes to transforming the health care system to make affordable health care accessible to all Americans, including First Americans.

Plans for Implementation of Provisions Specific to American Indians and Alaska Natives

Due to the many provisions in the Affordable Care Act and the reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, implementation will be a complex undertaking. Not all provisions can be implemented at once, and some provisions will require additional work to implement. The Department of Health and Human Services and the Indian Health Service are currently reviewing every provision in the new laws that relates to Indian Country and quickly assessing next steps and timelines for implementation.

In the weeks and months ahead, outreach efforts will provide more education and information about the new law, plans for its implementation, and how it will impact Indian Country. In addition, Tribes will also be consulted on the implementation of Affordable Care Act. The most recent information on health reform implementation is available at:

- <http://www.whitehouse.gov/health-care-meeting/reform-means-you>;
- <http://healthreform.gov/> - for the health reform law in general; and
- <http://www.ihs.gov/> -for information for American Indians and Alaska Natives

Q&A: What Michiganders need to know about health exchanges

Health exchanges, one of the key ways the 2010 health care overhaul aimed to expand health coverage to millions more Americans, will open for enrollment Oct. 1. Some states chose to run all or part of their own exchange. Michigan and 26 other states deferred to the federal government. Here's what Michiganders need to know about what's coming.

Q. What is an exchange?

A. It's a regulated marketplace where consumers can more easily compare insurance plans through the Internet, on the phone, or through an official helper, called a "navigator." Consumers can also find out if they qualify for Medicaid -- the jointly run federal/state health care program for the poor -- or for a federal subsidies to help pay for the insurance.

Q. Who are the exchanges for?

A. They are for small businesses and people who don't have access to affordable insurance through an employer or are not already enrolled in a government program, such as Medicare. The more than 490,000 Michiganders who currently buy insurance on their own could find a better deal on the exchange. And of the more than 1 million uninsured Michiganders, most could qualify for either Medicaid or a subsidized private insurance plan.

Q. How and when can I sign up?

A. Coverage that begins next year can be purchased from October through March. Information is available at www.healthcare.gov or by calling 1-800-318-2596. Michiganders can also contact Michigan Consumers for Healthcare, the state coalition working to implement the law, at consumersforhealthcare.org. **RELATED:** [Lansing-area canvassers spreading the word on healthcare reform](#)

Q. Do I have to use the exchange to buy private health insurance?

A. No. If you don't, however, you will not be eligible for a subsidy. And plans sold outside the exchange will have to meet the same new rules on minimum levels of benefits, and meet limits on how much more insurers can charge older customers. Insurance plans sold both on and off the exchange also can't discriminate against those with existing health problems and can't charge women more than men.

Health Reform Q&A continues:

Q. Do I have to buy insurance?

A. Beginning in 2014, most citizens have to have insurance or pay a penalty. The penalty is \$95 per adult in the first year or 1 percent of income, whichever is greater. The penalty increases to \$325 or 2 percent of income in 2015, and to \$695 or 2.5 percent of income in 2016. Exceptions include for individuals making \$10,000 or less a year, those with a religious objection, and those who would have to pay more than 8 percent of their income to buy insurance. Insurers have to provide customers with proof of coverage, which will be filed with their tax returns, starting with 2014 returns filed in 2015.

Q. Who is eligible for a premium subsidy through the exchange?

A. Subsidies are available on a sliding scale for those earning between 100 percent and 400 percent of the federal poverty level -- about \$24,000 to \$94,000 per year for a family of four. Most people are expected to qualify for some assistance. Those who currently buy insurance through the individual market would, on average, qualify for nearly \$2,700 in help, or about 32 percent of the cost of a midrange plan, according to the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation. An online calculator to help people estimate what their subsidy might be is available at <http://kff.org/interactive/subsidy-calculator/>

Q. Is there any other assistance?

A. Those earning up to 250 percent of the federal poverty level can qualify for help paying other out-of-pocket expenses, such as copays and deductibles.

Q. What if I'm below the federal poverty level?

A. The law anticipated that those earning up to 138 percent of poverty would become eligible for Medicaid, the joint federal-state insurance program for the poor. But the Supreme Court ruled that states don't have to expand eligibility. Michigan lawmakers recently approved an expansion, but the federal government still has to sign off on some of the changes the state made to the program, such as cost-sharing requirements for those above the poverty line.

Q. How much will premiums cost on the exchange?

A. Insurers have submitted their proposed rates and the federal government is expected to finalize them this month. Plans will be offered at different levels of cost-sharing, along with a catastrophic plan for those under 30. Premiums will be lowest for the plans with higher deductibles and other out-of-pocket costs. Costs can also vary depending on where the consumer lives, whether the consumer smokes, and his or her age. The Kaiser Family Foundation has estimated that a 40-year-old buying a mid-range plan could have a \$3,857 annual premium. If the person was earning \$30,000 a year, he would qualify for a \$1,345 tax credit, making his annual cost \$2,512.

Q. How does that compare with current rates?

A. Costs are difficult to compare because the new plans are so different from what's currently offered. For example, the law requires certain benefits -- such as maternity care, prescription drug coverage and mental health services -- that are often not included in plans currently sold on the individual market. In general, however, women, older and sicker consumers could benefit from lower premiums while younger, healthier, and male consumers could have higher premiums. But in addition to potentially being eligible for subsidies, those facing higher premiums may also get help with out-of-pocket costs through lower deductibles and cost-sharing limits.

Q. How are employer-provided insurance plans affected?

A. Most non-elderly Americans will continue to get their insurance through an employer. Those who do are not eligible for subsidized coverage on the exchange unless their employer coverage is too expensive or the benefits too modest. Employers with 50 or more workers are required to offer coverage. The penalty for not doing so was supposed to begin in 2014 but was delayed until 2015. Starting next year, employer-provided coverage cannot cap the amount of benefits a consumer can use each year. Other changes

have already kicked in, including no lifetime limits on benefits, no copays for preventive services and allowing dependents to stay on their parent's plans until age 26.

Q. How is Medicare affected?

A. Medicare is not part of the new exchange. The law's changes to Medicare that have already gone into effect include an expansion of the drug benefit, an elimination of copays for preventive services, and higher Part B premiums for upper income beneficiaries.



1st ANNUAL DOING BUSINESS WITH GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

WHAT: This event in Indian country is aimed to inform and train Native and Tribal owned businesses about the opportunities to do businesses with the many different government agencies.

FEATURING:

Gerald Moore, MI District Director, **SBA, Michigan**
Lisa Thompson, Manager Field Services, **MI DOT, Denise Hoffmeyer**, Director, **Northeast MI PTAC**
Tom Vargo, Regional Administrator, **SBA, Michigan**
Don Makowski, Procurement Counselor, **Northwest MI PTAC**
Ross Miller, Business Consultant, **Michigan Small Business and Technologies Development Center**
Dave Goudreau, Owner, **Northern Wings Repair, Inc**
Benjamin Blanc, Procurement Specialist, **Tribal Procurement Institute (TPI PTAC)**

WHO: Hosted by Tribal Procurement Institute PTAC (TPI PTAC) Wisconsin, Northwest Michigan PTAC, Northeast Michigan PTAC, Sault Ste Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Michigan Economic Development Corporation, SBA, MI SBTDC, MI DOT.

WHY: This is a rare opportunity, to learn about government contracting programs, trends and opportunities that will increase business revenues. Learn how the US SBA programs such as the HUBZone and 8(a) programs can make a crucial difference for a business. Learn how to maximize business potential for government agencies contracting opportunities.

Hear from the Michigan DOT what they buy and how working with them can help build a strategic piece of a company's revenue stream.

Learn about the small business certifications that could give a competitive edge in the market.

Learn about specific programs for Native owned and tribal owned businesses. Prepare a company to enter this specific market.

Who Should Attend: All Native, Tribal, Small, Woman owned, Veteran owned or HUBZone located businesses entering or growing sales with government agencies (Federal, States, local...)

When: Thursday, October 10th, 2013
8:30am to 3:00pm

Where: Kewadin Casino Hotel and Convention Center,
Sault St. Marie, MI

Register online at: www.tpiptac.com

Deepest Sympathy

Clarence "Nummy" Roy, III
(1975-August 25, 2013)

Clarence "Nummy" Roy, III, father, husband, brother, son, and uncle, passed away on August 25, 2013.

Nummy was a devoted father who lived for his children and a generous caring person who would do anything for his family. His entire family will sorely miss him.

Nummy was preceded in death by his mother, Martha Jane Roy and his father, Clarence Roy, Sr.

He is survived by his wife, Irene Roy, and his children: Jorey Aho, Payton Roy, Clarence Roy IV, and Tehya Roy. His is also survived by his birth parents: Ronald Boshey and Joellen Roy; and siblings: Frances Drift, Rose Chosa, Donald Chosa, Jr., Joseph Chosa, Rebecca Chosa, Ateeka Roy, Dean Day, Damien Day, and Barry Day. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

A wake and traditional tribal rites were held on Thursday, August 29, 2013, at the Bois Forte Vermilion Wellness Center, Tower, Minnesota. The Mlaker Funeral Home, Cook, Minnesota, assisted the family.



KBIC/DHHS COMMUNITY HEALTH COLUMN

Achieving Your Weight Loss Goals Starts with Setting Your Goals

If this is the year you plan to lose weight, congratulations! Losing just 5-7 percent of your weight will help you reduce your risk for diabetes. You will have more energy and feel better.

To start losing weight, try setting goals. The key to reaching your weight loss goals is to create goals that are:

Realistic: Talk to your health care provider and choose an amount to lose that you can achieve. Then decide how many pounds you can lose in the first weeks and month. Usually losing one-two pounds per week, or about five pounds per month, is realistic.

Specific: Develop a very specific plan of action. First set your long term goal: "I will lose 20 pounds." Then set short-term goals so you can keep track of your progress. Next develop specific steps to reach your short-term goal: "I will lose five pounds this month by walking three times a week and eating smaller portion sizes."

Measurable: Make sure you can measure your progress often, both your action steps and your progress towards

your goal. Keep a food and exercise journal. Weigh yourself once a week and write down the numbers.

Positive: Make your goals related to values that are important to you. Think to yourself, "I want to be at a healthy weight so I can live long to be with my grandchildren," or "I want to take care of myself so I can be independent and stay active in my community." Always remind yourself why it's important that you lose weight. Think of the benefit to you, your family and your community.

Action Oriented: Write down the exact steps you will take to achieve your weight loss goals. Include what you will do, not just what you won't do.

Losing weight is easier to do if you have support. Ask a family member or friend to join you in setting weight loss goals and making a healthy living plan. Talk and walk with your friends and family members. Make an appointment with health care staff to go over your goals. Attend a weight loss class. There are many people who want to help you achieve your weight loss goal.

Instead of this:	Do this:
I will lose weight.	I will loose five pounds this month.
I will exercise more.	I will take a brisk walk for thirty minutes after work, Monday—Friday.
I will not eat so much fat.	I will buy lean cuts of meat and fat-free dairy products.
I will not eat so many sweets.	I will eat two pieces of fresh fruit and drink water instead of pop.
I will stop eating fast food for lunch.	I will pack my lunch at night and include a fruit and vegetable.
I will improve my eating habits.	I will meet with a dietitian once a month to develop a meal plan for me and my family.



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FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS (FDPIR) NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS* (Effective October 1, 2012)

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

48 Contiguous United States:				Use this amount
Household Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standard	SNAP Standard Deduction		FDPIR Net Monthly Income Standard
1	\$ 931 +	\$149 =		\$1,080
2	\$1,261 +	\$149 =		\$1,410
3	\$1,591 +	\$149 =		\$1,740
4	\$1,921 +	\$160 =		\$2,081
5	\$2,251 +	\$187 =		\$2,438
6	\$2,581 +	\$214 =		\$2,795
7	\$2,911 +	\$214 =		\$3,125
8	\$3,241 +	\$214 =		\$3,455
Each additional member				+ \$330

Alaska:				Use this amount
Household Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standard	SNAP Standard Deduction		FDPIR Net Monthly Income Standard
1	\$1,165 +	\$256 =		\$1,421
2	\$1,577 +	\$256 =		\$1,833
3	\$1,990 +	\$256 =		\$2,246
4	\$2,402 +	\$256 =		\$2,658
5	\$2,815 +	\$256 =		\$3,071
6	\$3,227 +	\$268 =		\$3,495
7	\$3,640 +	\$268 =		\$3,908
8	\$4,052 +	\$268 =		\$4,320
Each additional member				+ \$413

FDPIR Income Deductions—see 7 CFR 253.6(f)

Earned Income Deduction — Households with earned income are allowed a deduction of 20 percent of their earned income.

Dependant Care Deduction — Households that qualify for the dependent care deduction are allowed a deduction of actual dependent care costs paid monthly to a non-household member.

Child Support Deduction — Households that incur the cost of legally required child support to or for a non-household member are allowed a deduction for the amount of monthly child support paid.

Medicare Part B Medical Insurance and Part D Prescription Drug Coverage Premiums — Households that incur the cost of Medicare Part B medical insurance and/or Part D prescription drug coverage premiums are allowed a deduction for the monthly cost of the premiums.

FDPIR Resource Standards—see 7 CFR 253.6(d)

\$3,250 for households with at least one elderly or disabled member.

\$2,000 for households without any elderly or disabled members.

KBIC Sex Offender Registry: Community Education Meeting

Friday, October 18th, 2013

9:00am – 12:30pm

Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Sex Offender Registration Program's purpose is to monitor the status and location of registered sex offenders on Tribal land and to make sex offender information available to the public through the KBIC Sex Offender Registry.

- Most sex offenders live and work in typical neighborhoods.
- Most sex offenders currently in custody will eventually be released into the community.
- Registered sex offenders have most of the same rights as ordinary citizens, with exceptions based on their individual registration or parole requirements.
- Most sex offenses are committed against a victim that the offender already knows.

If you have any questions or for more information, please attend the meeting on October 18th, or contact: Chuck Miller – SORNA Coordinator, KBIC Tribal Police at 353-6626 or cmiller@kbic-nsn.gov.



OJIBWA LIBRARY NEWS

The library will be hosting a Literacy Night on October 24, 2013, at 6 p.m. in the atrium of Niiwin Akeaa.

If you enjoy writing poetry or short stories please consider sharing them with us. Authors may read their work or we can find someone to read for them. We would also like to display original artwork. It will be a great opportunity to recognize the talented members of our community. Please call the library at 353-8163 if you are interested or have any questions. Children are also welcome to present stories and artwork. Refreshments will be served.

Some new books at the Library:

Happy, Happy, Happy-My Life and Legacy as the Duck Commander by Phil Robertson, star of Duck Dynasty
The Butler-A Witness To History by Will Haygood
Stranded by Alex Kava
The Wednesday Daughters by Meg Waite Dayton
The Great Divide by Janet Goss
Midnight by Kevin Egan
Ghost Man by Roger Hobbs
Deeply Odd by Dean Koontz
Hunting Eve by Iris Johansen

Services provided by the library: the inter-library loan service has started again, also Overdrive ebook service is available for you. We have also added new titles to our large print section. Plus many more services. Stop in and see what we have!

~ submitted by Mary Bergerson,
Tribal Library Director

Content of the IEP and Parent Empowerment with Lisa Casper and Dorie France

Tuesday, October 8, 2013
5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
(Sign-in at 4:30 pm)

Ojibwa Senior Center
208 Main Avenue
Baraga, MI 49908



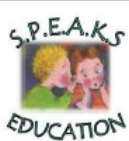
This workshop will help you better understand the Individualized Education Program (IEP) for children and youth who receive special education services.

When you better understand the IEP process, and how to participate, your child will get the services they need to be successful in school.

Understand the basic IEP components and how they work together

- The present level of academic achievement and functional performance (PLAAFP statement)
- Writing measurable goals and objectives
- Support services
- Plan implementation

Who should attend: families of children/young adults with disabilities/ learning challenges, school staff, community members and organizations.



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All workshops are free and open to the public.

Funded by Michigan Department of Education and U.S. Department of Education.

Register by 10-1-13 with Lisa Casper or Dorie France
(906) 483-0442 or lisa@michiganallianceforfamilies.org or advocatedorie@live.com.
Or online at www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org/rsvp

Please note: To be good stewards of our funding resources, we need a minimum number of participants registered by the registration deadline for the presentation to be held. If it is after the deadline and you haven't registered, please call or email to check the status of the event. If you require accommodations or materials in an alternative format, please let us know one week before the workshop.



Sign up now with our online registration form.

Would You Like FREE Money?

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

An IDA program is a matched savings program in which we provide a 4 to 1 match up to \$4000.00 on funds you deposit!!!

Funds may be used toward home purchase (down payment or closing costs), education (books, laptop, and other supplies that are required of your courses and are not covered), and small business start-up or expansion.

All IDA funds are now open to Tribal Members and First Generation Descendants of KBIC. Home Purchase and Small Business Start-Up or Expansion may be utilized in the service areas of Baraga, Marquette and Ontonagon Counties.

Education IDA's may be used throughout the entire Upper Peninsula.

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

Angela Shelifoe

KBOHCDC Program Administrator

906-353-7117 X106

Angie@kboha.com

NEWS FROM THE OJIBWA SENIOR CITIZENS

Pasty Sales:

- October 23 — pasty prep starting after lunch (12:15 pm).
- October 24 — pasty making, VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED AS EARLY AS 5:00 A.M., OR WHENEVER YOU CAN MAKE IT!

Additional Information:

Senior Meeting will be held on October 9, 2013, 12:15 pm. The November meeting will be held November 13, 2013, 12:15 pm.

At the September 11, 2013 meeting, it was decided to hold our Senior Christmas Dinner on Saturday, December 7, 2013. More information will be posted at the Senior Center and in the KBIC Newsletter.

Are you interested in going on a cruise in Spring of 2015? It was suggested that the fundraising fund would pay half the cost of an inside cabin/airfare/transportation to airport/motel the night before cruise — the senior would be responsible for the other half of the cost. Would you be interested in working the fundraising events toward this trip? An interest to work the fundraising events for this cruise will be posted at the Senior Center and there will be further discussions at the October and November meetings. No date or locations have been decided as of yet. Attend the meetings and share your thoughts on possible dates and locations to visit, and we are always looking for new fundraising ideas. Did you have a birthday and are now 55? Come join us.

December trips are being scheduled and those seniors who signed up should have received a letter regarding their \$25.00 deposit. These trips are: Green Bay, WI on December 11-13, 2013; and Island Resort/Hannahville, WI on December 15-16, 2013.

There will be no pasty sale held in the months of November and December.

OCTOBER 2013 Calendar Events

- Oct. 4: Constitutional Committee Meeting, 1 pm, Council Chambers;
- Oct. 5: Reg. Sat. Council Meeting, 9 am, Ojibwa Resort Conf. Rm; Chelsey LaFernier Memorial Walk, 11 am;
- Oct. 16: Veteran's Meeting, 7 pm;
- Oct. 18: Sex Offender Registry Education meeting
- Oct. 19: KBIC Harvest Feast;
- Oct. 22: Secretarial Election;
- Oct. 24: Senior Citizens' Pasty Sale; Literacy Night at Niiwin Akeaa;
- Oct. 29: Legal Aid Clinic;
- Oct. 31: Happy Halloween.

~ submitted by newsletter editor

Events occurring throughout KBIC are welcome to be listed on the Calendar of Events. Contact newsletter@kbic.nsn.gov to list your events. Some events are more detailed FYI within the newsletter. For up-to-date event listings, visit www.ojibwa.com and click on calendar. For Youth events, see @ www.ojibwa.com, click on youth club, or contact 353-4643/Main Office at Youth Club, or 353-4644 for the facility attendants or the Kitchen/craft rooms.



**OJIBWA CASINO HONORS
EUGENE "COWBOY" LOONSFOOT**



Casino Co-workers and KBIC Government officials convened on Friday, August 30th, 2013, to congratulate and honor Eugene "Cowboy" Loonsfoot on his retirement after 19 years with the Security Department of the Ojibwa Casino. Including 14 years with various other Tribal entities, "Cowboy" totaled 33 years of service for KBIC. We appreciate your loyalty and great work! Photo: left to right, General Manager David Haataja and "Cowboy" Loonsfoot. Photo by Stan Spruce.

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OjibwaCasino.com

Happy Halloween

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OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES**

427 N. Superior Ave. • Baraga, MI 49908
 In Tribal Court Building
 Phone: 906-353-4566 • Fax: 906-353-8132
 • Email: ocss@kbic-nsn.gov

"Your Children...Our Priority"

We provide the following services:

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- Location of Custodial and Non-Custodial Parents
- Community Education

[tp://www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/ocss.htm](http://www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/ocss.htm)

Indigenous People's Resistance Day Event

With special guest performer
Brian Frejo

Monday, October 14 at 7 p.m.
 Jamrich Hall 102
 NMU Campus in Marquette

FREE and open to the public.

Presented by the
 NMU Native American Student Association

Music, Motivation and More

Chi miigwech to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community for supporting this event.

For more information call 906-227-1397 or visit www.nmu.edu/nativeamericans

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353-8163 www.oclib.up.net

Hours: Monday—Thursday 11am—7pm
 Friday—closed
 Saturday—10am—3pm

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**Historic Zeba Indian Mission
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"We welcome each of you to our worship services, at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday beginning June 30th at the Campgrounds on Marksman Road, for the summer in our beautiful outdoor tabernacle."

Pastor: Rev. Stephen Rhoades

Church office 524-7939
 Parsonage 524-7936

**Catholic Community of
Baraga County**

**Holy Name of Jesus
Saint Kateri Tekakwitha**

Pastors
 Father Corey Litzner
 Father Nicholas Thompson

Confessions: Sunday before Mass
 Sunday Mass 12:00 p.m.

353-6565
saintann@up.net

**Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
Employment Opportunities**

<http://www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/personnel.htm>

Continuous/On Call positions:

- * Board Operator
- * Pharmacist (on call)
- * Receptionist/Clerical Worker (on call)
- * Cashier (part-time)
- * Registered Nurse (on call)
- * Licensed Practical Nurse (on call)
- * Account Executive/Sales (full time)
- * Pre-Primary Teaching Assistant
- * Community Service Supervisor (one call)
- * Unit Manager (New Day)
- * Family Aide
- * On-Call Van Driver
- * Unit Manager (OVW)
- * Youth Programs & Facility Attendant

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

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