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34th ANNUAL KEWEENAW BAY MAAWANJI'IDING HELD



Head Veteran Dancer, Rodney Loonsfoot led the way at Sunday afternoon's Grand Entry at the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's 34th Annual Keweenaw Bay Maawaniji'ding.

The KBIC 34th Annual Maawanji'iding was held the weekend of July 27-29, 2012, at the Ojibwa Powwow Campgrounds in Baraga, Michigan. "Honoring Our Fallen Ogichidaa" was chosen for this year's theme. Records indicate ther were 643 dancers and 21 drums registered. Admission sales totaled nearly 3300 for participants and spectators who enjoyed a beautiful weekend of song and dance at Keweenaw Bay. Following Friday evening's grand entry, the Powwow Committee honored four KBIC elders this year: Glen David Bressette, Sr., Carol Jean Heckroth, Janice Helene Shalifoe, and Mathew J. Shalifoe, Sr. Fifteen-year-old Samantha Tolonen was crowned as Keweenaw Bay's Royalty for the 2012 term. Samantha is the daughter of Glenn Tolonen, Sr., and Raeanne Gauthier of Baraga. Standing Bull honored the Community as host drum, along with War Club as co-host drum and home drum Four Thunders. KBIC member Rodney Loonsfoot served as Head Veteran Dancer, Jason Dowd (KBIC) as Head Male Dancer, Cindy Curtis (KBIC) as Head Female Dancer, Henry Williams (LVD) as Head Youth Male Dancer, and Samantha Tolonen (KBIC) as Head Youth Female Dancer. Larry Smallwood and Pet Gabow served as emcees. Daniel Connor (KBIC) served as Arena Director and was assisted by Assistant Arena



Samantha Tolonen, Head Youth Female Dancer, and Henry Williams, Head Youth Male Dancer.



Above and below: Dancers at Sunday Grand Entry.





Jason Dowd, Head Male Dancer, and Cindy Curtis, Head Female Dancer.

Director, Mitch Bolo (KBIC). Donald Stolp, Sr. (KBIC) served as Head Firekeeper. Cultural teachings were delivered by Dorothy Sam. ZaaZaa Edwards (age 11) of L'Anse, MI, won the junior fry bread championship, and Levi Rosebear, Circle Pines, MN, won the adult division fry bread championship. Friday evening, the "Small and Tall Foes," Jailyn Shelifoe (age 11) and Logan Shalifoe (age 10), a cousin team, took first place in the youth two-step competition. The adult two-step competition was held Saturday evening. Saturday's events included two specials in honor of KBIC's Fallen Soldiers. The Lance Corporal Terrance Alan Picciano Honor Special was held at 4 p.m. and following the evening's grand entry the Specialist Robert Lee Voakes, Jr. Honor Dance Special was held. Saturday's events also included a drum competition, a hand-drum competition, a Veteran's Honor Song, and a Feast.

Tribal Council Members:

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

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- August 4, 2012 Tribal Council Meeting
- 34th Annual Keweenaw Bay Maawanji'iding
- **Physicians Earn Blue Cross Des**ignation
- Ojibwa Summer School Pro-
- Two KBIC Members Awarded **Scholarships**
- **Ojibwa Elder News**
- **Deepest Sympathy**



Youth Fry Bread Championship Winner, ZaaZaa Edwards, pictured with Daniel Connor, Powwow Committee member, AKA 2012 Arena Director.



Charlotte Loonsfoot, KBIC, designed this year's winning logo.

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AUGUST 4, 2012 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on August 4, 2012, at the Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room in Baraga, Michigan. President Warren C. Swartz, Jr. presided over the meeting with Elizabeth D. Mayo, Susan J. LaFernier, Robert (RD) Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Eddy Edwards, Jean Jokinen, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Carole L. LaPointe, and Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews present. Jerry Lee Curtis and Toni J. Minton were absent.

Vice President Elizabeth D. Mayo 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 four) and Larry Denomie III gave the CEO's Report (page five). Council passed the Department Head Reports for June 2012.

Brenda Jackman addressed the Council on behalf of an Ontonagon County Tribal Members group with a request for consideration of the Tobacco Ordinance Amendment, the Elder's and Disability Pension Trust Amendment, and voting privileges. Ms. Jackman believes there are 27 Tribal members residing in Ontonagon County and she has had contact with 13 of these members. They are asking for the right to vote, to be allowed to participate in the Tribal elder's assistance program, and to be allowed to share in the distribution of the Tobacco Ordinance funds. Jackman stated, "In Ontonagon, we don't feel like we're full fledged members of this Tribe, it's like we're outcasts." Council advised the group that voting is regulated by the Constitution. The Constitution Committee meets monthly on the first Friday of the month and currently has an open seat on the committee. They were advised to begin there with the voting issue. Council agreed to work on their other requests, but it will take some time as there is a legislative process for the Tobacco Ordinance which has a first, second, and third reading. The Pension Trust will be discussed at the annual budget meeting in September.

Joe Kirkish addressed the Council with a request to be allowed to film a documentary on the reservation. Council viewed a short clip of Kirkish's potential film. Consensus of the Council was for Mr. Kirkish to move forward with his production.

Jacquelyn Velmer requested financial assistance for five Tribal members to attend a trip to Rome in October for the Canonization of the first Native American to be declared a Saint—Kateri Tekakwitha. Elizabeth D. Mayo motioned to approve \$400 each for Agatha Cardinal, Patricia Pills-

bury, John Vuk, Jessica Velmer, and Michaela Velmer (\$2000) to travel to Rome for the Canonization of the first Native American Kateri Tekakwitha, supported by Frederick Dakota, nine supported (Mayo, S. LaFernier, R. Curtis, Dakota, Edwards, Jokinen, M. LaFernier, LaPointe, Matthews), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, two absent (J. Curtis, Minton) motion carried.

Joseph O'Leary retainer agreement relates to treaty farming activities to draft a new Chapter 7 of Title 10 for the Code. Carole LaPointe motioned for the President to sign the retainer agreement for Joseph O'Leary, supported by Susan J. LaFernier, seven supported (Mayo, S. LaFernier, Dakota, Jokinen, M. LaFernier, LaPointe, Matthews), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, four absent (J. Curtis, Minton, R. Curtis, Edwards), motion carried.

Elizabeth D. Mayo motioned to move the September 1, 2012 meeting to September 8, 2012, supported by Carole La-Pointe, seven supported (Mayo, S. LaFernier, Dakota, Jokinen, M. LaFernier, LaPointe, Matthews), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, four absent (J. Curtis, Minton, R. Curtis, Edwards), motion carried.

Carole LaPointe shared as an informational item, as there was no match funds needed, an Intertribal Council Memorandum of Cooperative Agreement (MOCA) for the continuation of the Healthy Start Program "Maajtaag Mnobmaadzid."

Carole LaPointe presented the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant Agreement with Michigan Department of Community Health as there is a \$2300 match. Elizabeth D. Mayo motioned to approve the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant Agreement with Michigan Department of Community Health, supported by Susan J. LaFernier, seven supported (Mayo, S. LaFernier, Dakota, Jokinen, M. LaFernier, LaPointe, Matthews), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, four absent (J. Curtis, Minton, R. Curtis, Edwards), motion carried.

Carole LaPointe presented the Catalyst Rx Pharmacy Provider Agreement which will start revenues coming in from Medicaid claims. Susan J. LaFernier motioned to approve the Pharmacy Benefit Management Pharmacy Network Agreement between Catalyst Rx and the KBIC Pharmacy, supported by Carole LaPointe, seven supported (Mayo, S. LaFernier, Dakota, Jokinen, M. LaFernier, LaPointe, Matthews), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, four absent (J. Curtis, Minton, R. Curtis, Edwards), motion carried.

Larry Denomie, CEO, presented a CNAP (Community Needs Assistance Program)

Budget Modification. This fund provides \$300 medical/nonmedical benefits. The \$200,000 which was budgeted is near depletion. He requested an additional \$40,000 for this fiscal year. Jean Jokinen motioned to approve the Budget Modification for CNAP, supported by Michael LaFernier, seven supported (Mayo, S. LaFernier, Dakota, Jokinen, M. LaFernier, LaPointe, Matthews), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, four absent (J. Curtis, Minton, R. Curtis, Edwards), motion carried.

Evelyn Ravidran, of the Natural Resources Department, addressed the Council with a request for a 3rd contract amendment to the Fischer Biological Consulting LLC Consultant Agreement to implement the final water monitoring setup and startup the installed re-circulating water system equip-Elizabeth D. Mayo motioned to approve the 3rd contract amendment to Fischer Biological Consulting LLC, supported by Michael LaFernier, seven supported (Mayo, S. LaFernier, Dakota, Jokinen, M. LaFernier, LaPointe, Matthews), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, four absent (J. Curtis, Minton, R. Curtis, Edwards), motion carried.

Evelyn Ravidran, NRD, brought forth a request to select a bid and approve a contract for a hatchery head tank enclosure structure. Dave Whitman was the only bid received and they will purchase their supplies from Ojibwa Building Supplies. Susan J. LaFernier motioned to approve the bid for the Hatchery Head Tank Enclosure structure proposal from David Whitman for \$19,567, supported by Carole LaPointe, seven supported (Mayo, S. LaFernier, Dakota, Jokinen, M. LaFernier, LaPointe, Matthews), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, four absent (J. Curtis, Minton, R. Curtis, Edwards), motion carried.

Marty Curtis of the Newday Treatment Facility submitted information and a request for approval of a surveillance system bid. Jean Jokinen motioned to approve the bid from the South Shore Services Incorporation, for \$6,783.50 for security cameras at Newday, supported by Elizabeth Matthews, seven supported (Mayo, S. LaFernier, Dakota, Jokinen, M. LaFernier, LaPointe, Matthews), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, four absent (J. Curtis, Minton, R. Curtis, Edwards), motion carried.

Prior to adjourning, Council moved into closed session with the Parade of Nations donation request on the agenda. The donation request from Danishia Slade, MTU for the Parade of Nations, was tabled until the next meeting.

~ submitted by Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE MONTHS OF JUNE/JULY 2012

The following is a list of activities that occurred in the office of the President for the months of June and July 2012:

- I attended a Housing meeting in Green Bay, Wisconsin, with Council members Edwards, Dakota, and Curtis, along with a number of other individuals. This was a good meeting, and there were a lot of open discussions. We were able to learn what Housing does and what they have oversight on.
- I attended the powwow this weekend.
 One of the booths was the Native Vote.
 They had a drive to get Native people
 registered and to participate in the election process this upcoming November
 and in the primaries that are coming
 shortly within a week or two.
- We have been working on the Sexual Offender Registration and Notification Act now for a few years. We have re-
- ceived notification that we will be receiving substantial implementation for SORNA. This is a huge accomplishment for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, and we are the only independent Tribe in Michigan who has that designation. Chi Miigwech to those who have worked on this project: Heather Chapman, Dale Dakota, and Charles Miller.
- Last month, I had indicated to Council that I was going to look into social media policies. The CEO and a few others will be attending a social media workshop in Marquette. I asked the CEO to gather some information on social media and to bring it back, so Council can also receive training on social media. One of the goals of our comprehensive plan is to tape our meetings and make them public. My goal is to train Council to understand what social media is, how it
- can help, and what are the negative aspects of social media.
- During the past few months, the President's office and a number of government staff have been busy working with our gas station which will be opening in Marquette.
 - On May 17, and 18, Councilman Curtis, and Economic Developer, Greg Nominelli, attended the Michigan Economic Development Corporation Tribal Economic Forum in Lansing. They spoke with Lance Boldrey of Dykema Gossett about the gas station and corporate form. They also spoke with former Michigan Senator Mitch Irwin. Irwin stated that Dykema Gossett is a good legal firm but directed KBIC to look at another lobbying firm with stronger ties to Governor Snyder for the project. Upon returning from

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- Lansing, they met with me, and Nominelli was directed to contact the firm recommended by Irwin to make an inquiry.
- On May 22, 2012, Greg Nominelli and I met with Scott Erbisch, Marquette County Administrator, Commissioner, Gerry Corkin and Paul Arsenault who represent the districts where the gas station and casino will be located. We requested support for both projects in Marquette County. We then met with Amy Clickner, the CEO of Lake Superior Community Partnership, and we asked for support on both of those projects. Clickner stated that her concern with the gas station is over existing gas stations and that they must pay sales taxes. We met with Marquette Township Supervisor, Dennis Liimatta, Manager, Randy Girard, and the Zoning Administrator, Jason McCarthy. The Township appeared supportive of the gas station and establishing an intergovernmental agreement. The Township also informed the Community that the U.P. Petroleum Association was scheduled to address the Township Board on June 5, 2012, in opposition to our gas station. We agreed that we wanted to attend that hearing to hear the U.P. Petroleum Association's position prior to providing a response. Fred Dakota and a number of Community members attended the meeting.
- On May 23, 2012, the gas station task force convened to discuss the land in trust application. They conducted the environmental assessment and potential opposition to the project from Marquette businesses. Larry Denomie, CEO, informed the task force that the Community had hired Herb Nelson, formerly of the BIA, to conduct the environmental assessment. The CEO will work with Char Spruce to schedule a meeting to review the application and process with Mr. Nelson.
- On May 24, 2012, Greg Nominelli met with Council regarding the access of grant funds from the HUD Rural Initiative Fund. The task force had recommended establishing a bank account for the new corporation before the Board of Directors is appointed to allow HUD to transfer funds to the Community which would then transfer funds to the Corporation. To accomplish this goal a Federal Employer Identification Number must be created for the bank to authorize an account. Greg Nominelli and I visited the bank as authorized by the Articles of Incorporation, and we established the account by placing fifty dollars into the account. A meeting will be held next week to discuss the movement of those funds.
- On June 3, 2012, Marquette Supervisor Liimatta stated that U.P. Petroleum Association was scheduled to make a presentation to the Township Board, and he would allow the Tribe to make comments. Although we had previously planned to make comments, we decided later not to comment.
- On June 13, 2012, the gas station task force met with Herb Nelson, formerly of the BIA, who will be conducting the environmental assessment for the gas station land in trust application. He stated that the Community must prepare a bullet proof application due to potential opposi-

- tion from the Marquette County gas station and convenience store owners. He recommended we meet with Marquette Township officials regarding a creation of an intergovernmental agreement to address such things as water, sewer, storm water runoff, emergency services, and other things. Mr. Nelson also suggested looking at traffic capacity and flow to ensure that entrances and exits to the facility would be safe.
- We met with Paul Arsenault, of Concepts Consultants, who is also a
 Marquette County Commissioner,
 regarding financing of the gas station using loan guarantees.
- On June 25, 2012, we met with Randy Girard and Dennis Liimatta of Marquette Township about the specifics of an intergovernmental agreement. Greg Nominelli is preparing a draft of that document.
- In late June, Greg Nominelli accessed the HUD Rural Initiative Fund website to request the draw down funds for the corporation. Matthew Robinson was scheduled to meet with the Community on July 10, 2012, to begin a design and market study for the gas station as approved by Council. Council wanted to use funds from the HUD RIF grant to pay for the study. However, the grant funds were not available by July 10, 2012, and Matthew Robinson wanted to wait until the funds were in hand. On July 3, 2012, we received notification that the draw down funds will be available to be requested from HUD.
- on July 10, 2012, Greg Nominelli and I met with representatives of the Michigan Department of Transportation to discuss the traffic flow at both the gas station and the casino. MDOT representatives stated that we are not required to meet with the state, but they appreciated that we did and that we wanted to ensure all state traffic flows. MDOT recommended the Community obtain a prequalified traffic capacity analysis and geometry studies engineer firm to assist traffic design and flows.
- During the last month Council also selected three Board of Director members for the Aanikoosing, Inc: Anthony Rabitaille, Roy Koski, and Andrew Chosa. Paul Stark was chosen as an alternate. We are moving forward with the Aanikoosing, Inc., and Council now will need to choose two board members from the Council.
- On June 1, 2012, Greg Nominelli and I met with Jeff Thornton, City Manager of Negaunee, regarding the sewer system. We also met with Governor Snyder's representative, Greg Andrews, and requested the Governor's support for the casino location. Mr. Andrews mentioned the gas station and mining issues as areas of potential conflict between the Governor and Tribe. We replied that they are two separate issues and that we didn't want to mix the casino issue with other issues such as the gas issue and the tax agreement.
- On June 13, 2012, Nominelli and I met with Ken Delinger and Brian Savolainen of U.P. Engineer and Architects regarding the potential lagoon system to support the expansion of the casino facility in Negaunee Township. It appears that the existing four inch pipeline is sufficient at this time. Once we begin to expand, we will need to address that four inch sewer line.
- On June 25, 2012, Nominelli and I met

- with Pat Black, Pete O'Dovero, and Joe Durocha, seeking support for the Casino. Joe Durocha is the Supervisor of Humboldt Township and is especially supportive of the Community's efforts. Mr. Durocha agreed to contact the local township on our behalf and the county board to encourage them to reaffirm their support for the Casino relocation. On July 9, 2012, we did have that meeting, and we met with Representatives from Negaunee, Ishpeming, Humboldt, Champion, Eli, Big Bay, Republic, the Marquette County Board, and Senator Casperson to build on support for the Casino relocation. All in attendance were in support of the Tribe's move from Chocolay Township to Negaunee Township, and there is no apparent opposition to our Casino relocation project. A number of these governments have issued letters of support to the Governor's
- On July 18, 2012, Attorney Heather Chapman, Greg Nominelli, and I traveled to Lansing to meet with Governor Snyder regarding the two-part application for the proposed Casino. Prior to this meeting, we met with former house speakers, Lewis Dodak and Rick Johnson, who have a business consulting firm. They have inside knowledge of the State Executive and Legislative Offices, and Johnson is particularly tight with Governor Snyder. Johnson informed us that there doesn't seem to be a problem with the Casino location, but we may have opposition to the gas station. As the Governor's concurrence to the Secretary of Interior's determining the Casino relocation is in the best interest of the Tribe and not detrimental to the surrounding area. After that meeting, I ran into Representative Matt Huuki, who talked of his concerns of the Community opening a gas station and how this affects business owners and his idea of using the Casino as a bargaining chip with the gas station. I told him that we wanted to separate the issues and that we didn't want to intermingle the gas station or the tax agreement issue with the Casino issue. We then met with the Governor briefly. I informed the Governor of all the support we have, the letters of support received, jobs that this Casino relocation would create which includes good paying jobs, the citizens of Marquette support it, and it is a good idea for him to consider the request from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to concur with our two-part application. The Governor indicated he needed time to look at the application. I told him if he needed any help at all to contact us.
- Last week, I found out that the Governor will be at the Escanaba State Fair. I plan on meeting with him on Friday to offer anything else he may need from the Community in regards to his concurrence.

This concludes my report.

Respectfully submitted, Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President



SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR JULY 2012

Activities reported by the Secretary, Susan J. LaFernier, for the month of July 2012.

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.

NATIVE VOTE 2012—every vote and voice count. NCAI (National Congress of American Indians) President Jefferson Keel stated in his State of Indian Nations Address that our Native vote can have a significant impact on the upcoming 2012 elections, and he has challenged Indian Country to turn out the largest Native vote in history. There are more than one million eligible voters in Indian Country who are not registered! We need to get out and vote not only to have Native voices heard but also to ensure that U.S. leaders understand Indian Country and that Indian Country matters, especially in Michigan. Our goal for Keweenaw Bay is to have 100% of our eligible members vote! Here are five challenges that can make a big difference: 1) Get yourself registered to vote TODAY! You can do it online. 2) Think of three people you care about. Make sure they are registered and challenge them to reach out to three more people they care about. 3) Our Native Vote Community Coordinator is Jennifer Misegan. 4) Volunteer to make calls encouraging others to register and vote. 5) With less than three months to go until Election Day, spread the word. Also see the website NativeVote.org. Good job to Jennifer who had a Native Vote booth at the Powwow! August Primary: Tuesday, August 7, 2012. November General Election: Tuesday, November 6, 2012.

On July 13, 2012, Larry Denomie and I from the WHIPP Task Force provided a healthy lunch for the Lake Superior Day beach cleanup crew. We grilled chicken breasts, and he prepared the salad and watermelon. Thanks to all who participated in the event. It was a beautiful day, and much garbage was collected. Remember to keep our roadsides and beaches clean.

On July 17th the Department Head meeting was held, and the departments have been working on their annual report to the membership which will be completed by the annual budget reviews. As we read in the many great news articles, our 34th Annual Keweenaw Bay Maawanji'iding Powwow-"Honoring Our Fallen Ogichidaa": Lance Corporal Terrance A. Picciano, U.S. Marine Corps-Vietnam and Specialist Robert L. Voakes, Jr., U.S. Army Military Police-Afghanistan, was again a success. It was a beautiful, busy weekend, and our thanks and congratulations to our Powwow Committee for a job well done. Also, be watching for next year's Finn Fest events on June 19-23, 2013, to include our four county areas. I attended a planning meeting with their committee on July 31, 2012.

Our most sincere sympathy to the family of our friend, colleague, and director of our Natural Resources Department, Todd Warner who walked on to a new land on July 18, 2012. A celebration of Todd's life will be held at his home in Marquette on September 22, 2012. We will also be remembering Todd here at KBIC on September 21, 2012.

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 and begin positive lifestyle changes to 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. The 3rd Annual "Walk Your Way to Wellness" challenge is underway until August 12, 2012, with two more drawings. Congratulations to Keweenaw Bay who finished third out of the seven Tribes in the "Tribe to Tribe" Walking Challenge and Congratulations to Rodney Meis from the Ojibwa Motel who ranked in the top ten walkers.

The Drug Tip Line number is 353-DRUG or 353-3784. The yellow banners are around the reservation with this drug tip line number displayed. The Drug Task Force holds monthly meetings, and their Mission Statement is: "To promote education through public awareness with the specific objective to eliminate the use of 'illegal drugs' for the betterment of the health, welfare, and safety of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and our neighboring Communities."

Continue to pray for each other as well as to honor and remember all of our veterans, service men and women, and their families. Remember those who are ill, our economic struggles, and all who have lost loved ones. Thank you, God and Creator, for the great blessings of our land. We pray for peace in the world. "Who does the land belong to? Some to those that have walked on, a little to those still living, but most to those yet to be born." ~ unknown.

During July 2012, the Tribal Council held one Regular Tribal Council Meeting on July 7, 2012. This meeting is covered in the August 2012 Newsletter. Tribal Council held two Special Council Meetings. Following are the unapproved motions from July.

At a council meeting held July 19, 2012, the following actions were taken:

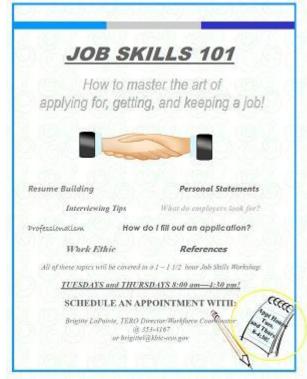
- Approved the September 1, 3, 8, 9, 14, 15, and 16, 2011 Tribal Council meeting minutes;
- Approved \$75,000.00 to the KBIC Tribal Health Fund which is for KB Tribal members;
- Approved to overturn the CEO's decision in regards to a government employee grievance #008-12, take off of his record, and return his back pay;
- Approved the services agreement with Blackrock Geoscience for \$10,000.00 for the KBIC Solid Waste Management Plan Update;
- Approved the budget modification for a \$35,000.00 increase for the Fall Semester for the 511 Sovereign Student Fund;
- Approved a donation request of \$300.00 and tank of gas from the Pines for Eleanor Nieskes for medical travel for her grandson;
- Approved to apply for the "Let's Play Community Construction" grant up to \$15,000.00 with a minimum of \$9,000.00 match from the THPO program (for Sand Point playground equipment per the Parks & Recreation Committee request);
- Approved a donation of \$300.00 to Eric LaFernier for gas from Chicago for his services with the playground grant;
- Approved OHM (Hancock) for \$640.00 per day for the backfill nuclear density testing for the Gamanche Creek fish passages (culverts);
- Approved Resolution KB 1891-2012 for FY2013 Stefanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare Services-Title IV-B Subpart 1 Child Welfare Services grant (Tribal Social Services Department);
- Approved Friday, July 27, 2012, as a day off (closure) for government employees to attend the Powwow;
- Approved Friday, August 3, 2012, as a day off for the government employee picnic;
- Defeated a motion to interview Dawn

- Sturdevant Baum, Todd Gravelle, Dean Antilla, and Damian Fischer for the attorney position;
- Approved to interview Dawn Sturdevant Baum, Todd Gravelle, Dean Antilla, Damian Fischer, Heather Chapman, and Greg Nominelli for the attorney position (on August 16, 2012);
- Approved Resolution KB 1892-2012 which cancels Randy S. Owens residential lease and transfers to Melvin J. Durant;
- Approved to include a 3% employee raise in the upcoming 2012-13 budgets;
- Approved to file a request for investigation of the former Tribal attorney John Baker (with the Michigan Attorney Grievance Commission) and have the President sign the request;
- Approved the promotion of Lyndon Ekdahl to Systems and Facilities Coordinator at the Natural Resources Department;
- Approved to offer the OVW Programs and Services Team Lead position to Cherie Dakota;
- Approved the services agreement with U.P. Environmental Services, Inc. to provide services for the pumping-out, removal and disposal of the underground storage tanks at the Commodity Food building for \$42,500.00;
- Approved a provisional license for Jennifer Misegan for the ICWA Committee.

At a council meeting held July 26, 2012, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the video presentation (proposed agreement) with Charles Miller up to \$4,500.00 and consensus for him to begin filming at the Powwow;
- Approved the Entertainment Agreement with SquidWheelies, LLC to perform at the Inkrum Event at the Bingo Hall on August 11, 2012;
- Approved to appoint Michael Duschene to the Gaming Commission (three interviews –one declined);
- Approved to appoint Andrew Chosa, Roy Koski, Anthony Rabitaille, and Paul Stark as the alternate to the Aanikoosing, Inc. Board of Directors;
- Approved to reconsider (from the July 19, 2012, meeting motion) to send the letter of request for investigation of the former Tribal Attorney John Baker (with the Michigan Attorney Grievance Commission) after reviewing information;
- Defeated a motion to file a request for investigation of the former Tribal Attorney John Baker (with the Michigan Attorney Grievance Commission) and have the President sign the request.

Respectfully submitted, Susan J. LaFernier, Secretary



MICHIGAN'S 2012 ELECTION CALENDAR

This election year, make sure Your Voice is heard—Register and Vote!

One of the fundamental rights of our democracy is the right to vote. Any U.S. citizen who is a least age 18 on election day is eligible. You must also be a resident of Michigan and the city or township where you are applying to register to vote. Before you can cast a ballot, you must register. Voter registration forms are available at any Secretary of State office, the Bureau of Elections on-line at www.Michigan.gov/elections, or from your local clerks.

In a democratic society, we have the privilege of voting to choose the representatives who will work on the problems important to us.

Elect your representatives: Deciding who gets your vote is not always easy! The following steps will help you find the candidate who will best represent you. Web sites, personal flyers, and newspaper/newsletters can provide information to help you decide:

- Find out where the candidates stand on issues that are important to you;
- Explore the candidates' experience.

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 9	Last day to register for the November General Election
November 3	November General Election absentee ballot requests must be received by 2 p.m.
T u e s d a y , November 6	November General Election

Local Physician Earns Patient-Centered Medical Home Designation from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan

Nation's largest PCMH program transforming primary care in Michigan

Baraga, Mich. — Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan has designated Dr. Chung Oh and Dr. Joseph Zobro from the KBIC Medical Clinic as a patient-centered medical home practice. The designation period runs from July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013.

This means that Dr. Oh and Dr. Zobro, are among a select group of primary care physicians in Michigan who adopt the PCMH model of care to further improve primary care in Michigan

"The patient-centered medical home is health care centered on the patient," said Dr. Oh. "We take a holistic and comprehensive approach to patient care helping our patients meet their health goals and keeping track of all their specialist visits, test results, and prescriptions."



KBIC Medical Physicians: Dr. Joseph Zobro (left) and Dr. Chung Oh (right).

The Blues have designated 994 primary care practices — with 3,017 primary care doctors — as PCMH practices. The program is the largest of its kind in the country

CEO REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE/JULY 2012

The months of June and July 2012 included the following activities and reportable items:

- It is with deep sadness that I report the passing of Todd Warner who served as our Natural Resources Director. Todd worked for the department for just over nine years. He began working in July of 2003 as the Environmental Response Program Specialist and as the director of the department in January of 2005 until his passing on July 18. Todd's family will be holding a Celebration of Life Memorial at Todd's home in Marquette, MI, on September 22, 2012. The family has also set up a memorial fund with the Lake Superior Watershed to continue funding the Summer Youth Work Crew program which he worked very hard at developing and was very passionate about continuing. The Tribe has contributed to the program for the past three years which provides six of our summer youth workers experience in the field with the hopes of inspiring them to make a career of protecting Mother Earth. Todd will be missed and the work he has done at KBIC to further the goals of protecting the air, land, and water will long be remembered.
- We have received official notice that the Tribe will be receiving the HUD ICDBG grant in the amount of \$600,000. The notice indicated that the funds will be available, pending approved appropriations, this fall. The funds will be used to purchase equipment for the new Transfer Station project.
- Indian Health Services is providing \$500,000 for the transfer station project also. In order to move forward with soliciting for RFP's for the project, they must give final approval of the work plan which has been submitted and is under review. The Northwest Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission is providing the funds for a hazardous waste collection area at the site. They have solicited bids for that portion of the project which includes a concrete slab where a self contained storage pod will be placed. Funds from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative will also be used in the construction of the road accessing the hazardous waste collection site. There are several ancillary tasks that need to be completed prior to operating the facility which includes the approval of a Solid Waste Ordinance which has been drafted, a wastewater plan completed and approved, and final selection, by Council, as to the organizational structure and operation of the business. Options for operations will be presented to Council at the August 9, 2012 meet-

ing.

- Cherie Dakota has officially accepted the position of OVW Team Lead which was formerly held by Sylvia Murray who resigned effective July 7. Cherie currently works for the Ojibwa Community College and will begin in the new position in early September.
- Development of the FY13 budgets is well underway. Budgets are due in from all departments by mid August which will then be prepared and readied for Council review the week of September 10.
- On July 13, 2012, the Natural Resources Department held the annual lake shore cleanup event in conjunction with Lake Superior Day. Approximately 30 bags of trash were collected by NRD staff, the Tribe's Summer Youth workers and several community volunteers. Susan LaFernier and I provided a light lunch for the event which was sponsored by the WHIPP Task Force.
- Our Natural Resources Department became aware of a mercury spill that occurred on July 2, 2012, at a waterfront property on Portage Canal of Lake Superior in Chassell, MI. Two metal flasks were found by swimmers about 30 feet offshore. One of the containers seals was broken and resulted in the mercury being spilled onto the lakebed near the dock area. The US EPA On-Scene Coordinator Kathy Halbur and Steve Harrington of MDEQ arrived at the site later that afternoon. Due to pending weather issues, the containers were packed and kept onsite. The following day, EPA and its START and ERRS contractors conducted an emergency removal action which removed the spill and the site was cleared that day. A comprehensive site assessment occurred the week of July
- In a final note, the annual governmental employee picnic took place yesterday. Employees enjoyed a beautiful day of golfing, playing cribbage, bean bag toss, and bingo. A picnic style lunch was served and prizes were awarded where every employee in attendance received one. A huge Miigwech to Kim Klopstein, Susan LaFernier, and Gary Loonsfoot, Jr. for planning and organizing the event as well as those who assisted them.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Larry J. Denomie, III, CEO

and has the potential to affect close to two million Michigan residents.

Health Director, Carole LaPointe, said, "With the PCMH model, we create care teams that work with patients to keep them healthy and monitor their care on an ongoing basis.

We coordinate your health care, using registries to track your conditions and ensure that you receive the care you need. We offer you more access to the care team, coordinate complementary care (such as nutrition counseling) and help you to better manage conditions such as asthma, diabetes, and hypertension to name a few.

A recent analysis of Blue Cross claims data shows that PCMH-designated doctors are succeeding in more effectively managing patients' care to keep them healthy and prevent complications.

KBIC Dept. of Health and Human Services is the first Tribal Health Center in the

State of Michigan to receive the PCMH designation by Blue Cross Blue Shield.

We are pleased to be your medical home and invite you to contact us at (906) 353-8700."

NOTICE

The KBIC Head Start and Early Head Start will have their "OPEN HOUSE" on September 7, 2012, from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. First day of classes will be Monday Sept. 10, 2012. Your child's teacher will be in contact



with you prior to the O p e n House. Any questions feel free to call the school at 524-6626.

34th Annual Keweenaw Bay Maawanji'iding continues:



The Lance Corporal Terrance Alan Picciano Honor/Special.



Samantha Tolonen, moments after being crowned the 2012 Keweenaw Bay Royalty, with her proud parents, Glenn Tolonen, Sr. and Raeanne Gauthier.



Youth Two-Step Champions, "Small and Tall Foes," Jailyn Shelifoe and Logan Shalifoe.



The Specialist Robert Lee Voakes, Jr. Honor Dance/Special.



Shown above, Honored Elders (left to right) Glen David Bressette, Sr., Mathew J. Shalifoe, Sr., Ginny Ann Jermac on behalf of her sister, Janice Helene Shalifoe (unavailable due to a family emergency), and Carol Jean Heckroth.

Glen David Bressette, Sr.

Glen Bressette, Sr. is 64 years old. He was born 10/06/1947, in Marquette, Michigan, to Clifford and Sarephine (Papin) Bressette. Glen's grandparents were: Paul and Susan (Knight) Bressette. He is married to Joann (Rupiper) Bressette, and they have six children, nine grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. He attended St. Michael's School and Bishop Baraga High School in Marquette. He also attended Northern Michigan University for two years and Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College. Glen served in the United States Marine Corps and was a Hydraulic Mechanic for helicopters. He is a Combat Veteran from Vietnam in 1969, and was a 50 cal. Machine Gunner on the CH-46 Helicopter. His awards include: Combat Air Wings, three Air Medals for flying over 90 combat missions, and six other awards.

In 2005, Glen was elected the "State Commandant" for the Marine Corps League of Michigan. Glen was the first Yooper to hold that position and the first Native American from the state in the position. He is a member of five different Veteran organizations in Marquette. He is the Commandant of the Lake Superior Detachment #764 in Marquette; Chairman of the Veteran Service Board for the Marine Corps League of Michigan; and Secretary of the Veteran's Facility Co-Ordinators Committee at the Jacobetti Home. Glen worked for Northern Michigan University as a High Pressure Boiler Operator for 311/2 years before retiring in 2005. Over the years, he has taught our Native Culture in many schools in Marquette, Negaunee, Ishpeming, and Gwinn, and classes at the Marquette Museum. He also is a frequent speaker at many group and community activities. Currently, Glen is the Chairman of the Enrollment Committee and is a member of the Constitutional Committee of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. Glen is a proud member of the KBIC Honor Guard and had the honor to dance as "Head Veteran Dancer" at the KBIC Annual Powwow a few years back. Glen remains very active with our culture and spirituality today.

Carol Jean Heckroth

Carol Jean Heckroth (aka: Carol Jean Barrette, Carol Jean Palosaari) is 68 years young. She is a single parent to five beautiful daughters. Carla, her oldest daughter, resides with her in Lake Linden. Carol has devoted her life to caring for Carla; who is visually impaired and has special needs. Carol said, "Carla is an extremely loving and a friendly young lady, and I don't know what I'd do without her. She has become my friend, as well as my cheerleader. I am very blessed." Carol's other daughters are: Cheryl, who lives in Kalamazoo with five children including triplets; Carolyn, who lives in Holland and has a daughter and a son; Heather, who lives in Hudsonville with two daughters; and Stephanie, who is sin-

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STUDENTS LEARN OF OJBIWA CULTURE AT L'ANSE/BARAGA SCHOOL'S OJIBWA SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM

A 2.5 hour daily Ojibwa Summer School Program was held June 25, through July 26, 2012, in both the L'Anse and Baraga School Districts. With 29 students enrolled between the two settings, participants learned about Ojibwa Native culture, plants, language, drumming, and other aspects of their culture. The Summer Program was staffed by teachers Mitzi Marcotte and JoAnn Pennock and aides Sheila Halverson and Savannah Dakota. Liz Julio, Erik Awonohopay and sons, Paul Halverson, Deb Williamson, Elizabeth "Popcorn" Mayo, and Mary Dee Shanahan were amongst the presenters who shared knowledge with these youngsters, ages 5-13. An introduction of the Ojibwa language was stressed daily and games were used to help with the learning retention. Student's experiences included how to make moccasins, dream catchers, and braid sweet grass. A dance and singing session was provided by Awonohopay and sons in both locations on Wednesday, July 25, 2012. On the final day, students were guests at the Ojibwa Campgrounds where the 34th Annual Maawanji'iding ground blessing occurred, followed by a feast, and the princess dance competition.



Bryton Loonsfoot (left) and Jade Curtis (right) weave sweet grass. Picture by L'Anse Sentinel.

2012 Ann Misegan Memorial Scholarship Recipient Chosen



Deena Misegan has been lected as the sixth recipient of the Tribe's Ann Misegan Memorial Scholarship. Tribal The Education Committee, along with a member of the Health Board,

lected Misegan to receive the scholarship.

Deena is the daughter of Jennifer and Duane Misegan of L'Anse. She is a graduate of L'Anse High School and will be attending Northern Michigan University this fall majoring in Nursing.

Ann Misegan was a long time Tribal Council member whose priority was the health of the Tribal membership. She was adamant that Tribal members be trained for as many positions as possible within the Tribe and also encouraged members to seek further education, especially in health fields. She was a member of the Tribe's Health Board and was the Dental Assistant at the Tribal Clinic for many years. She held an LPN certificate from Northern Michigan University and worked as a nurse for Baraga County Memorial Hospital before coming to work for the Tribe. This scholarship seeks to reward members who have the same passion for health care that Ann did.

This scholarship amount is \$1,000 twice per year for up to six years and will be awarded to a new student each fall. Applicants must meet the following criteria: be an enrolled Tribal member; attend an accredited college/university as a full-time student; pursue a degree in a Health Care field documented by their college (preference will be given to students either in a nursing or dental program); and be a resident of Baraga or Marquette County. Applications for the 2013-14 academic year will be available June 2013. For more information about this scholarship, please contact Amy St. Arnold, KBIC Education Director at 906-353-6623, ext. 4117.

2012 KBIC Forestry Scholarship Recipient Chosen



Paige Chosa, a Northern Michigan freshman from Baraga, has been selected as the second recipient of the Tribe's KBIC Forestry Scholarship. The Tribal Education Committee reviewed the applicants and selected Chosa to receive the scholarship.

Paige is the daughter of Brandy and Tom Chosa of Baraga. She graduated from Baraga High School in May 2012. She will be attending Northern Michigan University this fall majoring in Environmental Science.

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community has a vital interest in the preservation of the land and forests on and near the reservation. It has been a longstanding wish of the Tribe to employ a Tribal member as a forester to oversee the Tribal interests.

This scholarship amount is \$2,500 twice per year for up to four years and will be awarded to a new student each fall. Applicants must meet the following criteria: be an enrolled Tribal member; attend an accredited college/university as a full-time student; pursue a degree in Forestry or related field as documented by their college; and be a resident of Michigan, Wisconsin, or Minnesota. Applications for the 2013-14 academic year will be available June 2013. For more information on this scholarship, please contact Amy St. Arnold, KBIC Education Director at 906-353-6623, ext. 4117.

LEGAL AID CLINIC

A legal aid clinic will be available to Tribal members on Tuesday, September 18, 2012, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.in a conference room of the Ojibwa Casino Motel. The clinic is provided by Michigan Indian Legal Services, for questions call 1-800-968-6877.

23rd Annual

Parade of Nations Saturday • September 22, 2012

are a celebration of cultural diversity in the Keweenaw. This year we will recognize and celebrate the wide variety of people, food and cultures here in our Houghton, Hancock and surrounding communities.

Parade of Nations

Starts at 11:00 AM in Hancock crosses the Portage Lift Bridge and ends at Dee Stadium in Houghton





Multicultural Festival

Starts at 12:00 Noon at Dee Stadium

 Delicious, Authentic Cuisine from many Countries



Multi-Ethnic Entertainment



 Children's Activities
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NEWS FROM OUR KBIC ELDERS

Elders volunteering for various functions are eligible to participate in the various activities which are approved at scheduled elder's meetings.

Senior volunteers who signed up to attend the Daddy D Lost in the 50's show, Wednesday, on September 12, 2012, in Green Bay, WI, will be receiving an itinerary. Sign up closed on August 8, 2012. Cancellation policy applies.

Senior volunteers may sign up to attend the Travis Tritt show at the Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie, on Saturday, October 12, 2012. Sign up will close on September 7, 2012.

Senior volunteers may sign up to attend A Brule' Christmas Show, at the Black Bear Casino Resort, on Saturday, December 15, 2012. Sign up will close on November 16, 2012.

See Loretta for more information or call 353-7691. These trips are provided via the Senior Fund Raising Account.

The Ojibwa Elder regular monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 19, 2012, at 12:30 p.m. at Senior Center.

The Ojibwa Senior Citizen Pasty Sale will be held on Thursday, September 27, 2012. Please call in your pasty orders by Wednesday, September 26, 2012, by calling 353-7691 or 353-6096. Senior volunteers we need your help for this pasty sale on Wednesday, September 26, and Thursday, September 27, 2012.

Our elder's September birthdays are: Allen DeCota 9/3, Lance Forcia 9/4, Linda LaPine 9/6, Bill St. George, Sr. 9/9, Dorothy Juutilainen 9/10, Gary Loonsfoot, Sr. 9/17, Judy Smith 9/20, Theresa Velmer 9/22, Vicki Dompier 9/23, Janice Shalifoe 9/26, Barb Swartz 9/27, and Stan LaFernier 9/29. Please wish them a Happy Birthday when you see them.

CONTEST CAN GIVE CAREGIVERS GETAWAY

Family caregivers understand all too well the stress of caring for an aging loved one... and how great it can be to have a break. That's why residents of Michigan are invited to nominate deserving family caregivers, or themselves, for the opportunity to win a free, five-day cruise.

The Home Instead Senior Care Network is sponsoring the cruise for one lucky caregiver and guest. Nominations and votes can be submitted by September 15, 2012, at cruise.caregiverstress.com.

The five-night, six-day Caregiver Cruise is scheduled for February 25 to March 2, 2013, on the Royal Caribbean's Liberty of the Seas. The cruise will set sail from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., with stops in Labadee, Haiti and Falmouth, Jamaica. In addition to the cruise, the winning recipient and guest will receive 40 hours of free care from a Home Instead Senior Care professional CAREGiverSM for their senior loved one while they are away.

'The stress of caregiving eventually takes its toll on those looking after an aging family member," said President and Chief Operating Officer (COO) Jeff Huber of Home Instead, Inc., franchisor of the Home Instead Senior Care Network. "That's why we are pleased to be sponsoring this tropical getaway for a deserving family caregiver."

For more information about Home Instead Senior Care, gо www.homeinstead.com.

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!



<u>SORNA</u> **MEETING**

ATTENTION KBIC MEMBERS

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community has been granted status as a fully independent Sex Offender Registration Jurisdiction by the U.S. Department of Justice. A meeting concerning the continuing SORNA related activities of the Tribal Police Department will be held on Wednesday, September 19, 2012, in the Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room from 2:00 p.m. until around 4:00 p.m.

KBIC has its own Sex Offender Website, (http://kbic.nsopw.gov) and is the primary registration jurisdiction for any offender living on tribal land. Any questions related to how sex offender registration and monitoring works can be answered at this meeting. Attendees can also sign up to receive notification when changes to the public registry

Fore more information, please contact Chuck Miller, SORNA Coordinator — KBIC Tribal Police at 353-6623, or cmiller@kbicnsn.gov.

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 through twelve are eligible to receive this award.

Perfect Attendance follows the school policy also 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 524-0367 shdenomi@laschools.K12.mi.us

Baraga Area Schools – Helen Jondreau 353 -6661 hjondreau@up.net

All others contact Amy St. Arnold 353-4117 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 Beartown Rd. Baraga MI 49908.

The KBOCC Student Government and AISES (American Indian Science and Engineering society) is looking for students to get involved. The groups do many fundraisers, organize community events, and volunteer work. ASIES goals are to increase interest in science, conduct community service activities, and generate funds for students to attend science events such as scientific conferences. These groups are a great way to make new friends, have social interaction, get involved in your community, and make your experience at KBOCC a more wonderful experience. Next meeting dates for both groups will be posted at the KBOCC campus, so be watching for the notices and come join the fun.

Give Blood Thursday, September 27th

LaPointe Health Center 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Ojibwa Community College 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.



48 Contiguous

Help us fill our blood donation barometer at the 2nd Annual **KBIC Blood Drive and receive** an appreciation gift.

Call Heather Wood-Paquet at 353-4546 for an appointment.

Sponsored by the UP Regional Blood Center, KBIC Health Dept. & WHIPP Taskforce

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

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

United States:					amount
House hold Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standard		SNAP Stan- dard Deduc- tion		FDPIR Net Monthly Income Standard
1	\$ 908	+	\$147	=	\$1,055
2	\$1,226	+	\$147	=	\$1,373
3	\$1,545	+	\$147	=	\$1,692
4	\$1,863	+	\$155	=	\$2,018
5	\$2,181	+	\$181	=	\$2,362
6	\$2,500	+	\$208	=	\$2,708
7	\$2,818	+	\$208	=	\$3,026
8	\$3,136	+	\$208	=	\$3,344
Ea	+ \$319				
Alaska:				Use this amount	
House- hold Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standard		SNAP Stan- dard Deduc- tion		FDPIR Net Monthly Income Standard
1	\$1,134	+	\$252	=	\$1,386
2	\$1,532	+	\$252	=	\$1,784
3	\$1,930	+	\$252	=	\$2,182
4	\$2,329	+	\$252	=	\$2,581
5	\$2,727	+	\$252	=	\$2,979
6	\$3,125	+	\$260	=	\$3,385
7	\$3,524	+	\$260	=	\$3,784
8	\$3,922	+	\$260	=	\$4,182
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FDPIR Income Deductions—see 7 CFR 253.6(f)

Each additional member

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.

Tribal Youth Conservation Program Celebrates another Successful **Summer of Projects**

Memorial Fund Established For Program Founder



The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) and the Superior Watershed Partnership (SWP) have teamed up for the fourth year in a row to offer a Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) program for Tribal youth. The KBIC YCC allows local youth to gain hands-on experience with real-life environmental conservation and restoration work.

summer This crew has had the opportunity to work on numerous projects including releasing five-year-old Lake Trout into Lake Superior and over 10,000 Brook Trout into streams rivers and throughout the Lake Superior Watershed, as well as removing invasive species such as Spotted Knapweed and Marsh Thistle. In addition, the crew helped with native plant restoration at Sand Point, clipped fins at the fish hatchery, monitored the

hatchery's Walleye ponds, built hiking trails, built turtle platforms, worked at the new KBIC greenhouse, prepared for the KBIC's annual free kids' fishing derby, and conducted a special clean up of the area's beaches for Lake Superior Day.

The crew also designed their own t-shirts, learned about a variety of environmental conservation topics, and wrote about their experiences in their journals. Over the years the KBIC youth crews have also learned about the Anishinabe culture and language from Tribal elders. Also at the top of the list of things the crew enjoyed



The (late) Todd Warner.

doing was to check on the wild rice beds that the KBIC Natural Department Resource helped to start. In addition to checking on the wild rice beds, the crew also collected information and samples of aquatic invasive species.

Conservation Youth Corps was originally conceived by Todd Warner, KBIC Natural Resource Director. Sadly, Warner died recently after a brief battle with cancer. In 2009, Warner worked with the SWP to design the youth program, so it included work on real environmental restoration projects, learning essential iob skills, incorporating journaling and outdoor recreation. In 2010,

Warner said, "These kids are the future stewards of this part of the world, so we're hoping to provide them with some education and experience and maybe spark some interest in pursuing educational opportunities in a natural resource field." The Warner family, in cooperation with the SWP, have established the Todd Warner Memorial Fund with proceeds going to the Youth Conservation Corps and college scholarships for youth corps members who pursue a college education in a conservation field.

Most of the crew members have said that they enjoy their job because they get to be outside, learn how to help the environment, and do something different every day. The program also provides a unique opportunity for these youth to get valuable experience in the natural resources field. For more information about the KBIC YCC or the Todd Warner Memorial Fund contact the Superior Watershed Partnership at (906) 228-6095 or visit us on the web at www.superiorwatersheds.org or for more information about the Youth Conservation Corps: http://www.superiorwatersheds.org/ youthconservation.php.

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COLLEEN S. DEROCHE

(April 13, 1960-August 3,, 2012)

Colleen S. DeRoche, age 52, of Zeba, passed away Friday, August 3, 2012, at her residence following a lengthy illness. She was born in L'Anse, MI on April 13, 1960, the daughter of William "Gene" Emery and Georgianna Curtis. She graduated from L'Anse High School in 1978, and attended Bay Mills College. Colleen married John DeRoche in Marquette in 2004. She most recently was a dispatcher for the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Police. Colleen was a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Tribal Youth Program, Powwow Committee for three years, Friday Night Bowling League in Baraga, and coached for Zeba Rez Runners. Colleen enjoyed doing arts and crafts, bowling, softball, and was an avid Green Bay Packer and Detroit Tiger fan.

Mrs. DeRoche is survived by her loving husband John, children: Joshua (Tricia) Emery, Carmen Emery of Harvey, Janelle (Thomas) Hooper of Harvey, and Melissa McSawby (Arlan Boland) of Green Bay, WI; grandchildren: Cassie, Jamie, Kara, Joshua, Eli, Draven, Xander, Kade, Peyton, and soon to be Declan; great grandson Tyson; father William "Gene" (Gretchen) Emery; and sister Tracy Emery of Zeba. Nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and other family members also survive. She was preceded in death by her mother, Georgianna, grandparents: George and Alice Curtis, William I. Emery, and Margaret Sipe; brother, William Emery Jr.; and granddaughter, Vanessa Gauthier.

Funeral services for Mrs. DeRoche were held on Monday, August 6, 2012, from the Ojibwa Ceremonial Room, Baraga, with Traditional Services and Pastor Steve Rhoades officiating. Interment took place in the Pinery Cemetery, L'Anse. The Reid Funeral Home assisted the family.

RICHARD (SMACK) L. SEMASKY, SR.

(April 17, 1937—August 13,, 2012)

Richard (Smack) L. Semasky, Sr, age 75, of Zeba, MI, walked on peacefully at home surrounded by his close friends and family on Monday, August 13, 2012.

Smack was born April 17, 1937. in L'Anse, MI, son of John and Delia (Santeline) Semasky. He grew up in L'Anse and joined the US Air Force in 1954. Smack was a long-time fishermen from Bay Mills, and was one of the first law enforcement officers for the Bay Mills Indian Community before moving back to L'Anse and taking a job with the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Conservation in the mid-80's where he spent over 25 years on the job and ultimately retiring as the Supervisor of Law Enforcement for all Tribes surrounding the Great Lakes for the entire Western District of Michigan with offices as far as Moe Lake, WI, to Watersmeet and Bay Mills, Michigan.

He was a member of the VFW, KBIC, and the Ojibwa Seniors. Smack loved hunting, fishing, and enjoyed cooking and smoking fish; he also enjoyed spending time with his best friends Robbie and R.B., Nikki, and Rob.

He is survived by his long-time very special friend, Gwen Loonsfoot of Zeba; five sons: Irving A. (Susan) Teeple of Ohio, Michael Semasky of Georgia, Richard (Lydia) Semasky, Jr. of Brimley, MI, John (Jodi) Semasky of Traverse City, MI, and Dale Semasky of Shingleton, MI; three daughters: Elaine (Elmer) Lehre of Sault Ste. Marie, MI, Irene (Ron) Semasky of Sault Ste. Marie, and Joy (Dave) Hunt of Brimley, MI; grandchildren: Christopher, Gisele, and Stephanie Teeple, Stephanie and Steven Semasky, Tasheena McCullough, Casey Spencer-Semasky, Kayla Semasky, Dale, Joseph, Joshua, and Dillon Semasky, Darren, Megan, and Emily Lehre, and Jayna Hunt; nieces: Carol Holland, Delia (Robert) Bowen; nephew: William (Scooby) Schofield (Tweek); and several great grandchildren.

Smack was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Terese (Rapson); sisters: Jean and Gracie; brothers: Harold, Elmer, and Raymond; his son, Robert; and his granddaughter, Alicia.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, August 15, 2012, at the Ojibwa Seniors Ceremonial Room in Baraga, Ml. Interment took place in the Pinery Cemetery, L'Anse, with military rites being conducted by the Baraga County Area Veterans under the direction of the American Legion Post 444. The Jacobson Funeral Home assisted the family.

KEWEENAW BAY OJIBWA LIBRARY NEWS...

The Ojibwa Community Library has added new items to its collection. New Native American books, children's chapter books, and these movies: Despicable Me, Rio, Horton Hears A Who!, The Gruffalo, and Puss in Boots.

A reminder for those who have overdue books, please return them as soon as possible. You are keeping them from being circulated to other patrons. As for the fines associated with the overdue items, I am willing to make payment arrangements with you.

~ Mary Bergerson, Ojibwa Community Library Director

Baraga County

Household Hazardous Waste & **Electronic Waste Collection**





Saturday, September 29 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Ojibwa Casino Parking Lot, M-38 Baraga

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Pesticides Photographic chemicals Pool chemicals

Oil-based paint, stain, & varnish

Propane tanks (small) Solvents Transmission fluid

Weed killers

Wood preservatives

Electronics:

Computers & accessories, printers, faxes, copiers, cell phones, DVD/CD/VHS players, hand-held devices, microwaves, televisions, video games

NOT ACCEPTED:

Asbestos Explosives Latex paints Non-household waste Radioactive material Standard & alkaline batteries Unidentifiable materials Unlabeled materials

All containers must be labeled. If any container is in poor condition or is leaking, please place it in a sealed clear plastic bag. Do NOT mix chemicals or transfer chemicals into other containers.

NO SCHOOL, FARM, GOVERNMENT, OR BUSINESS WASTE WITHOUT APPROVAL!

For more information, contact the KBIC Natural Resources Department at (906) 524-5757, extension 20 or extension 14.

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This full day event will focus on cancer types, how to detect them, and how to prevent them. The Native American populations face and unequal burden of cancer. Learn how you can prevent and detect it, it could save your life or the life of someone you love.



Space is limited.

Call Popcorn at 353-4531 to register. FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

MTU'S ALBERTA FACILITY ALBERTA, MI ~ US-41

9:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

LUNCH IS PROVIDED

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Sponsored by the KBIC Community Health Department

SEPTEMBER 2012 Calendar

Sept 3: Gov't offices closed, Labor Day;

Sept 7: Head Start and Early Head Start OPEN HOUSE, 11 am, Constitutional Committee Meeting, 1 pm, Council Chambers;

Sept 8: Reg. Sat. Council Meeting, 9 am, Ojibwa Resort Conference Room;

Sept 14: DHHS' Protect Yourself From Cancer Program, 9:30 am;

Sept 18: Legal Clinic, 8 am;

Sept 19: SORNA meeting, 2 pm, Veteran's meeting, 7 pm;

Sept 22: Parade of Nations, 12 pm;

Sept 27: DHHS' Donate Blood Clinic 9:30 am—3:30 pm, Ojibwa Senior Pasty Sale;

Sept 28: Gov't offices closed, Michigan Indian Day;

Sept 29: Household Hazardous Waste & Electronic Waste Collection, 10 am.

~ 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 upto-date event listings, 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.

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Employment Opportunities

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

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.



- Pharmacist—open continuously
- Unit Manager (OVW)—open continuously

On Call positions:

- * Cashier
- * Receptionist/Clerical Worker
- * Youth Program &
- * Family Aide
- Facility Attendant
- * Van Driver
- * LPN * RN
 - * Account Executive/ Sales

* Pre-Primary Teach-

* Community Service

ing Assistant

Supervisor

* Unit Manager

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 relate information or ideas on possible articles contact: Lauri Denomie at (906) 201-0263, or e-mail newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov.

ATTENTION KBIC MEMBERS:

The following Committees/Boards have vacant seats:

> Economic Board -Seven (7) regular seats

Constitution Committee -Two (2) alternate seats

Indian Child Welare Committee -One (1) regular seat

Substance Abuse Advisory Board -

Two (2) regular seats Please submit an application (located at the

Tribal Center in Kim Klopstein or Peggy Minton's office) by 4 p.m. on September 14, 2012, to:

Warren C. Swartz, Jr. - President 16429 Bear Town Rd. Baraga, MI 49908

34th Annual Keweenaw Bay Maawanji'iding continues:

gle and lives in Florida. Altogether she has nine very active, wonderful grandchildren who are active in band, choir, dance, acting, cheerleading, and sports.

Carol has had a vast arrangement of employment. She began as a waitress when she was 16 at the historic Lindell Chocolate Shop in Lake Linden. She was employed at Michigan Tech as the Sports Information Secretary after she graduated from high school. In 1970, she moved to Port Huron and was employed as an Executive Secretary at the Diamond Crystal Salt Company, where she also attended the St. Clair Community College at the same time. Carol then married and moved to Bay City where she worked as a Secretary, Hostess, and a Sales Associate. She then moved back to Lake Linden and took employment as a bank teller with First National Bank. Finally, Carol retired to tend to her daughter, Carla.

Carol said, "Living in Lake Linden has not allowed me to become as involved with the Tribe as I would have liked. Recently, I have joined the elders, and I am looking forward to activities and becoming more involved in helping preserve tribal traditions and values. I do appreciate the emotional support I have received from Tribal members who know me, to help me become a better caregiver for my daughter; and I am very grateful for all the services that have been provided to me throughout the years."

Carol's hobbies include: crafting, sewing, calligraphy, reading, decorating, and using her Nordic Trak. Carol has made large banners to be used at church services, and she enjoys decorating large store front windows in city competitions, where she won twice! Carol's reading includes the culture, history, customs, of traditions of Native Americans. She has made pouches and done some beading, but she is looking forward to doing more Native American crafting.

Carol has had health issues and is a breast cancer survivor of 13 years. Carol said, "I live my life in Thanksgiving." Carol is ¼ Native American and has always been very proud of her heritage. As a young girl, she participated in the 100th Anniversary of Bishop Baraga. She was on a float in a parade held in Marquette as a young Ojibwa child he was teaching. Once while living in Bay City, she was asked to give a presentation about the Ojibwa. She was embarrassed because she wasn't knowledgeable enough and couldn't do it. Since then, she wanted to know our history, culture, beliefs, traditions, and the meaning of words. Carol said, "Our children are not the only ones needing education. Children in all schools should learn the local history – Native connections with the French, with the Hudson Bay Company, Isle Royal, etc."

Carol said, "Most of you don't know me because I live in Lake Linden. My grandparents were Mary Denomme and Ulric Barrette, and I am related to the Denommes and the Picards. I remember as a young girl, a fine Native American Chief dressed in his regalia visited my grandparents. How proud I was to see him and know we were related. My dad, Reuben (Hayseed) Barrette, three of his brothers, and one sister, attended Mt. Pleasant School. They were not happy there and ran away."

Carol has attempted to walk the path of love, respect, and compassion by volunteering. She taught religious education for 20 years to elementary age children, has lectured at Mass as a Eucharistic Minister, and while assisting at different wakes has received many spiritual blessings. As a chairperson for Christian Services, she saw that visits to shut-ins and seniors were done, food was provided to the needy, clothing provided for those interviewing for employment, and that rides were provided to and from Church or the doctors. She was also responsible for the Soup Kitchen through the Lenten months. Carol has also involved in many fund raising activities for: The March of Dimes, MS, Cancer Drive, United Way, Crop Walk, and Special Olympics.

Janice Helen Shalifoe (Migizimiigwaans)

Janice Helen Shalifoe (Migizimiigwaans) was born September 26, 1940. She is the daughter of Richard and Sarah Shalifoe; she has nine siblings. Her precious baby brother, Danny, walked on a few years ago. Janice has nine children: Angels: Emily, Helen, and Petey, Janice, Jean, Paul, Mike, Colin, and sister Babe. Janice has 12 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, two aunts, one uncle, numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Janice has worked as a factory worker, teacher's aide in L'Anse and Behweting, Indian Outreach Worker, Unit Manager, Fitness Worker, Home Help Worker, and an Ojibwemowin Elder Mentor.

Janice has been associated with the Alcohol Advisory Board, Ojibwe Senior

Citizens, Ojibwemowin Elder Advisory Board, MIEA, Health Board, and as the President of the Native American Women's Association.

Janice's hobbies include: volunteering for her community, playing cards, walking, traveling, and exercising at the Fitness Center. She enjoys singing with the Four Thunders Drum, Traditional Dancing, and attending powwows. And she is very excited that she will finally be visiting Elvis's home this year.

Janice said, "Chi Miigwech to Gizhe-Manidoo for everything and everyone in my life today. I am proud to be an Anishinaabe Elder, Mom, Nokomis and Great Grandma, Sister, and Aunt; to live by eating healthy and living a healthy life style by walking and exercising and aging gracefully. I'm so very happy, joyful, and free today. Miigwech."

Mathew J. Shalifoe, Sr.

Mathew J. Shalifoe, Sr. was born August 19, 1948, in Beartown. He is the son of Richard and Sarah (Whetung) Shalifoe. Matt has five brothers: Richard, Fred, Ted, Donny, and Danny who is deceased. He has four sisters: Janice, Molly, Virginia, and Myrtle. Matt married Nancy (Morin) Shalifoe. They have been married for 39 years and have three children: Emily, Mathew Jr., and Ashley; a son-inlaw, Aaron; and four grandchildren: Logan, Tyler, Noah, and Madyson.

Matt was employed for the State DNR prior to enlisting in the Navy. After serving four years in the U.S. Navy, he received an honorable discharge. Matt then worked as a Tribal Police Officer for 25 years, one of the very first in the State of Michigan. He is now retired.

Matt is presently active with the KBIC Honor Guard. In the past he has been a member of the Indian Child Welfare Committee and the Hiring Committee. Matt is also a member of the American Legion Honor Guard and drives Veterans to wherever they want to go... he continues to work to help all Veterans out.

Matt's hobbies include: bowling, golfing, hunting, fishing, staying at camp, and working in the Sugar Bush. He plans on spending time with his grandchildren and plans on doing some traveling when Nancy retires.



Coming Soon: Meet the Silversmith's

L'Ange /Baraga 2ND thru 6TH grade School Curriculum & American Indian Nutrition Game

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.



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



Niimigiimiwang OVW Programs and Services

755 Michigan Ave. Mailing Address: 16429 Beartown Rd. Baraga, MI 49908 Phone: 906.353.4598 Fax: 906.353.HELP (4357)



Established in July of 2011, the OVW Programs and Services Office offers a variety of programs available to victims-survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking and are available to both male and female Native American victims. Services are also available to those collaterally affected, meaning, although you may not have been a victim yourself, you were in some way affected, either as a child in the same household, were a family member, relative, or other community member and would like to talk to someone in a safe, confidential environment.

Services available through the OVW Programs and Services Office include:

- Advocacy and Court Accompaniment
- Crisis Intervention and Counseling including 24/7 Helpline
- Crime Victim Assistance
- Safety Planning
- Niimigimiwang Transitional Housing Service (expected to open Spring 2012)
- Sexual Assault Crisis and Response
- Prevention, Education, and Outreach
- Training
- Volunteer Outreach

ASSISTANCE - REQUEST FOR SERVICES may be made by phoning: 906.353.4598

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Baraga 8th Grade Student Awarded 10th/11th Grade Scholarship



Fourteen-year-old, Aleah Ezma Maskew, an 8th grader from Baraga, was awarded a scholar-ship intended for 10th and 11th grade high school students to attend a Michigan Technological University's Summer Youth Camp. Aleah, a KBIC member, is the daughter of Jamie Loonsfoot and Wayne Maskew. Aleah said, "Helen Jondreau (Baraga Schools KBIC High School Tutor) told me about the scholarship program. I put in an application and wrote a letter why I wanted to attend the Michigan Tech Summer Youth Camp. I really enjoy science in school, and I plan on attending college for science or art when I am older." Helen Jondreau stated, "It is quite an achievement for an 8th grader to be chosen for this scholarship. Aleah is a good student."

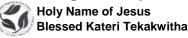
The Michigan Technological University's Summer Youth Camp began July 9, and concluded August 3, 2012. Aleah stated, "A university car transported me and another student from L'Anse, Austin Ayres, to the college. I truly appreciate the opportunity to have been able to participate in this camp. I learned a lot about general engineering, electronic engineering, biomed engineering, and materials. It gave me more of an idea of what I want to study in the future; that being environmental sciences." Aleah Maskew will be attending Baraga High School's 9th grade this fall. Aleah lives in Baraga with her parents and her brother, Scott Loonsfoot Maskew.

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College is about more than sitting in giant lecture halls—just ask Michigan Tech student Jerry Jondreau. When he's not studying root respiration rates of local trees in Tech's 4,500-acre research forest, he's often working one-on-one with his professors. With Tech's cutting-edge research and accessible faculty, Jerry says he feels right at home.

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