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KBIC HOLDS 4TH ANNUAL CHELSEY LAFERNIER MEMORIAL WALK



Photo by Lauri Denomie.

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community held the 4th Annual Chelsey LaFerner Memorial Walk on Friday, October 5. The event was organized by staff and volunteers of the Office of Violence Against Women. A group of nearly 100 dedicated walkers, wearing their purple shirts, braved the crisp cool weather to fulfill the annual walk for a good cause—Domestic Violence Awareness. After registering at the corner of McGillan and Lyons Street, walkers made their 1.7 mile journey to the Tribe's Bingo Hall.

President Warren (Chris) Swartz, Jr. welcomed participants and introduced Chelsey's mother, Birdie, and father, Harry. "It is unfortunate a tragedy had to occur here on our reservation in order for us to meet for this cause, but at the same time, we can turn a negative into a positive," Swartz said. "That is our main purpose here tonight to raise the awareness of domestic violence here on the L'Anse Indian Reservation. For too long domestic violence was ignored or treated as a private matter. It's time we stand with all those who have been affected by this terrible crime, recognize the individuals and groups who have stepped forward to break the cycle of violence, and recommit to putting an end to domestic violence in Indian Country. There is an ongoing epidemic of violence against Native women in the United States. Native American women are two and a half times more likely to be subjected to domestic violence than any other group of women in the United States. Statistics are staggering: 1 in 3 Native women will be raped in their lifetime and 3 in 5 will be physically assaulted. On some reservations, Native women are murdered at rates ten times the national average. Few of these Native women will ever see their perpetrators brought to justice due to jurisdictional gaps in federal law; gaps that fail to protect Native women from domestic violence, dating violence, and violations of protection orders by non-Indians; gaps that have stripped Indian nations of their authority over non-Indians who commit such

crimes on Tribal lands. This is particularly frightening considering that non-Indians now make up 77% of the population living on reservations. All of these types of crimes, some 88% of which are committed by non-Indians, are prevalent on Indian reservations and threaten the lives of Native women daily. This violent reality must be stopped. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community is committed to breaking the cycle."

Chelsey's sister, Lily Leinonen, cited a poem just prior to a balloon release by the crowd. Participants enjoyed an evening of drumming, a feast, and the words from a survivor. This year's guest speaker was Robin PoorBear, aka Robin Charboneau. Robin, a Spirit Lake Nation member, spoke of her recovery. She is a survivor of sexual abuse, domestic violence, and is recovering from chemical dependency. Robin shared her intense experience and how she has survived with those present.



Tribal Council Members:

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



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- October 6, 2012 Tribal Council Meeting
- 4th Annual Chelsey LaFerner Memorial Walk Held
- KBIC Cultural Committee Attends Historical Park Celebration
- Childrens' Powwow Held
- Dedication Held For Clyde B. Swartz Memorial Trail
- Aabinoojiyens
- Deepest Sympathy



STANDING PROUD AND STANDING TALL

I stand here in front of you standing proud and standing tall
To remind you of when you knocked me down and watched me fall
The mean and hateful things you'd say helped me to see
Exactly how much you really loved me
As time went on I hoped and I prayed
For health and happiness to come my way
I know he was listening the CREATOR does care
I just need to stay sober, to become more aware
My spirit is Strong and cannot be broken or beat
Cuz I am still STANDING RIGHT HERE on MY FEET
At a very young age I was told "this man is your father"
But what kind of dad could rape and beat his own daughter.
My innocence was stolen through-out my childhood
Dirty Disgusting men putting their hands where they could.
I grew up and waited for that one day to come
Where I would remind them of what they had done.
One by one I told them off and I could see fear in their eyes
They to denied it as they covered it with lies.
I faced everyone of them I felt my spirit grow stronger
They can't control my life or my fears no longer
Now like you they seem smaller not like big scary men at all
While I am walking away Proud and Tall

- by Robin Charboneau

OCTOBER 6, 2012 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on October 6, 2012, at the Marquette Community Center in Harvey, Michigan. President Warren C. Swartz, Jr. presided over the meeting with Elizabeth D. Mayo, Susan J. LaFerner, Jerry Lee Curtis, Toni Minton, Robert (RD) Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Jean Jokinen, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Carole L. LaPointe, and Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews present. Eddy Edwards was absent.

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 four), Secretary Susan J. LaFerner gave the Secretary's Report (page three), Treasurer Toni Minton gave the Treasurer's Report (page five), and CEO Larry Denomie III, gave the CEO's Report (page eight). Council passed the Department Head Reports for August 2012.

Pat Brown was on the agenda regarding the Marquette Seniors' Christmas Party. Ms. Brown was unable to attend the meeting due to illness. Council indicated this year's budget includes the Christmas Dinner. Any Marquette members wishing to assist with planning or to offer suggestions should contact Pat Brown at 273-0318.

April Lindala, NMU, shared an update with Council on the Center for Native American Studies Decolonizing Diet Project. April presented the Community and the Community College with a gift, a copy of the anthology, *Voice on the Water, Great Lakes Native American Now*, published November 30, 2011. She told Council, "There are 20 participants taking part in Dr. Reinhardt's study (Decolonizing Diet Project). After six-months, it has been a significant learning experience for all of us. Dr. Reinhardt is committed to the diet for an absolutely indigenous intake of 100%. He looks absolutely fabulous, and to date, he has lost 28 pounds," April said. "At my three-month checkup, I lost nine pounds. I'm at 25% indigenous food intake." As part of the six-month report, they will be having panel presentations and discussions regarding the Decolonizing Diet Project during the Native American Heritage Month programs being offered at NMU in November.

Sandy Carlson addressed the Council about Christmas Check concerns. Carlson stated, "Last year the guidelines were posted on the day of the distribution." She expressed the need for the guidelines to be made public at an earlier date, so individuals will have the opportunity to have required documentation available to be eligible for the Christmas Check distribution, hopefully, alleviating frustration for all concerned. Council agreed that documentation needs to be posted at an earlier date.

Marquette residents present spoke of the wonderful health fair events that had been held in Harvey in the past offered by the Donald LaPointe Medical Center staff and requested that these events continue. Carole LaPointe, Council Member and Health Director, indicated that she would work on this suggestion.

Sandy Carlson announced she holds a Native American Craft Bazaar around the Thanksgiving Holiday at the Harvey Community Center and would like to advertise this opportunity throughout the Community. Ms. Carlson was given information about how to do this.

Glen Bressette, Sr. requested Council to make a donation to fund the replacement of the Bingo machine and board at the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans. **Fred Dakota motioned to purchase a Bingo machine and board with cost up to \$5,000 for the Jacobetti Home for Veterans, supported by Susan J. LaFerner, ten supported, 0**

opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Edwards), motion carried. Council directed Mr. Bressette to have Mr. Ken Arseneau, Jacobetti Volunteer Coordinator, supply three estimates for this purchase.

Geraldine Bess addressed Council regarding her eviction by the Ojibwa Housing Authority. She indicated her granddaughter was living with her to help take care of her. She also stated that the eviction was related to her granddaughter's behavior. Ms. Bess told Council she lived at that residence in housing for ten years and that she was a victim of the situation and that she had done nothing wrong herself. Because of this eviction, she had no alternative but to move into a nursing home where she lived for seven months. She called the Housing Director, Eddy Edwards, to ask if she could move back but they had nothing available. Ms. Bess indicated there were three handicapped houses, but all were occupied by people who were not handicapped. She did move into a house in housing with her son, but the home isn't handicapped accessible. Ms. Bess didn't understand why she was evicted and wanted Council to review her situation. She supplied Council with documentation regarding her eviction. Mr. Edwards, who is also a Council Member, was not in attendance to address the issue. Members of Council present expressed their concerns and indicated they would look into the matter as expeditiously as possible.

Under Old Business: Susan J. LaFerner a) 3rd reading of the KBIC Tribal Code Title Five—Adoptions Proposed Ordinance 2012-05. **Susan J. LaFerner motioned to adopt the Proposed Ordinance Title Five—Adoptions 2012-05, supported by Elizabeth D. Mayo, nine supported (Mayo, S. LaFerner, Curtis, Minton, R. Curtis, Dakota, Jokinen, M. LaFerner, Matthews), 0 opposed, one abstained (LaPointe), one absent (Edwards), motion carried.**

Susan J. LaFerner b) 3rd Reading of the KBIC Tribal Code Title Six—Guardians and Conservators Proposed Ordinance 2012-06. **Susan J. LaFerner motioned to adopt the Proposed Ordinance 2012-06 Title Six—Guardians and Conservators, supported by Elizabeth D. Mayo. One amendment was brought forth.**

Susan J. LaFerner motioned to adopt and approve the amendment to change §6.302, Powers and Duties of Tribal Social Services upon Appointment of a Guardian in Title IV-E eligible cases, subsection D, in Proposed Ordinance 2012-06, supported by Elizabeth D. Mayo, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Edwards), motion carried.

President Swartz called for the question for the **motion of Susan J. LaFerner to adopt the Proposed Ordinance 2012-06, supported by Elizabeth D. Mayo, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Edwards), motion carried.**

Under New Business, Diana Chaudier, Election Board Chair, presented the Election Board's recommended approval of candidates for the 2012 Primary Election. The Baraga District Tribal Council candidates for the two positions are: Michael Cardinal, Tom Chosa, Jr., Jerry Curtis, Robert Ellsworth, Virginia Jermac, Gary Loonsfoot, Sr., Donald Messer, and Warren Swartz, Jr.; the L'Anse District Council candidates for the two positions are: Edward Edwards, Lyndon Ekdahl, William Emery, Charles Gauthier, David Haataja, Jerry Jondreau, Susan LaFerner, and Jennifer Misegan; and for the Chief Judge: Bradley T. Dakota. A Primary Election is required in both districts for Tribal Council. As for Chief Judge, the number of candidates did not exceed twice the number of offices available. The

Chief Judge position will only need to appear on the General Election ballot. David Carmody from Governmental Business Systems (GBS) will be programming the voting machines at the Tribal Police Department. Diane Chaudier and a Tribal Police officer will witness the settings of the machines. The deadline to request an absentee ballot is October 12, 2012. The absentee requests will be reviewed at the October 15, 2012 Board meeting. Absentee ballots will be mailed to those who are approved at the October 15, 2012 meeting. Election Board members will go to the Marquette District for absentee voting. Absentee ballots will be available for Marquette voters on Thursday evening, November 1, 2012, at the Ojibwa Community Room in Harvey. Peggy Minton has been selected as the home bound election worker, and she will go to those members' homes on Friday, November 2, 2012. The Election Board has placed an ad for Election Workers in the L'Anse Sentinel. Two Election Workers will be needed to conduct the Primary Election. One Election Board Alternate will need to be appointed to the Election Board. The deadline for members to submit their names for an election worker position is October 11, 2012. The Election Board Alternate is chosen from those applying for the worker's positions, and those names will be provided to Council on Thursday, October 18, 2012. The Primary Election results including those absentee ballots will be announced at the polling site in both districts. **Elizabeth D. Mayo motioned to approve the Tribal Council candidates in the Baraga District, the Tribal Council candidates in the L'Anse District, and the Chief Judge, supported by Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., eight supported (Mayo, Minton, R. Curtis, Dakota, Jokinen, M. LaFerner, LaPointe, Matthews), 0 opposed, two abstained (S. LaFerner, J. Curtis), one absent (Edwards), motion carried.**

Robert D. Curtis, Jr., presented the agreement between KBIC Outpatient Substance Abuse Program and Departments and Jason Nichols's agreement for Smoke's Rez Heads', *Back to School Tour*. Mr. Curtis indicated this amount is available within their budget with a line adjustment. **Robert D. Curtis, Jr. motioned to approve the agreement with Jason Nichols in the amount of \$10,000, contingent upon the review of the attorney, supported by Toni Minton, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Edwards), motion carried.** R.D. Curtis, Jr. agreed he'd look into providing transportation for the youth of Marquette to attend this event on November 9 and 10, 2012.

President Swartz brought forth a renewal business license application that was submitted by Debra Parrish d/b/a Keweenaw Kustoms and Quik Lube, LLC. The application fee has been paid, and this business is located at 125 Michigan Ave., Baraga, located within the L'Anse Reservation. **Michael F. LaFerner, Sr. motioned to approve the renewal license application for Keweenaw Kustoms and Quik Lube, LLC, supported by Elizabeth D. Mayo, nine supported (Mayo, S. LaFerner, J. Curtis, Minton, R. Curtis, Dakota, M. LaFerner, LaPointe, Matthews), one opposed (Jokinen), 0 abstained, one absent (Edwards), motion carried.** Jean Jokinen stated her opposition was due to the fact, that according to our Constitution, we shouldn't impose taxes or fees until approved by a referendum of the people.

Toni Minton presented the donation list for October 2012. **Elizabeth D. Mayo motioned to approve \$500 for the Bay Cliff Health Camp, \$5,000 for the Marine Corp League of Baraga County for Toys for**

Tots (TOTS), and \$5,000 for the 21st Century Fund requested by Representative Scott Dianda for a total of \$10,500, supported by Fred Dakota, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Edwards), motion carried.

Council moved into closed session with one item on the agenda, Sandy Carlson with a Christmas Check concern, prior to adjournment.

~ submitted by Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor

New Employee



Vicky Lynn Emery, a KBIC member, was recently hired as KBOCC's Accounting Supervisor. She has been a long time employee of the KBIC Accounting Office. Vicky has two children and resides in Baraga. Vicky said, "My interests include trying out new recipes, achieving fitness goals, and spending quality time with my family. I am a member of the KBIC Education Committee and I am very Community oriented. I feel that all of Tribal businesses/entities are beneficial to our Community, and we are lucky to have all of them. I am truly excited about my new position and I will strive to do my best for KBOCC."

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2012

Activities reported by the Secretary, Susan J. LaFerner, for the month of September 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.

During the administration of Governor William G. Milliken in 1974, the Legislature designated the fourth Friday in September as Michigan Indian Day (Act 30 of 1974, Section 435.161).

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. We need to get out and vote, not only to have Native voices heard, but to ensure that U.S. leaders understand Indian Country and that Indian Country matters, especially in Michigan. Here are four 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) Volunteer to make calls encouraging others to register and vote. 4) Spread the word to vote on Election Day! Contact our Native Vote Community Coordinator, Jennifer Misegan, with questions or to register. Also see the website NativeVote.org. November General Election: Tuesday, November 6, 2012.

The KBIC Tribal Election timelines have also been set:

- November 3, 2012 – Primary Election;
- December 15, 2012 – General Election (two candidates L'Anse/two candidates Baraga) and Tribal Court Judge.

Our goal for Keweenaw Bay is to have 100% of our eligible members vote!

I attended the CARE Meeting on September 17. I also helped to plan Todd Warner's family visit which was held on September 21 at the Hatchery where Todd worked. Thanks to all of his staff for the remembrances that were said and for all of the planning. His family enjoyed a tour of the Natural Resource Department's projects followed by a luncheon at the Ojibwa Conference Room. Staff, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr. and I also greeted Todd's family at his home in Marquette the next day. Council and the NRD will be remembering Todd in a special way to be announced in the near future.

On September 19, the Health Board did interviews and hired our new Chief Pharmacist, Cynthia R. Gourneau, R.Ph, who is a Turtle Lake Chippewa from Minnesota. She began work on October 1. The staff, Health Board, and others, wished Mr. Jim Vollmar (who helped us to open our Pharmacy) a

happy retirement (his third time) on September 26. President Swartz, Councilman Eddy Edwards, staff, and I attended the U.S. Attorney and Staff-Western District of Michigan annual visit. Mr. Patrick A. Miles, Jr. has been on staff for three months as the U.S. Attorney. Issues, concerns, case updates, trainings available, and agency comments were heard.

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 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. Thank you to everyone who planned and participated in the 2nd Annual KBIC Blood Drive held on September 27, 2012. A great gift, as there is always a shortage of blood.

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." Be watching for information regarding "The Medicine Abuse Project," which is a campaign to prevent half a million teenagers from abusing prescription medicine over five years.

Continue to pray for each other as well as honor and remember all of our veterans, service men and women, and their families. Remember those who are ill, those with economic struggles, and all who have lost loved ones. Thank you, God and Creator, for the great blessings of our land. It has been a beautiful fall! We pray for peace in the world. "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.

During September 2012, the Tribal Council held one Regular Tribal Council Meeting on September 8, 2012. This meeting is covered in the October 2012 Newsletter. Tribal Council held ten Special Council Meetings. Following are the unapproved motions from September.

At a council meeting held September 5, 2012, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the amendments to the Tribal Attorney position announcement and the closing date is open until filled and to post where appropriate.

At a council meeting held September 6, 2012, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the Government employee #009-12 request to overturn the CEO's decision and remove the reprimand and corrective action from her employee file;
- Approved to reschedule case #010-12 Enterprise Grievance until September 20, at 10:00 a.m. and that there will be

no further rescheduling;

- Approved the Special Counsel Attorney Master Contract between the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt PC (for the mining case) and authorize the Vice President to sign.

At a council meeting held September 10, 2012, the following actions were taken:

- FY2013 Finance/Budget Review.

At a council meeting held September 11, 2012, the following actions were taken:

- FY2013 Finance/Budget Review.

At a council meeting held September 12, 2012, the following actions were taken:

- FY2013 Finance/Budget Review.

At a council meeting held September 13, 2012, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the liquor license renewal for "Jimaganish Wadokaged" (Warrior Helper-American Legion) and waived the fee;
- Approved the bid from Howard Brothers, Inc. for the Brewery-Vuk Road Water Main Extension project for \$655,415.00;
- Approved Dorsey & Whitney, LLP to file the BIA Contract Support Costs Claims for 2006-2012;
- Approved the new Alcoholic Beverages license for Edwards 8 LLC for on-off premises;
- Approved the new business license for KB Taco for Ronald T. and Katie Edwards pending payment of the fee;
- Approved the new taxed tobacco products license for Edwards 8 LLC pending payment of the \$125.00 fee;
- Denied the request from Edward Gray for assistance to pay his wife's funeral expenses;
- Approved to introduce the 1st Reading proposed ordinance 2012-05 Title Five-Adoptions, waive the 1st reading and schedule the 2nd Reading for September 27, 2012;
- Approved to introduce the 1st Reading proposed ordinance 2012-06 Title Six-Guardians and Conservators, waive the 1st reading and schedule the 2nd Reading for September 27, 2012.

At a council meeting held September 18, 2012, the following actions were taken:

- FY2013 Finance/Budget Review;
- Approved the Section 00520 Agreement, suggested form of agreement between owner and contractor for construction contract with Howard Brothers, Inc. (for the Brewery-Vuk Water Main Extension Project).

At a council meeting held September 20, 2012, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the Services Agreement with Robin Charbeneau as the Chelsey LaFerner Memorial Walk Speaker on October 5, 2012, for \$1,200.00;
- Approved the Employment Agreement-Dentist with Ronald J. Carmody, DDS (16 hours on Thursday-Friday);
- Approved the Title IV-E Plan Certifications and Assurances (to access direct

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- federal funding for Tribal Social Services) and have the President sign;
- Approved the Entertainment Agreement with Entertainmentmax, Inc. for \$4,000.00 for the New Year's Eve Comedy Performance Show at the Bingo Hall;
- Approved Resolution KB 1899-2012 the transfer of Virginia A. Jermac's residential lease to her daughter Sarah M. Beaver;
- Approved addendum 1 with Gundlach Champion, Inc. to prepare a master plan for the Correction(al) Facility on Tribal lands;
- Regarding Enterprise Case #010-12: Approved to direct Casino Management to allow the supervisors and employees to work on opportunities to work at fires.

At a council meeting held September 25, 2012, the following actions were taken:

- Approved at the 3rd reading to amend 4.104, 4.106, 4.502, 4.503, 4.504, 4.602, 4.612, and adopt Title Four Juvenile Division of the Tribal Code Proposed Ordinance 2012-04;
- Approved the moving expenses for the new Pharmacist for \$2,000.00 and to include in her contract, contingent on the approval of the contract;
- Defeated a motion to approve Heather Chapman's Employment Agreement which includes Tribal Prosecutor, a 35% raise, and changed the date of the contract to September from January;
- Approved a motion to begin titling our vehicles, and if a Tribal member goes to the State for titling, the titling clerk will help members file their claims for reimbursement with no Tribal refunds, effective in 30 days, November 1st;
- Approved the FY 2013 Budget with a \$390,941.00 surplus.

At a council meeting held September 27, 2012, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the TICS for Shipping Notification and Receipts Requirement 542.13(r) effective January 1, 2013;
- Approved the bid from DELL for \$8,432.21 for a new Government file server for data storage (I.T. Department);
- Approved the Project Agreement for the replacement of the Bridge crossing the Falls River on the Golf Course Road ;
- Approved the Kelsey Creek Stream Crossings on the Cadeau Road Project Agreement;
- Approved the KBIC Newsletter Independent Contractor Agreement with Lauri Denomie;
- Approved the two joint funding agreements for the stream gauges on the Silver River and Yellow Dog River with the USGS for one year;
- Approved the three T.S.I. selections/recommendations from the Natural Resource Committee and the alternates;
- Approved to offer the position of Natural Resource Director to Lori Sherman;
- Approved the Employment Agreement/Chief Pharmacist with Cynthia R. Gourneau, R.Ph.

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 resi-

dent 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 online 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 representative: 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	
November 3	November General Election absentee ballot requests must be received by 2 p.m.
Tuesday, November 6	November General Election, polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
KBIC TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS	
Saturday, November 3, 2012	Primary Election
Saturday, December 15, 2012	General Election

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE MONTHS OF AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2012

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

- I attended the Tribal State Summit in early September where I asked the Governor to approve the Ojibwa Casino in Negaunee, Michigan, at the old Airport. The Governor is considering our request, and he requested more time to review the letter from the Department of Interior. One of the Governor's campaign promises is jobs. We feel this relocation will improve the local community's employment, and it would not be detrimental to the local community in relocating the Ojibwa Casino II.
- I met with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to discuss the transfer of approximately 569 acres being held for KBIC. Also present at this meeting were Council Members Susan J. LaFernier and Fred Dakota, CEO Larry Denomie III, Realtor Officer Jason Ayres, Tribal Preservation Officer Chris Chosa, along with a number of members from the BLM and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). The meeting was a follow up from a 2009 meeting regarding the transfer of ownership title of Manitou Island to the Tribe. Manitou Island is located on the tip of the Keweenaw Peninsula which is north of our reservation. There has been ongoing discussion on developing a cooperative management agreement with the BLM. We discussed whether or not the land could be labeled as excess property and transferred to the Tribe under that authority. We also discussed whether a waiver had ever been done. We also considered doing an appraisal of the land. We were ad-

vised that surplus property normally consists of structures; property with hazmat conditions that are deemed unsuitable for use. This property on Manitou Island is vacant, undeveloped land that does not qualify as surplus. We asked about a 638 contract with the program receiving funds. It does not appear that this type of transaction could be justified. We also asked about the option to purchase. The BLM advised us that it would not be easy. There are a number of CFR regulations that state public domain lands can be sold to the general property or entity under direct sale but the Tribe would have to own adjoining land. We ended the meeting where the Tribe would follow up with the BLM in the near future and possibly arrange for a trip out to the island to view the property.

- I attended a meeting with state officials to discuss mining concerns. Present were many officials from Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), and a number of other state government agencies. I informed them the state must start paying attention to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The EPA and Federal Agencies, such as the Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, and others, have trust responsibilities to Indian Tribes. They have the responsibility to ensure that others do not unreasonably pollute or otherwise harm the reservation environment or injure our treaty trust resources (natural resources). Our trustee ignoring us is troubling, and it started early on in the process when Michigan and others were

drafting Part 632. It is a fact that the State of Michigan ignored several concerns that the EPA conveyed during the initial process of developing Michigan's Part 632 non-ferrous metals mining regulations. The two most important issues that EPA conveyed is that Michigan should address amending Part 632 before it attempts to permit another mine are as follows:

- Mandate adequate financial responsibility assurances. In practice, under the current regulations for the Eagle Mine and Humboldt Mill, the state only obtained about the same amount of money (\$18 million) that is required to do what is called a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS). An RI/FS is what is needed to determine what must be done to reclaim a mine and cleanup the site. Hard rock mining is responsible for polluting 3,400 miles of streams and 440,000 acres of land according to EPA. The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) estimates that approximately 10,000 miles of rivers and streams may have been contaminated by acid mine drainage on land it is responsible for. According to EPA's 2007 Toxic Release Inventory, the metal mining industry releases enormous quantities of toxic metals, at nearly one billion pounds per year or approximately 28 percent of the total releases by U.S. industry. The State of Michigan should not wait for the EPA to complete its ruling to address this issue. It should adopt requirements for adequate financial re-

sponsibility assurances now and avoid the inevitable problems that will occur once EPA adopts more stringent requirements that will beg for conflicting regulatory requirements. How much is adequate? Roughly ten times that mandated today, but Michigan should review the direction EPA is headed in its rule making effort and exceed it.

- Mine location restrictions. Currently, a mine can be located anywhere. On its face, this is inconsistent with Michigan law. Restrictions on mining locations are necessary to protect aquatic resources of national importance, sensitive riparian areas, and critical habitat for threatened and endangered species. From the egg shell thinning and other toxic exposures at Bunker Hill/Coer d'Alene Basin that killed hundreds of thousands of birds, the acid mine drainage and consumption of thousands of acres of habitat by mine tailings at Tar Creek and the human health impacts from uranium mining on the Spokane and Navajo Indian Reservations - we've see pollution at hundreds of mine sites across the United States. In addition to causing the deaths of countless Indian people, this pollution has destroyed treaty protected trust resources that are essential to Tribal cultures. It is a fact that mining in Michigan has already resulted in state fish advisories on our ceded territories. While Michigan does not have the level of obligation to protect natural resources that appertain to KBIC, the United States does, and we will hold the federal government responsible for failure to properly exercise its trust responsibilities. Michigan can avoid these conflicts and resolve the disputes from many competing interests by exercising its authority to restrict mining to locations that don't have obvious excessive threats to the things we all value most. Is the exercise in determining what areas to protect easy? The answer is no. However, it is

far easier than what will be necessary to address legacy pollution to Lake Superior, sensitive riparian corridors and other areas where mining operations obviously should have never been allowed to take place. Unfortunately, there are plenty of examples to guide the state in the right direction.

- I also discussed with the officials present in the room that they need to add lack of adequate conflict of interest regulations. The State of Michigan must adopt adequate conflict of interest law and regulations to govern the actions of those who manage the Part 632 public processes and review and have a hand in the permitting approval process. It is a fact that the public process for the Eagle Mine permitting was managed or otherwise controlled by the former governor's Upper Peninsula of Michigan Office Director, Mr. Matt Johnson. Mr. Johnson was responsible for informing the governor with respect to the concerns the public expressed during the permitting process that took place for the Eagle Mine. Almost immediately after the permits were approved, Johnson obtained employment with Rio Tinto and works at the Eagle Mine today. Even more troubling is the fact that key State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources Employees (MDNRE), who reviewed Rio Tinto's permit applications, advocated for their approval, and even defended them during the administrative hearing, have also obtained employment with Rio Tinto and are working at the Eagle Mine today. As a result, the KBIC and the public at large have lost faith in this process and have no reason to trust the State of Michigan in its regulation of mining activities. What should these conflict of interest regulations require? They should meet or exceed Title 18 U.S.C. Chapter 11, Bribes, Graft, & Conflict of Interest.
- Also at this meeting, I discussed basic regulatory requirements. The State of Michigan should amend Part 632 to require that all mining compa-

nies provide a representative sample of cores obtained when it defines the ore body it intends to mine. The state then must conduct a comprehensive chemical analysis of these cores and fully delineate the contaminants of concern. Without this basic information which the state doesn't have today for the Eagle Ore body, it is unable to properly regulate the mining activity it has approved. The state may say, "Oh, we sampled the mine cores at Eagle." or something along those lines. Ask them what the average level of U308 was in their sample results.

- The bottom line is that these are all pretty much "deal breakers," that KBIC should stand firm on. The State of Michigan should be put on notice that they can expect the type of legal challenges it has received for its permitting of the Eagle Mine and Humboldt Mill.
- I attended a consultation meeting with the National Parks Service (NPS) regarding Tribal involvement in the National Park Service's War of 1812 Bicentennial projects. That meeting was held in Petoskey, Michigan, and a number of items discussed at that meeting included a plan of commemorative activities and projects that involved the tribes. We discussed Tribal collaboration and other projects and activities with other Michigan Tribes. We discussed the National Parks Services' Virtual Museum exhibits, the banner exhibits, the National Park Services' National Geographic Guidebook, and their trading card they are putting out. I learned a lot about the War of 1812 and the Native American involvement. I've become more interested in the fur trade.

This concludes my report.

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

TREASURER REPORT FOR THE MONTHS OF JULY, AUGUST, AND SEPTEMBER 2012

Activities reported by the Treasurer, Toni Minton, for the months of July, August, and September 2012.

The following donations were made in July, August, and September 2012:

July 2012 Donations

\$2,500	Native American Rights Fund (NARF)
\$1,000	Marquette/Alger Counties Great Start Collaborative
\$ 250	Great Lakes Center for Youth Development
\$ 500	Omega House
\$ 300	Ellie Nieskes (+full tank of gas from Pines)
\$ 300	Eric LaFernier (for gas) playground planning

August 2012 Donations

\$2,000	Jacqueline Velmer request for five Tribal members traveling to Rome
\$ 300	Baraga County Junior League Softball Team trip
\$ 500	Debbie Stabenow Honor Reception held in Ishpeming

\$ 500 Pauline Spruce—National Kidney Foundation

\$2,625 LVD Wild Rice Camp attendees (\$125/adult KBIC members up to 30). Liz Sherman, Gerald Jondreau, John Jacker, Lori Sherman, Ginny Ann Jermac, Sarah Beaver, Clara Corbett, Robert Jondreau, Andrew Loonsfoot, Cindy Knapp, Albert Matthews, Elsie Matthews, Mark Sherman, Catherine Sherman, Matthew Sherman, Michael Sherman, Robert "Beaver" Voakes, Valerie Voakes, Nancy Voakes, Tim Friisvall, and Christopher Voakes.

\$ 400 Judith Smith traveling to Rome

\$ 400 Margaret LaTocha traveling to Rome

~~\$ 250~~ Gary McDowell (he cannot accept as we gave the limit of \$5,000)

September 2012 Donations

\$ 250 Terri Denomie request for Clyde Swartz Memorial Trail sign

\$ 300 RSVP—Retired Seniors—Veterans Program (Awards Recognition Dinner)

Finance meetings were held in Septem-

ber and the final budgets have been approved.

The Donation Budget for FY2013 is \$100,000, \$8,333 per month.

The two percent requests have been compiled, and we will be reviewing them in the near future. They are required to be distributed by November 30, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,
Toni Minton, Treasurer



Welcoming Payton Rose Pouttu, born July 31, 2012, to Ashtin Koski and Paul Pouttu. Payton weighed 7 lbs. 6.8 oz. and was 21 inches at birth. Congratulations!

CHILDRENS' POWWOW HELD — MICHIGAN INDIAN DAY



Photo by Lauri Denomie.

The Ojibwemowin Wadiswan (Eagle's Nest) hosted the Abinoojiinyag Niimiwin (Children's Powwow) in conjunction with Michigan Indian Day, September 28, 2012. The event was held at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens' facility. Children and families, with their guests, shared a potluck feast together. Children were able to participate in a number of activities which included songs provided by two invited drums, Summer Cloud and Beartown Singers. Children were also able to participate in spot dances where they would win a number of different stuff animals which were introduced in the Ojibwa language.



Photo by Lauri Denomie.

(Above) an adorable jingle dress dancer, Skye Angel Lewis. (Below) an talented young grass dancer, Avery Lester Miller.



Photo by Lauri Denomie.



Photo by Lauri Denomie.

Shown (left) are two young participants, Alexander Cage Miron and Jalisa Heath, choosing their tattoos, just one of the Children's activities available.

KBIC CULTURAL COMMITTEE AND DANCE TROUPE ATTENDS KEWEENAW HISTORICAL PARK CELEBRATION



Photo by Lauri Denomie.

(Above) Men's Traditional Dancers: (left) Steven Denomie and (right) Robert Rajacic. (Below) Grass Dancers: (left) Raymond Gauthier-Tolonen, (center) Ethan Lee, (left) LeRoy Gauthier.

Members of the KBIC Cultural Committee, Miss KBIC—Samantha Tolonen, and KBIC Dancers attended the Keweenaw National Historical Park 20th Anniversary Celebration held in Calumet and Hancock. Those participating enjoyed two sessions of dancing exhibitions and shared some of our cultural traditions with visitors attending the Celebration. The event was held on October 13, 2012, with Senator Carl Levin as a guest speaker (shown below with Denomie and Rajacic).



Photo by Lauri Denomie.



Photo by Lauri Denomie.

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Photo by Lauri Denomie.

Beartown Singers, provided the songs for the KBIC Dance Troupe, with George Gauthier as emcee for the exhibitions.





November 9th – Evening Event:

Hosted By: Big S2

6:10 pm – Introduction to Conference – Smoke

6:40 pm – Comedy & Live Musical Performance By: Big S2 –

7:20 pm – Live Musical Performance – Smoke & Mimi – Multiple Award Winning - International Recording Artists – 6 Time NAMMY Nominated!

8:30 pm – Autograph Photo Session – All Presenter

9:00 pm – End Evening Event

November 10th – Conference Agenda – Hosted By: Smoke

9:00 am – Opening Prayer – Any Elder in attendance

9:20 am – Keynote Presentation – All Presenters

10:00 am – T.E.A.M Building Exercises – All Presenters – All Attendees

11:00 am – Work Shop Rotation Begins

11:10 am – Gathering of Nations – Smoke, Mimi & Big S2 (Drug & Alcohol Abuse)

12:00 pm – Lunch Break

12:45 pm – Gathering of Nations – Smoke, Mimi & Big S2 (Leadership, Bullying)

1:20 pm – The Creative Native Part 2 (Drug & Alcohol Prevention)

2:35 pm – Lyrical Healing Part 2 – Smoke (Expression & Identity)

3:10 pm – Break (all)

3:25 pm – Hey Ladies – Workshop for young women on making positive choices – Hey Fellas – Workshop for young men on making positive choices

4:00 pm –The Circle of Diversity – We are all equal

4:30 pm – Closing Keynote Presentations – All Presenters

5:15 pm – End / Dinner

KEYNOTE SPEAKER SUICIDE PREVENTION
LYRICAL HEALING GANG PREVENTION
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS
STOP THE BULLYING CAMPAIGN
THE ART OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP



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

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!



Photo by Lauri Denomie.
KBIC Cultural Committee members and KBIC Dance Troupe are pictured with the Park Ranger who organized the Keweenaw National Historical Park 20th Anniversary Celebration.

CEO REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2012

The month of September 2012 included the following activities and reportable items:

- The FY13 budget review and approval process took place throughout the month. An initial deficit of nearly two million dollars was balanced through the review process and final approval of budgets on September 25, which incorporated a small surplus. The approval included a 3% raise for all eligible employees of the Tribe.
- The Tribe received a \$30,000 dividend payment from our Workers Compensation carrier. The dividend relates to less than expected claims incurred by the Tribe for employee work related accidents. Both casinos' have an active safety program in place that provides a proactive rather than reactive program in providing a safe environment for employees and patrons.
- On September 12, Evelyn Ravindran and Pam Nankervis, KBIC Natural Resources Department employees, accepted the Biologist of the Year Award issued by the Bay Mills Tribe. The award was given to Todd Warner our former Natural Resources Director. Todd sadly passed away this past summer. Todd's family visited KBIC and the Natural Resources Department on September 21, to meet the staff Todd worked with and members of Council. The following day, the family held a memorial at Todd's residence in Marquette.
- The Tribe has hired a part-time dentist, Ronald Carmody, who will provide for a fifth day of dental services. Prior to the hire, dental services were available Monday through Thursday. The addition will help in minimizing the time it takes to get an appointment with the dentist. There will also be a new Pharmacist employed due to the retirement of the current Pharmacist, James Vollmar. Cynthia Gourneau will begin working the first week of October.
- The Tribe's annual Christmas Gift

Check distribution has been scheduled. The work group is meeting regularly to meet the check distribution dates of November 19, in Baraga, and November 20, in Marquette. The distribution for Marquette County members will take place in the Ojibwa Housing Community Center.

- Ed Janisse and I attended an FCC Tribal Broadband training in Lac du Flambeau on September 11, and 12. The training provided the opportunity for us to meet with the FCC's Native Affairs and Policy division to discuss an opportunity presented to the Tribe in expanding operations. Current regulations provide for Tribal Priority in the opportunity, but a waiver of one section needs to be approved. Additional details will be provided as they become available.
- With the approval of the FY13 budgets, programs providing services to eligible members will become available. The funding available through the Community Needs Assistance Program remains the same this year. The LIHEAP program, which provides assistance to income eligible households, is currently on hold until official notification from the funding agency is received. A change in the income guidelines has been made for the program this year which is lower and equal to the guidelines of the CSBG program. Members needing services provided by the program are encouraged to call to inquire about the status of each program. The recent edition of the Tribe's newsletter has additional information about the programs as well.
- The Tribe has received its leveraging funds which were supposed to have been received in June of this year. The approximate \$280,000 will be used to service LIHEAP eligible households that were unable to be served in FY12 due to the lack of funding. The funds will also be used to complete weatherization projects which were approved in 2011 but weren't completed.

- The first meeting of the Aanikoosing Inc. Board of Directors was held in September. Tony Rabitaille was selected to serve as the chairman. The chairman attended meetings at the Tribal Center to gather information relating to the new gas station planned for Marquette and the solid waste transfer station project, which is slated for construction next year. He will be taking the information back to the Board for further consideration.
- Review by Council of the Tribe's Comprehensive Strategic Plan is nearly complete. The document will also be shared with the Community for review and comment prior to final approval by Council. The document guides departments of the Tribe toward obtaining short and long term goals over a wide variety of objectives. Each year the document will be reviewed to gauge accomplishments and set new goals.
- Council adopted a completely overhauled version of the Enterprises Employee Manual which provides policies and procedures for management and employees to adhere to. The new manual will be introduced to employees in the very near future.
- KBIC member Lori Sherman has been hired as the Tribe's Natural Resources Director. She officially began work on October 1.
- The KBIC Youth Halloween Parties are scheduled for October. The Marquette County party will take place at the OHA Community Center on October 21, beginning at 3 p.m. and for Baraga County on October 27, beginning at noon. Food will be provided and prizes awarded for best costumes.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Larry J. Denomie, III, CEO

Deepest Sympathy

MARY GRACE GEROUX

(November 12, 1952—October 14, 2012)

Mary Grace Geroux, age 59, of Baraga, MI, passed away on Sunday, October 14, 2012, at Portage Health System in Hancock, MI.

Mary was born November 12, 1952, in L'Anse, MI, to Archie and Margaret (Shelifoe) Knapp. She grew up in L'Anse and attended L'Anse High School. Mary married George Geroux on August 28, 1982, in Baraga, MI. She worked at the Ojibwa Casino for nine years doing maintenance and cleaning and then for the Village of Baraga for 11 years; retiring in 2009.

She enjoyed her family and friends and helped to raise many kids. She also enjoyed spending birthdays with her sisters and gambling at the casino with her husband/friends and family. Mary liked to work in the yard and her garden and was an avid Packer and NASCAR fan.

Surviving are her husband George Geroux of Baraga; son: Steven Geroux of Baraga; daughters: Casey (Steven) Barnhard of Dorr, MI, Teri DeCota of Baraga, Nicole Geroux of Baraga, Amber (Anthony Danielson) Geroux of Baraga; two sisters: Brenda McKittrick of Baraga and Margaret Knapp of Covington; five grandchildren: Holly, Rebecca, and Megan Barnhard, Christian Hakola, Kara Hazen, and Phillip Edwards Jr.

Preceding her in death are her parents

Archie and Margaret Knapp, grandson Michael Barnhard; brothers: Archie "Chico" Jr., "Sonny", Wallace, William "Teeny", and John Knapp; and sisters: Louella Wood and Nancy Haataja..

Visitation was held on Thursday, October 18, 2012, 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Jacobson Funeral Home, with a memorial service held at 1:00 p.m. at the funeral home with Fr. John Longbucco officiating. A luncheon and fellowship was held at the American Legion in Baraga.

The Jacobson Funeral Home assisted the family.

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



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 \$4,000.00 on funds you deposit up to!!!

These funds are now available to KBIC Tribal members currently residing in the entire Upper Peninsula! First degree KBIC descendants are now eligible to utilize IDA funds for education expenses.

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.

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

**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.

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:

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.



PHARMACY HOURS

Pharmacy Hours for the KBIC Pharmacy are 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 – 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

You can reach the automated prescription line by calling (906) 353-4555. Listen to the choices, and have your prescription bottle or box handy, so you can enter your prescription number on the prompt. If you call the Medical Receptionist for a refill, she will transfer you to the Pharmacy.

It is good practice to bring in your medications with you on each visit to the doctor, so you can see which ones you may need a refill on at the time of your visit. Make a list of questions to ask your provider to get the most out of your visit! Plan ahead for your prescriptions so you do not run out!

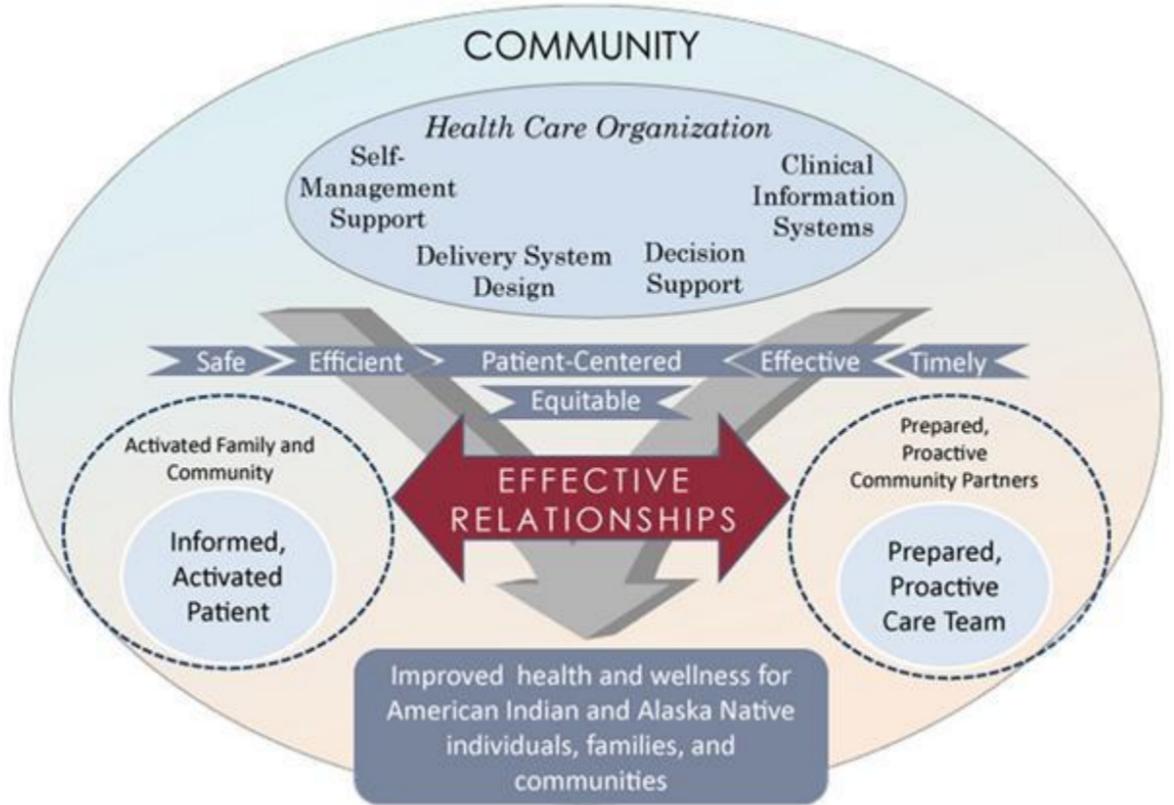
Please allow up to 48 hours for a prescription refill. There are many steps to ensure patient safety that our staff takes to get your medications refilled in a timely matter and offer you patient centered care.

KBIC IPC 4 Team on the move!

Keweenaw Bay Donald A. LaPointe Health & Education Center was among 33 Tribal Health Centers chosen to participate in *The Improving Patient Care (IPC) 4 Collaborative*, sponsored by Indian Health Service. IPC 4 is working to improve health and promote wellness for American Indians and Alaska Natives and to support the four IHS priorities. "It's a pathway toward a redesigned system of care that is grounded in the values and culture of our community," stated Carole LaPointe, Health Director, who serves as the IPC4 Team Executive Sponsor. "We started the pre-work in April, now we are in the actual 'work' stages of IPC 4, which includes daily use of quality improvement tools, including the *Plan Do Study Act*. The Team meets bi-weekly on Tuesdays and is linked to the other teams in the nation via webinar. The IPC 4 Collaborative focuses on strengthening the positive relationships between the health care system/team and the individual, family, and community. All divisions of the health center will be involved in the IPC 4 in the future, right now we focus on the medical clinic process and flow. Eventually, Pharmacy, Dental, Behavioral Health, and Community Health will all be involved, although Community Health is already participating through the *Special Diabetes Program for Indians* and initiatives that come along with that program through Indian Health Service."

The *Care Model for the Indian health System* serves as a framework to guide the creation of a *patient-centered medical home*, an accessible and patient-centered system of care that provides safe, timely, effective, efficient, and equitable care. Monthly reports will be furnished to the newsletter to keep you informed of our progress on IPC 4. For more information, call 353-4553 or visit the IHS website at www.ihs.gov.

~ submitted by Carole LaPointe, Health Director



What is Meaningful Use?

You may have heard the term, "Meaningful Use", used a lot lately with the Affordable Care Act legislation. Here is a brief explanation:

The objectives of Meaningful Use of a certified Electronic Health Record (EHR) are to improve the safety, quality, and efficiency of care. Meaningful Use of EHRs can improve health care processes through the use of software applications that provide secure access, clinical decision support, performance reporting, and exchange of information with other providers of care. Systems such as these help to avoid preventable errors and allow for making better and more consistent decisions.



That is why we check your insurance and demographic information *each time* you register at the Donald A. LaPointe Health & Education Center.

Under the provisions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services is authorized to make incentive payments for Medicare and Medicaid Eligible Professionals that demonstrate *meaningful use of certified Electronic Health Record technology*. Incentive payments are treated as third party revenue and provide additional resources to stimulate continued improvement throughout the health care system.

The vision which drives the achievement of meaningful use of EHR is one in which all patients are fully engaged in their healthcare, providers have real-time access to all medical information and tools to help ensure the quality and safety of the care provided while also affording improved access and elimination of health care disparities. Having the right information in our files about you helps us to improve coordination of care at the same time, maintaining privacy, and security of your private information.

The *Meaningful Use* initiative requires an integrated approach between the IHS Meaningful Use team, National Indian Health Board American Indian/Alaska Native National Regional Extension Center (NIHB AI/AN National REC), and its sub-recipient contractors. So the next time you are asked for an update of your information, remember ---- it is for a good thing ---- meaningful use! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the staff at 353-8700.

~ submitted by Carole LaPointe, Health Director



(left) Dr. Joseph Zobro, (center) Becky Tussing, and (right) Dr. Chung Oh at the Leadership Session 1 Conference in Phoenix, August 2012.

LEGAL AID CLINIC

A Legal Aid Clinic will be available to Tribal members on Friday, November 9, 2012, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the downstairs conference room of the Tribal Center. The clinic is provided by Michigan Indian Legal Services, for questions call 1-800-968-6877.

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES POLICY ON TRIBAL MEMBER USE OF EAGLE FEATHERS

WASHINGTON – The Department of Justice announced a policy addressing the ability of members of federally recognized Indian tribes to possess or use eagle feathers, an issue of great cultural significance to many tribes and their members. Attorney General Eric Holder signed the new policy after extensive department consultation with Tribal leaders and Tribal groups. The policy covers all federally protected birds, bird feathers and bird parts.

Federal wildlife laws such as the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act generally criminalize the killing of eagles and other migratory birds and the possession or commercialization of the feathers and other parts of such birds. These important laws are enforced by the Department of Justice and the Department of the Interior and help ensure that eagle and other bird populations remain healthy and sustainable.

At the same time, the Department of Justice recognizes that eagles play a unique and important role in the religious and cultural life of many Indian tribes. Many Indian tribes and Tribal members have historically used, and today continue to use federally protected birds, bird feathers, or other bird parts for their Tribal cultural and religious expression.

"This policy will help ensure a consistent and uniform approach across the nation to protecting and preserving eagles, and to honoring their cultural and spiritual significance to American Indians," said Attorney General Holder. "The Department of Justice is committed to striking the right balance in enforcing our nation's wildlife laws by respecting the cultural and religious practices of federally recognized Indian tribes with whom the United States shares a unique government-to-government relationship."

The department is issuing this policy to address the concerns of Tribal members who are unsure of how they may be affected by federal wildlife law enforcement efforts, and because of a concern that this uncertainty may hinder or inhibit tribal religious and cultural practices. The department first announced it was considering formalizing a policy on eagle feathers in October 2011 and sought tribal input at that time. The department held formal consultations with Tribal leaders in June, July, and August 2012.

"From time immemorial, many Native Americans have viewed eagle feathers and other bird parts as sacred elements of their religious and cultural traditions," said Ignacia S. Moreno, Assistant Attorney General of the Justice Department's Environment and Natural Resources Division. "The Department of Justice has taken a major step forward by establishing a consistent and transparent policy to guide federal enforcement of the nation's wildlife laws in a manner that respects the cultural and religious practices of federally recognized Indian tribes and their members."

"The Justice Department's policy balances the needs of the federally recognized tribes and their members to be able to obtain, possess, and use eagle feathers for their religious and cultural practices with the need to protect and preserve these magnificent birds," said Donald E. "Del" Laverdure, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs. "Its reasoned approach reflects a greater understanding and respect for cultural beliefs and spiritual practices of Indian people while also providing much-needed clarity for those responsible for enforcing federal migratory bird protection laws."

"This policy helps to clarify how federal law enforcement goes about protecting these special birds and also should reassure federally recognized Tribal members that they do not have to fear prosecution for possessing or using eagle feathers for their religious and cultural purposes," said Brendan V. Johnson, U.S. Attorney for the District of South Dakota and the Chairman of the Native American Issues Subcommittee of the Attorney General's Advisory Committee.

"Eagles and other native migratory bird species are a vital part of our nation's natural heritage, and we remain dedicated to providing every American with the opportunity to experience them in the wild," said U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director Dan Ashe. "This new policy honors the past while looking to the future, contributing to the preservation of these species and ensuring that Tribal members can continue their religious and cultural practices for generations to come."

The policy provides that, consistent with the Department of Justice's traditional exercise of its discretion, a member of a federally recognized tribe engaged only in the following types of conduct will not be subject to prosecution:

- Possessing, using, wearing, or carrying federally protected birds, bird feathers or other bird parts (federally protected bird parts);
- Traveling domestically with federally protected bird parts or, if Tribal members obtain and comply with necessary permits, traveling internationally with such items;
- Picking up naturally molted or fallen feathers found in the wild, without molesting or disturbing federally protected birds or their nests;
- Giving or loaning federally protected bird parts to other members of federally recognized tribes, without compensation of any kind;
- Exchanging federally protected bird parts for federally protected bird parts with other members of federally recognized tribes, without compensation of any kind;
- Providing the feathers or other parts of federally protected birds to craftspersons who are members of federally recognized tribes to be fashioned into objects for eventual use in tribal religious or cultural activities.

The Department of Justice will continue to prosecute Tribal members and non-members alike for violating federal laws that prohibit the killing of eagles and other migratory birds or the buying or selling of the feathers or other parts of such birds.

The policy expands upon longstanding Department of Justice practice and Department of the Interior policy. It was developed in close coordination with the Department of the Interior. The Department of Justice's Environment and Natural Resources Division (ENRD) and United States Attorneys' Offices work closely with the Department of the Interior's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Bureau of Indian Affairs on enforcement of federal laws protecting birds. The view the policy and a fact sheet on the policy, visit: www.justice.gov/tribal.

August 15, 2012

Dear Commercial Fishing Industry Vessel Owner and Operator:

Beginning October 16 of this year, **all commercial fishing**, fish tender and fish processing vessels that operate (or transit) more than three (3) nautical miles offshore must be able to demonstrate full compliance with the existing fishing industry vessel safety regulations found in 46 C.F.R. Part 28, via a mandatory safety examination. While there are a few options of how to demonstrate this compliance, having a current Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Decal (not more than two years old), is the most straightforward method.

This examination requirement is one of several new mandates established by the *Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010*. While there is additional background on these pending mandates on www.fishsafe.info, the Authorization Act establishes a mandatory examination requirement if you operate beyond three (3) nautical miles of the baseline of the U.S. territorial sea or the coastline of the Great Lakes, regardless of whether your vessel is State-registered or Federally-documented. It also applies to vessels operating anywhere with more than 16 individuals on board and to fish tender vessels engaged in the Aleutian Trade.

As noted, it is envisioned that the most straightforward way to demonstrate compliance will be by having a current Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Decal. On October 16, a valid decal will be honored as proof of compliance. Two additional methods include, having a "Form CG-5587" signed by a Coast Guard examiner, or having a signed letter of compliance from an accepted third party organization (marine surveyor) as proof that your vessel passed an examination and is therefore compliant with the current regulations.

To arrange for an examination, or to obtain more info on the other methods of compliance, please contact your local Coast Guard Sector, Marine Safety Unit, or Field Office. They will make every effort to accommodate your operations and schedule an examination. You may also request an examination through a link on the www.fishsafe.info website. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Jack Kemerer, Chief of my Fishing Vessels Division at Coast Guard Headquarters (CGCVC3@uscg.mil), or one of our District program coordinators listed on our website.

For your future awareness, and as required by the *Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010*, the Coast Guard is updating the regulations applicable to all U.S. commercial fishing vessels, fish processing vessels, and fish tender vessels. That project, however, is not yet completed, which is why the mandatory verification of compliance to safety regulations, will be to the current regulations. When the regulation updates are finished, there will also be a new Coast Guard Certificate of Compliance (COC) form that will be issued at the end of an examination. But in the interim, as noted, the Coast Guard will accept a valid safety decal, or signed exam form.

In summary, if you operate your vessel beyond the "3-mile line" as of October 16, 2012, you must be able to demonstrate your vessel is in compliance with current safety regulations. Therefore, if your vessel has not recently been examined dockside, or it has never undergone a safety exam, you should complete a biennial safety examination as soon as possible. Also, if you are entering fisheries service for the first time on or after October 16, 2012, your vessel must pass an exam before it begins commercial fishing operations.

As a last note, if you operate beyond the "3-mile line" after October 16, without the vessel being verified in compliance with the current regulations, and it should have been, your operation may be subject to enforcement action for noncompliance with 46 C.F.R. Part 28, as well as other applicable regulations currently in effect. Such enforcement action may include civil penalties, termination of the vessel's voyage, or other operational controls such as a Captain of the Port Order.

Kyle P. McAvoy
Chief, Office of Commercial Vessel Compliance
U.S. Coast Guard, By direction

~ NOTICE ~

TO ALL KBIC SENIORS 55 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, AND PERMANENTLY PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED-DISABLED PERSON:

SNOW PLOWING REQUIREMENTS

Head of Household Name: _____

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Member's Enrollment #: _____

Reside on the Reservation (Baraga County): _____ Yes _____ No

Physical Address: _____

L'Anse _____ Baraga _____

Telephone Number: (906) _____

Proof of Age — Birth Date: _____

Sign up at the front desk at the Tribal Center with proof (Enrollment Card, Driver's License, and/or proof of disability) or mail the information to:

KBIC Tribal Center
ATTN: Front Desk Receptionist
16429 Bear Town Road
Baraga, MI 49908

The Tribal Council will consider plowing privileges for those with permanent, physical disabilities within a "five" mile radius off the Reservation. Please submit a request and the above information.

* approved 01-14-2011
Tribal Council Meeting



**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
- Niimigiimiwang Transitional Housing Service (expected to open November 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**

STRICT ADHERENCE of CONFIDENTIALITY ENFORCEMENT OVW Programs and Services maintains compliance with all statutory and regulatory requirements of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 and 2000; Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act; VAWA Reauthorization Act of 2005, OVW's Implementing Regulations at 28 CFR Part 90 and strictly adheres to the Health Information Portability and Accountability Act (H.I.P.A.A.) and CFR Title 42, 290dd-2 and the regulations that implement it, Title 42, Part 2 (Federal Confidentiality Law as it pertains to AODA records).

NOVEMBER 2012 Calendar Events

- Nov 2.:** Constitutional Committee Meeting, 1 pm, Council Chambers;
- Nov. 3:** KBIC Primary Elections;
- Nov. 8:** Native American Heritage Month—Guest Speaker at NMU;
- Nov. 9:** Legal Clinic, 8 am; Rezheads at KBOCC gymnasium; First Nations Food Taster at NMU, 5-7 pm;
- Nov. 10:** Reg. Sat. Council Meeting, 9 am, Ojibwa Resort Conference Room; Rezheads at KBOCC gymnasium;
- Nov. 11:** Mini-Powwow and Harvest Feast, 1pm;
- Nov. 12:** Veteran's Day Holiday—Tribal Gov't offices closed;
- Nov. 22:** Thanksgiving Day—Tribal Gov't offices closed;
- Nov. 23:** Native American Heritage Day—Tribal Gov't offices closed.

~ 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.

**2012
KBIC YOUTH
Christmas Party**

Saturday, December 15th
Community Center Gym
Noon - 3pm
Gifts for KBIC Youth ages 0-10
Santa and Mrs. Claus will be in attendance!
Presents, Food & Goodies!

5pm-8pm
Party for KBIC Youth ages 11-17
Gift cards, Food, Games & FUN!

To help with any decorating or day of party activities, please contact the Youth Program Office at 353-4643! Food donations of chips & dip, meat or veggies trays and/or desserts are always appreciated!

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Employment Opportunities

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

- * Youth Programs Coordinator — November 2, 2012

Continuous/On Call positions:

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| * Board Operator | * Pre-Primary Teaching Assistant |
| * Tribal Attorney | * Community Service Supervisor (one call) |
| * Receptionist/Clerical Worker (on call) | * Unit Manager (New Day) |
| * Cashier | * Family Aide |
| * Registered Nurse (on call) | * On-Call Van Driver |
| * Licensed Practical Nurse (on call) | * Unit Manager (OVW) |
| * Account Executive/Sales | * 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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F - ocus on Fitness – aim for 5 times a week



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E - at Healthy – remember the 10% rule
S - et Smaller, Achievable Goals
P - lan ahead and prosper
E - xercise daily
C - hoose Wisely
T - ell yourself YOU CAN



First Nations Food Taster

Join the Native American Student Association for this annual event.

Friday, November 9
5 - 7 p.m.
D.J. Jacobetti Complex
A menu of traditional and contemporary dishes.



This is a ticketed event.

For more information about these event or to purchase tickets call the NMU Center for Native American Studies at 906-227-1397 or visit us at www.nmu.edu/nativeamericans.



Native American Heritage Month

Special guest Abenaki author Joseph Bruchac

THOSE WHO SUSTAIN US: Native Cultures and Foods
Thursday, November 8 at 1 p.m.
Mead Auditorium - West Science Building

SHARING THE GIFT: Understanding and Teaching Native American Literatures
Thursday, November 8 at 3 p.m.
Whitman Hall Commons

AN EVENING WITH JOSEPH BRUCHAC: music performance and reading of original work.
Thursday, November 8 at 7 p.m.
Jamrich Hall 103

For the entire list of November's activities on the NMU campus visit www.nmu.edu/nativeamericans.

This event is made possible by the King*Chavez*Parke Visiting Professor Initiative, the Center for Native American Studies, the English Department and the School of Education.



"Honoring Our Veterans"



**Mini Powwow
and Harvest Feast**

November 11, 2012,
Niiwin Akeaa Community Center
Mini Powwow (Beartown Singers)
1pm - 3 pm; Harvest Feast 3 pm

Sponsored by the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
and the KBIC Cultural Committee.

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Ojibwa Community Library
409 Superior Ave., Baraga, MI 49908
353-8163 www.oclib.up.net

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

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**Catholic Community of
Baraga County**



Holy Name of Jesus
Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha

Pastor
Father John Longbuco
Father Antony Lukka

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

353-6565
saintann@up.net



**KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY
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

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We provide the following services:

- Establishment, Enforcement and Modification of Child Support Orders
- Paternity Establishment
- 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)

**IF ANYONE NEEDS WOOD
FOR FOUR DAY CEREMONY PURPOSES,
CONTACT R.D. CURTIS AT 201-2198.**



**Zeba Indian Mission
United Methodist Church**

"We welcome each of you to our worship services,
at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday."



**Pastor: Rev. Stephen
Rhoades**

Church office 524-7939
Parsonage 524-7936

**DEDICATION CEREMONY HELD
CLYDE B. SWARTZ MEMORIAL TRAIL**



Family and friends of the late Clyde B. Swartz gathered on Thursday, September 27, for a dedication ceremony held in his honor. Snowmobile Trail 14, which runs from Usimaki Road in L'Anse to Big Bay, was officially dedicated as the Clyde B. Swartz Memorial Trail. Swartz was instrumental in obtaining grooming equipment for Baraga County trails in the mid-1970's, and you'd often see Mr. Swartz grooming these trails night and day.

Mr. Swartz was a KBIC Tribal member, and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community proudly assisted with the dedication through the purchasing of signs. The Community is affronted that only a few days later the sign on Triple AAA Road had been vandalized. Photos made available by the L'Anse Sentinel.

NATIVE AMERICAN CRAFT BAZAAR
Community Building (behind the Casino)
Harvey, MI (Just off M-28)
Saturday, November 24, 2012
10 a.m. — 4 p.m.

Frybread, Blankets, Necklaces, Beadwork, etc...
For more information, call Sandy at (906) 273-0286.



Vandalized signage near Triple AAA Road.

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