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The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwe

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KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY HOLDS PRIMARY ELECTION



Voters in the Baraga District.

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community held their Primary Election on Saturday, November 3, 2012. Baraga District results follow:

Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. (Inc.) 127 votes,
Jerry Lee Curtis (Inc.) 68 votes,
Don Messer, Jr. 73 votes,
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr. 72 votes,
Virginia "Ginnyann" Jermac 60 votes,
Michael Cardinal 51 votes,
Thomas E. Chosa, Jr. 48 votes,
Robert A. Ellsworth 10 votes.

L'Anse District results follow:
Susan J. LaFerner (Inc.) 70 votes,
Eddy Edwards (Inc.) 43 votes,
Jennifer Misegan 64 votes,
David J. Haataja 28 votes,
Charles Gauthier 26 votes,
Gerald P. Jondreau 25 votes,
Lyndon Ekdahl 17 votes,
William "Gene" Emery 17 votes.

Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr., Don Messer, Jr. Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Jerry Lee Curtis, Susan J. LaFerner, Jennifer Misegan, Eddy Edwards, and David J. Haataja have secured the required votes to be placed on the General Election Ballot.

The General Election will be held on Saturday, December 15, 2012, from a ballot of:

Baraga District:

Jerry Lee Curtis (Inc.)
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.
Don Messer, Jr.
Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. (Inc.)

L'Anse District:

Eddy Edwards (Inc.)
David J. Haataja
Susan J. LaFerner (Inc.)
Jennifer Misegan

Chief Judge:

Bradley T. Dakota (Inc.)

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:

- November 10, 2012 Tribal Council Meeting
- Tribal Council Notice To Members—Motor Vehicle Titling
- Keeping Food Safe For A Happy Holiday Season
- Harvest Feast Mini-Powwow Held
- Mining Updates
- Drug Conviction Report
- KBIC Donations to TOTS
- New Employees

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HALLOWEEN CELEBRATIONS AROUND THE KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY



Photo by Lauri Denomie.

Approximately 50 KBIC youngsters attended the Marquette County Childrens' Halloween Party held October 21, 2012, held at the Harvey Community Center.



Photo by Lauri Denomie.

Youngest Gnome—Jacob Spade, Marquette.

NOVEMBER 10, 2012 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on November 10, 2012, at the Ojibwa Casino Conference Room, in Baraga, Michigan. President Warren C. Swartz, Jr. presided over the meeting with Elizabeth D. Mayo, Susan J. LaFernier, Jerry Lee Curtis, Toni Minton, Robert (RD) Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Eddy Edwards, Jean Jokinen, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Carole L. LaPointe, and Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews present.

President Warren C. Swartz, Jr. shared numerous *Thank You* and *For Your Information* items addressed to Council. President Warren C. Swartz, Jr. gave the President's Report (page five), Secretary Susan J. LaFernier gave the Secretary's Report (page three), and Treasurer Toni Minton gave the Treasurer's Report (page four). Council passed the Department Head Reports for September 2012.

Suzy Jondreau/Baraga Fire Department, who was on the agenda, was joined by Tom Chosa and a number of firefighters from the L'Anse and Baraga Fire Departments. The group sought financial assistance for the 119th Annual U.P. Volunteer Fire Fighters' Tournament which will be hosted in a joint effort by L'Anse and Baraga Fire Departments on August 1, 2, and 3, 2013. **Eddy Edwards motioned to donate \$10,000 to help offset expenses relating to the 119th Annual U.P. Volunteer Fire Fighters Baraga County Tournament, supported by Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**

Gordette Leutz/Jim Johnson were on the agenda regarding the Denise Marth Fun Run Location and Fitness Path Support. Gordette Leutz was unavailable. Mr. Johnson stated that the Denise Marth Fun Run takes place every year and is sponsored by the Tribe to commemorate Denise. The approximate 3.5 mile Run begins downtown L'Anse at the Village Park and ends at the Whirl-i-gig. T-shirts are awarded and lunch is served to the participants. Mr. Johnson said participation has dropped over the past few years, and there were about only 20 participants last year. The Baraga County Community Foundation Board suggested to relocate the Run to combine it with the September Labor Day Bridge Walk hosted by the Witz Marina in Skanee, proposing it become the Denise Marth Fun Run and Bridge Walk. Mr. Johnson said the management of the Marina are agreeable to a co-sponsored event. Vice President Elizabeth "Popcorn" Mayo said, "Denise Marth worked at our Health Center for years, and there have been a number of our staff who wished to get involved with this event over the years and have had many ideas for the event but were never listened to." Denise Marth was an advocate of fishing; she was all about health and prevention. There are so many things that could make it better than moving it out to Skanee. Council requested Mr. Johnson take this information back to the Board and discuss these ideas. Council also invited Gordette Leutz to address Council and respond to these issues.

Mr. Johnson then told Council about 15 years ago a non-motorized path was planned, funded, and given permission to be constructed along the lake property that was then owned by Celotex Corporation. Celotex was later purchased by Saint Gobain (Certainteed), who shortly after the purchase cancelled the agreement, and the path was not constructed. The quest, after 15 years, is to try again with hopefully better results. The cycling/walking path between L'Anse and Baraga, in addition to being a tribute to Denise Marth, would have a great impact on the tourist industry. This path would run from the L'Anse Marina along the lakeshore to the Baraga Park and then connect to the Baraga Marina and perhaps to Sand Pointe. Council agreed this would be a good idea and indicated they would like the Tribal President to participate in the meetings endorsing the project. **Susan J. LaFernier motioned to support the Denise Marth Fitness Path and the Baraga County Community Foundation's quest, supported by Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**

Under New Business, Gary Loonsfoot, Jr. and Gary Loonsfoot, Sr. presented Resolution KB-1907-2012 Ceded Territory Voting. Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 1300h-7(a), that the Tribal Council of the Community hereby requests that the Secretary call an election within 90 days of

receipt of this resolution for the purpose of ratifying or rejecting the following amendment to Article IV, Section 6, of the Constitution: Strike all of Article IV, Section 6, and insert in lieu thereof: Section 6. Any member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community who is eighteen years of age or over and maintains residence within the Michigan ceded territories of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, established by the Treaty of 1842, also known as the 1842 Treaty of LaPointe, shall be entitled to vote in the district established by ordinance approved by the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Council, as described in Article III, Section 3. Be it further resolved: The Tribal Council hereby directs the President of the Tribal Council to forward a copy of this resolution to the Office of the Secretary, along with any materials necessary to proceed with the election process. Discussion indicated this land base residency would include 460 Tribal members. Gary Loonsfoot, Sr. said, "Let's face this issue and put it on the ballot and let the people decide." It takes many months for the Secretary to schedule a Secretarial Election. A Secretarial Election will be scheduled in January, on the Resolution brought forth by the Constitution Committee to amend Section 1. To remove the section "no amendment shall become effective until it shall have been approved by the Secretary of the Interior." After this proposed change is approved by the voters, the priority for changing the KBIC Constitution, per Constitution Committee, is... Article IV, (H) To appropriate for tribal use any available funds, provided, that any appropriation in excess of \$10,000 in any one fiscal year shall be of no effect until approved at a popular referendum. President Swartz stated that he would keep all informed of the details when the Secretarial Election is scheduled and agreed that he'd try to get this matter included on it, too.

Toni Minton presented the donation list for November 2012. **Elizabeth D. Mayo motioned to approve \$35 for Sandy Carlson's request for the Native American Holiday Craft Bazaar, \$10,000 for Suzy Jondreau's donation request for the 119th Annual U.P. Volunteer Fire Fighters Tournament (addressed earlier in the meeting), \$1200 for Beverly Heller's request for John Heller's cell phone bill, \$2000 for Terri Denomie's request for KBIC HeadStart Children Christmas gifts, \$250 for Tina Owens donation request for the Clint Maki Fundraiser, \$1300 for Robert Duschaine, Jr.'s request for EMT class tuition (must complete the class or will be required to repay the cost), and \$500 for the March of Dimes for a total of \$15,285, supported by Carole LaPointe, eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**

Eddy Edwards, Ojibwa Housing Authority Director, presented a proposal for the Four Seasons Inn. OHA plans on renovating the building to provide seven studio apartments for emergency and short term housing and one and two bedroom apartments available to the Community for housing opportunities at a flat rent system with OHA section 8 subsidies. Renovations would be done internally, and units will be available in the spring of 2013, including some handicapped units. Mr. Edwards requested the Tribe offer a long term lease to OHA for one dollar for 99 years. **Elizabeth D. Mayo motioned to table this request until we get an appraisal, look at other plans, and to make an informed decision, supported by Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., five supported (Mayo, S. LaFernier, Minton, Dakota, M. LaFernier), six opposed (J. Curtis, R. Curtis, Edwards, Jokinen, LaPointe, Matthews), 0 abstained, motion defeated. Jean Jokinen motioned to approve a lease for the former Four Seasons building to Ojibwa Housing Authority in the amount of one dollar for 99 years for tribal members' housing needs, supported by Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., seven supported (S. LaFernier, J. Curtis, R. Curtis, Edwards, Jokinen, LaPointe, Matthews), four opposed (M. LaFernier, Minton, Mayo, Dakota), 0 abstained, motion carried.**

Jean Jokinen/Eddy Edwards were on the agenda with two items. Resolution KB-1912-2012 Referendum Ballot for Appropriation over \$10,000 regarding the Pequaming Land Purchase and Eagle Mining Project. **Eddy Edwards motioned to approve Resolution KB-1912-2012, supported by Jean Jokinen.**

Elizabeth D. Mayo motioned to table Resolution KB-1912-2012, until the Constitutional Committee moves it forward, supported by Fred Dakota, eight supported (Mayo, S. LaFernier, Minton, R. Curtis, Dakota, M. LaFernier, LaPointe, Matthews), two opposed (Edwards, Jokinen), one abstained (J. Curtis), motion carried.

Jean Jokinen motioned that Council Members would not have to use annual leave to attend Council meetings, supported by Carole LaPointe, two supported (Jokinen, LaPointe), nine opposed (Mayo, S. LaFernier, J. Curtis, Minton, R. Curtis, Dakota, Edwards, M. LaFernier, Matthews), 0 abstained, motion defeated.

Council adjourned with no closed session matters before them.

~ submitted by Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor

Would You Like FREE Money?

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

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

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 Shelfoe
KBOHCDC Program Administrator
906-353-7117 X106
Angie@kboha.com

WANTED:

Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College is seeking qualified applicants for adjunct instructors in mathematics, Native American history, and Native American humanities. Qualified instructors will have a master's degree or a bachelor's degree plus 18 credits in the teaching subject or a closely related field. Send application letter, resume and graduate transcript to Lynn Aho, Dean of Instruction, Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College, P.O. Box 519, Baraga, MI 49908 or via e-mail to laho@kbocc.org.



ATTENTION KBIC MEMBERS

The 2nd Reading of the Proposed Ordinance 2012-07 Hazardous Substances Control will be held on Saturday, December 1, 2012, in the Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room following the Tribal Council meeting.

The Tribal Council will receive verbal and written comments from Tribal Members at the public hearing in accordance with the Legislative Process public hearing procedure adopted by the Tribal Council.

Copies of the Hazardous Substances Control Proposed Ordinance 2012-07 are available at the Tribal Center, KBIC Donald LaPointe Medical Center, Pines Convenience Center, Ojibwa Senior Citizens Center, Tribal Court, Commodity Foods Center, Ojibwa Housing Office, and Ojibwa Community College. Copies are also distributed to all Departments within the Tribe.

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!

TRIBAL COUNCIL NOTICE TO MEMBERS

On January 1, 2013:

1. The Licensing Department will begin issuing Keweenaw Bay Indian Community motor vehicle titles.
2. This will also be the last day to submit a request to the Licensing Department for a refund from KBIC of taxes paid on the purchase of a motor vehicle.

These changes are the result of a Motion made by Council Member Jean Jokinen and supported by Council Member Eddy Edwards on September 25, 2012, for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community "to begin titling our own vehicles and for those who choose to title [their vehicles] through the state, [to] have the titling clerk help them file their own claim for reimbursement through the state with no tax reimbursement from the tribe...". This change was supposed to take effect on November 1, 2012. However, at the October 25, 2012, Council meeting, it was decided to extend that start date until January 1, 2013.

How does this affect you as a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community? Well, as of January 1, 2013, you may apply for and receive a motor vehicle title through the Licensing Department at the Tribal Center.

In regards to the purchase of a motor vehicle, as of January 1, 2013, KBIC will no longer be reimbursing Tribal members for the sales or use tax paid on the purchase of that vehicle. In order to be reimbursed for the sales or use tax paid on a vehicle purchase, you will have to complete the State of Michigan's refund forms and submit those forms to the State yourself. The State will then decide whether it will issue a refund. The State forms will be available at the Licensing Department and are also available on the internet at: http://www.michigan.gov/documents/taxes/4765_329211_7.pdf.

The Tribal Council has concerns about the State refund process and is exploring alternatives on how best to challenge that process. In the meantime, your only option is to use the State refund process.

Draft available for review of the KBIC Wolf Management Plan

A draft of the KBIC Wolf Management Plan was approved by Council on November 1, 2012. A final version is expected to be complete in early December. The mission stated in the KBIC Wolf Management Plan is to maintain a healthy, self-sustaining population of wolves on and near Reservation boundaries thus preserving the cultural and ecological benefits for the next seven generations and beyond. The draft plan can be viewed at: www.ojibwa.com/content/natural-resources.

Wolf tracking and remote camera surveys have been ongoing at study sites for an ANA funded survey project and additional routes and sites specifically for the detection of wolves are also monitored for wolf activity through a BIA Endangered Species grant. Wolves were detected at 4 of 28 (14%) wetland sites using Cuddeback remote cameras in 2008 and 2009, wolf track and sign was detected at 13 of the 28 (43%) wetland study sites during that same time period. Higher quality Reconyx cameras detected wolves at 15 out of 50 (30%) of upland and riparian study locations in 2010 and 2011, wolf track and sign was detected at 17 of 50 (34%) sites.

Please contact Wildlife Biologist Pam Nankervis via email with comments regarding the wolf management plan pnankervis@kbic-nsn.gov or call (524-5757 x19).

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2012

Activities reported by the Secretary, Susan J. LaFerner, for the month of October 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 after the November 6th election that "NCAI welcomes a second term for President Obama and his administration; Native American policy advancements in his first term set the groundwork for historic opportunities to move Indian Country forward during his second term. We look forward to engaging with the President to achieve even greater things in the next four years." (See related November 7, 2012, release, page four). We need to continue to get out and vote because your vote is a decision and makes a difference. Here are three challenges that you can do to make a big difference: 1) Think of three people you care about. Make sure they are registered (KBIC's deadline to register is Thursday, November 15) and challenge them to reach out to three more people they care about. 2) Volunteer to make calls encouraging others to vote. 3) Spread the word to vote on Election Day! Thanks to everyone who voted at the KBIC Primary Election (63% total voter turnout) and the U.S. General Election. Our goal for Keweenaw Bay is to have 100% of our registered/eligible members vote! Remember now to vote in the KBIC General Election on Saturday, December 15, 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 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. The employee "Maintain, Don't Gain" Challenge (over the

holidays) began on November 9, through January 4, 2013.

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.

We wish everyone a blessed, happy Thanksgiving!

Veteran's Day – November 11, 2012. A celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good. It should also be noted that the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Fund was established in 1979 and is dedicated to preserving the legacy of The Wall (which includes 52,282 service members names inscribed) in Washington, D.C., keeping Veteran's stories alive, and educating America on the impact the war had on service members and their families. There is also a nationwide "thank you" tribute to Vietnam Veterans with a video project. This past Memorial Day, during a ceremony at The Wall, President Obama proclaimed May 28, 2012, through November 11, 2025, as the Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War.

Continue to pray for each other, as well as honor and remember all of our veterans, service men and women, and their families. We pray for peace in the world. 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. "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 October 2012, the Tribal Council held one Regular Tribal Council Meeting on October 6, 2012, at the Community Center

in Harvey, MI. This meeting is covered in the November 2012 Newsletter. Tribal Council held four Special Council Meetings. Following are the unapproved motions from October.

At a council meeting held October 4, 2012, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the FY 2013 3% employee raise for all eligible employees to be effective on their anniversary date. Employees hired on or after October 1, 2008, have an effective date of the month and day hired in their current position. Employees hired prior to October 1, 2008, have an effective date of October 1;
- Approved to uphold the TERO Director's decision from the TERO Hearing held on September 27, 2012;
- Approved employees payment of annual leave for hours over 100 at the end of this fiscal year and every year (O. Casino Employment Manual);
- Defeated a motion to allow employees two hours per month to attend Committee/Council meetings and if over two hours, they would have to use annual leave;
- Defeated a motion to allow employees to attend Committee/Council meetings and pro-rate their pay (as Council does);
- Approved the Ojibwa Casino Employment Manual;
- Approved Shirley McKasy and Philomena Ekdahl as the MIEA (Michigan Indian Elders Association) delegates for two year terms and Sandra Pittsley as the alternate;
- Approved the renewal of Marketron Broadcast Solutions, LLC software license and service agreement (Radio Stations);
- Approved to officially close the Four Seasons Inn on November 4, 2012.

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

- Approved the purchase of a Tacoma pickup truck from Rhinelander Toyota for \$32,117.00 for the Natural Resources Department and they will deliver the truck to the Reservation;
- Approved a donation of \$1,976.00 and a

Secretary's Report continues:

hotel room for the visit to the Baraga Area Schools on November 7, from Joseph Bruchac, author of the "Keeper of the Earth" series;

- Approved a new business license for Jeff Lamson/Que Master food service;
- Approved the purchase from Galls for a thermal imager, night vision monocular, and spotlight for \$23,941.00 (Law Enforcement Department);
- Approved a donation of \$600.00 to TD Safe Haven Horse Rescue and Therapy (for feed);
- Approved the purchase of two 2013 Polaris 550IQ snowmobiles for \$8,001.94 each for the Casino promotions from Houghton Power Sports and Marquette Power Sports;
- Approved the modification of the M.O.U. with Bay Mills Community College (Language Program);
- Approved the Services Agreements with Rose and Linda Trudeau from BMCC for the language program;
- Approved the purchase agreement with KBIC and George Peter and Lillian Van-Straten for property at 1.8 million.

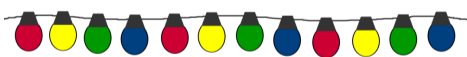
At a council meeting held October 18, 2012, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the Youth Programs Coordinator and Fitness Programs and Facilities Director job positions and to post the Youth Programs Coordinator position;
- Defeated a motion to interview seven Tribal Attorney applicants (two applicants information was not available);
- Approved to interview five Tribal Attorney applicants;
- Approved the Special Tribal Prosecuting Attorney Agreement with Joseph O'Leary;
- Approved the Construction Agreement with Larson Well Drilling, LLC (four scattered sites/wells-Public Works Department);
- Approved the U.S. Oil Retailer Supply Agreement (Pines Convenience).

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

- Approved the October 10 and October 20, 2011 Tribal Council meeting minutes;
- Approved the request (bid modification) for New Day Treatment Center for two cameras for \$783.44;
- Approved the request for \$50,000.00 for the Aanikoosing, Inc. Board for expenses;
- Approved the Christmas Gift Check for \$2,000.00 for those 18 years of age and over;
- Approved to extend the motion to begin titling our vehicles from November 1, to January 1, 2013, and continue to give refunds.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan J. LaFerner, Secretary



Happy Holidays!

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NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS WELCOMES SECOND TERM FOR OBAMA ADMINISTRATION

November 2012

2012 Elections Represent Historic Opportunity for Bipartisan Leadership on Native American Policy

Washington, DC – The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) is hailing the results of the 2012 election, including the re-election of President Barack Obama, as a historic moment for advancing the trust relationship between tribal nations and the federal government. NCAI, the nation's leading American Indian and Alaska Native advocacy organization, called for leaders in Indian Country and in the United States government to seize this moment and advance the nation-to-nation relationship between tribes and the United States.

"NCAI welcomes a second term for President Obama and his administration; Native American policy advancements in his first term set the groundwork for historic opportunities to move Indian Country forward during his second term. We look forward to engaging with the President to achieve even greater things in the next four years," said Jefferson Keel, President of NCAI. Keel also serves as the Lt. Governor of the Chicka-

saw Nation in Oklahoma.

"The opportunity for a historic bipartisan Native policy agenda is very real. Along with our federal partners in Congress and the Obama Administration, tribal nations are prepared to move forward immediately on legislation that works to free tribal economies, restore tribal lands, protect the Indian budget, improve homeland security and disaster response, protect our Native women, boost tribal energy projects, improve health care services, and strengthen educational opportunities for Native people." concluded Keel.

About the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI)

Founded in 1944, the National Congress of the American Indians (NCAI) is the oldest, largest, and most representative American Indian and Alaska Native organization in the country. NCAI advocates on behalf of Tribal governments, promoting strong Tribal-federal government-to-government policies, and promoting a better understanding among the general public regarding American Indian and Alaska Native governments, people and rights.

TREASURER REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2012

Activities reported by the Treasurer, Toni Minton, for the month of October 2012.

The Council approved the following donations for October:

\$5,000.00	Bingo machine for Jacobetti Home for Veterans (Glenn Bressette request)
\$ 500.00	Bay Cliff Health Camp
\$5,000.00	Marine Corps League Toys For Tots in Baraga County
\$5,000.00	Democratic Party of Michigan 21st Century Fund
\$ 600.00	Chrystal Geroux for HD Safe Haven for Horses
\$ TBD	Baraga Area Schools (Mary Bergerson request for Author Joseph Bruchac, a Native American Artist), the additional funding + hotel room comp
\$ 250.00	LVD Wild Rice Camp attendees (\$125 per adult KBIC Member up to 30 participants): Liz Julio, Brian Rantanen—reimbursements (total is at 22).
\$ 250.00	L'Anse Booster Club Hornet Football Playoff (Fifth Quarter) - Robin Roe

Council approved the 2% payments on November 8, 2012. The 2% distribution in Baraga totaled \$140,353.08. It was distributed as follows:

Baraga County	\$25,209.58
Baraga Area Schools	\$30,590.49
Baraga Township	\$10,235.71
Village of Baraga	\$ 7,868.75
L'Anse Area Schools	\$15,267.75
L'Anse Township	\$ 1,720.96
Village of L'Anse	\$ 1,259.84
Township of Baraga—Bay Ambulance	\$25,000.00
Township of L'Anse—Herman Historical	\$ 6,000.00
Village of Baraga—McGillan Street Project	\$17,000.00

The 2% distribution for Marquette totaled \$169,692.11. It was distributed as follows:

City of Marquette/NMU Center for Native American Studies	\$ 4,250.00
City of Marquette/U.P. Children's Museum	\$10,000.00
City of Marquette/MI State Univ. College of Human Med/Equip	\$12,210.00
City of Marquette/Great Lakes Recovery Center Renovations	\$ 6,470.00
City of Marquette/Beacon House	\$ 5,000.00
City of Marquette/YMCA	\$ 5,000.00
City of Marquette/Superior Watershed Partnership—KBIC Youth	\$24,000.00
City of Marquette/Maritime Museum	\$10,000.00
Marquette County/Aging Services Retired—Senior Volunteers	\$ 2,500.00
Marquette County/AMCAB—Meals on Wheels	\$ 2,500.00
Marquette County/Health Dept.—Dental Outreach Program	\$ 2,000.00
Marquette County/Health Dept.—Pregnant-Parenting Teen Program	\$ 2,500.00
Marquette County/Iron Ore Heritage Trail	\$ 2,500.00
Marquette Township/North Star Academy	\$ 2,500.00
Marquette Area Public Schools/Title VII Native Am. Educ. Program	\$ 3,500.00
City of Ishpeming/Carnegie Public Library handicap Accessibility	\$ 971.06
Ishpeming School District/Title VII Indian Education Program	\$ 1,250.00
City of Escanaba/UPSET—Gwinn—Plumbing Replacement	\$ 8,912.50
Gwinn Area Community Schools/Title VI Indian Educ. Program	\$ 3,000.00
Negaunee Township/Iron Range Hockey Association	\$ 1,350.00
Forsyth Township/Fire Truck	\$31,362.50
Chocolay Township/Police and Fire Departments	\$27,916.05

Respectfully submitted,
Toni Minton, Treasurer



PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2012

The following is a list of activities that occurred in the office of the President for the month of October 2012:

- We continued to work toward our water monitoring program of the Eagle Mine. We are working closely with another federal agency and are close to figuring out the cost of the program, so we can work together on paying for the cost of the monitoring program. The Community and its partners have long recognized the need for independent monitoring. We look forward to communicating with all stakeholders who are interested in true independent and objective monitoring that will address all of our needs in full measure.
- The office has worked on the Christmas check guidelines, and so far no changes have been made to the docket except for voluntary withholding.
- We discussed the Tribal Police Department and its role when relating to off-reservation stops.
- In an effort to continue to recognize our sovereignty we are preparing to begin titling motor vehicles and wanted to do it by November 1. A couple of issues have come up regarding the issuing of titles. We discussed the issues with Council and decided to wait until January of next year to begin titling tribal members' motor vehicles.
- Vice President Mayo attended the MAST meeting in Oneida, Wisconsin. They discussed approving policies and elected a health board for the Midwest as well as being updated on several important issues. MAST chose to appoint Carole LaPointe to the newly formed health board at this meeting who will represent our area on important health issues relating to our tribal members. This is long overdue, and I expect to hear good things about this group.
- Our Huuki ad ran on our radio station which was approved for on-air announcements. One of our goals was to raise the awareness of our listeners to the position of our stance that Huuki, who ran for State House 110th District, choose to take on our gas station in Marquette. Council felt radio listeners should know the facts pertaining to Matt Huuki. Also the Community, last month, decided to donate \$5000 to the 21st Fund to help fund the campaign of Scott Dianda who was seeking election in our district. He did beat Huuki by approximately 5,000 votes, and it is nice to state the facts of that election.
- The Community received a letter from Dale Murley, Indian Aide for Governor Snyder, who indicated the Governor would like to address a couple of issues and hopefully move toward concurrence of the casino. We met, and we sent a letter to the Governor's office responding to their concerns.
- I received notice that a sign recently purchased by the Tribal Council to memorialize and recognize Clyde Swartz's hard work on the Big Bay Snowmobile Trail was recently vandalized at the end of Big Bay Trail #4. Family members of Clyde tried to remove the paint, and I haven't heard whether or not if they were successful. Someone had painted over Clyde's name in white paint and put Max Abbott in place of Clyde's name.
- We continue to work with the Michigan Department of Transportation to get our L'Anse Indian Reservation signs put back up near the entrances of the reservation. All of my life, I have lived on this reservation. Whenever motorists en-

tered reservation lands travelling north on US41 by the golf course, there was always a sign up there that said "Welcome to the L'Anse Indian Reservation." In addition, there was always one located for motorists heading south just north of Assinins on US41 by Bear Town Road that said "Welcome to the L'Anse Indian Reservation," and one up on M38 for motorists heading east. We contacted Danny Robillard, and he is working with us on this matter. We are working on the design of the sign and our intent is to put up ten signs, hopefully to be erected in the spring.

- We worked with the Natural Resource Department and came up with a Resolution opposing the Wolf hunt here in Michigan. The Council approved a Resolution opposing any change in the laws of the State of Michigan in which wolves are designated as a game species, and a wolf hunting and/or trapping season is allowed.
- I also attended the Public Health Emergency Response Meeting at the Community's Donald A. LaPointe Health Center. We are meeting to prepare for any health emergencies that may strike our Community. It is important to have a plan of action if health emergencies strike. We continue to meet and plan our obligation to the Community, so we can respond effectively in time of need.
- Last month we had an opportunity to be under the bright light. Chuck Miller taped us, and one of the goals in taping was for the Council to speak of the comprehensive strategic plan. Each council member read a value section within the plan which has 12 value sections. The premier will be tomorrow at 3:30 p.m. at the Community's Harvest Feast which is to be held at the Niiwin Akeea Center.
- A number of Council Members met with Winona LaDuke, an activist, who talked with us regarding Eagle Rock and some strategies relating to the mining of Eagle Rock. She provided us with a confidential memo citing her concerns relating to the protection of Mother Earth. She also provided us with ideas and strategies.
- Last month I met with Paul Stark, Baraga Telephone Company. We discussed his upcoming annual report to E.T.C. regarding his company and how it serves the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. He said he was initiating the meeting to meet reporting requirements and to take the opportunity to discuss some ongoing issues with the Community. It was a good meeting, and I look forward to working with him to meet the telecommunication needs of the Community.

This concludes my report.
Respectfully submitted,
Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

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



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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.

Keep Food Safe for a Happy Holiday Season

By: Dale Schmeisser,
Diabetes Program Dietitian

The holidays are here and we're all doing more cooking—for those special family dinners, potlucks at work and parties with friends. It often means preparing things ahead of time for later use and cooking larger amounts of food than usual. That requires special attention to make sure that the food stays safe from bacterial contamination. Start with clean hands and clean ingredients, and keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold. If you've ever experienced a food borne illness (what we used to call "food poisoning"), you know how important it is to protect yourself and everyone else from the nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and fever that can result from food-gone-bad.

The first week of December is "Handwashing Awareness Week" and it's a good reminder that the number one thing we can do to prevent food borne illness is to start with clean hands in the kitchen. Wash before you start working with food, and then any time you touch your hair, mouth or nose, use the bathroom, or smoke. It's especially important to wash after handling raw meats, poultry, fish or eggs, and when you're working with foods that won't be cooked again before eating (salads, fruit, etc).

We usually think of undercooked meat, poultry, eggs, and fish as the riskiest foods, but contamination can occur in raw fruits and vegetables if they're not handled properly. Wash all fruits and vegetables before cutting them, even the rind of fruit that won't be eaten. Raw berries, spinach, peppers, and lettuce have all been implicated in recent outbreaks of foodborne illness. One of the most serious recent outbreaks was due to contamination of cantaloupe. Washing the rind before the fruit is cut can decrease the risk that bacteria on the outside will make its way to the edible part.

Heating foods to proper temperature is equally important. Poultry needs to be cooked to 165 degrees F to assure that bacteria are killed. This includes the stuffing inside of the bird, too. Some celebrity chefs prefer to cook the stuffing separately, because they find that in order to get the stuffing cooked enough, the bird gets overdone. Some have also found that it makes for a lot less commotion before serving a big meal. Other foods that need to be heated to 165 degrees are egg dishes, meatloaf, casseroles, and reheated leftovers. Use kitchen "instant temp" thermometers to check food temperatures. They are inexpensive and available in the kitchenware departments of most hardware and big-box stores.

Keeping cold foods cold is also important. When cooling something from the oven that will be used later, try to cool it as quickly as possible. For example, cut large roasts into smaller portions to increase the surface area, and pour soups into shallow pans to cool quickly. While it's still warm (but not steaming hot), put it in the refrigerator for the rest of the cooling, and keep it at temperature below 40 degrees. Take care to get the buffet leftovers into the fridge as soon as dinner is finished; foods left out more than two hours at room temperature are at risk of contamination and should be discarded.

All of us in the KBIC Diabetes Program wish you a very happy, safe and healthy holiday season!



Halloween celebrations continued:



Photo by Lauri Denomie.

Marquette, 0-2 age winners: 1st—Khloe Schofield (left), 2nd—Jacob Space (right), and 3rd—Alexis Smith Scholfield (center).



Photo by Lauri Denomie.

Marquette, 3-5 age winners: 1st—Hanna Harvala (left), 2nd—Kade Hooper (right), and 3rd—Micheala Beverly (center).



Photo by Lauri Denomie.

Marquette, 6-8 age winners: 1st—Landyn Spade (left), 2nd—Zoe Hamalainen (center), and 3rd—Savanna Verboczki (right).



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Marquette, 9-11 age winners: 1st—Andre Hamalainen (center), 2nd—Sean Seymour (right), and 3rd—Kimber Shelafoe (left).



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Marq., 11 & up age winners: 1st—Joran Hamalainen (right), 2nd—Josh Lee Hamalainen (left), and 3rd—Taylor Havican (center).



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Baraga, 0-2 age winners: 1st—Zoey Spruce (left), 2nd—Alayna Kinnunen (center), and 3rd—Kobe Forcia (left).



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Baraga, 3-5 age winners: 1st—Shayla Emblad (left), 2nd—Nizoni Jacker (center), and 3rd—Keyden Goodbird (right).



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Baraga, 6-8 age winners: 1st—Lily Messer (left), 2nd—Kayan Goodbird (center), and 3rd—Machia Loonsfoot (right).



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Baraga, 9-10 age winners: 1st—Keya Chosa (right), 2nd—Jason Kinnunen (center), and 3rd—Haley Lamb/Jaylyne Lindemann (right).



Photo by Lauri Denomie.

Baraga, 11 & up age winners: 1st—Jackie Wadaga (left), 2nd—Amy Shalifoe (center), and 3rd—Cheyene Edwards (right).

New Employees



Lori Ann Sherman, a KBIC member, was recently hired as KBIC's Natural Resource Director. Lori has a Bachelor's degree in Business Management and a Master's degree in Technical writing. Lori has one son, Jacob, who is doing an internship in North Dakota and is a sophomore at Michigan Tech studying Engineering. Lori is a member of the KBIC-ICWA committee and is on the Board of Directors for the National Indian Women's Health Resource Center. Some of her interests include training horses, dogs, gardening, and spending time with her family. Lori has also trained K-9 Units for Search and Rescue and was a member of the D.O.G.S N Search and Rescue Unit. Lori said that she is looking forward to working for her tribe and continuing on with the awesome work being done out at the Natural Resource Department.



Cynthia Gourneau was recently hired as the Donald LaPointe Medical Facility's Chief Pharmacist. Cynthia grew up Omaha, NE and attended Creighton University for undergraduate and Pharmacy school. She was granted an IHS scholarship and did her scholarship payback on her reservation in Belcourt, ND -- Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians. "This was my first staff pharmacist position, and I worked there for nearly five years. I met my husband at the pharmacy window three years ago while he was on leave from the military. I soon followed him to his station near Savannah, GA. We married and have a two year old son Leander. We relocated to Minneapolis, and I worked for the Fond du Lac Tribe at their urban satellite pharmacy as a clinical pharmacist for over a year. However, city life was too fast for us, and we decided to relocate to a rural area. I saw an advertisement for the KBIC pharmacy online and was thrilled when I was hired as the new Chief of Pharmacy," Cynthia said. "I have experience instituting the Electronic Health Record while I was in Belcourt, and I am very excited to be a part of this new process at KBIC. I hope to increase patient safety, decrease medication errors, decrease patient wait times, and increase patient counseling. I want every patient to understand why they are taking the medications he or she has been prescribed and to be aware of major side effects. I am hoping patients will be willing to come to me for any type of assistance they may need regarding their medications. I am here for the patient population." On a personal note, "We are still in the process of settling in L'Anse. In my spare time, I enjoy spending time

with my family outdoors. We like to go swimming, and I enjoy playing at waterparks with my son. My husband is an avid fisherman and loves to ice fish and hunt. We are happy to live in such a beautiful, rural area. We are confident this will be a wonderful place to raise our son."



Jason Chaudier has been hired as the KBIC Elementary Tutor in the Baraga School. Jason graduated with an Associate's Degree in Business from Gogebic Community College in spring of 2012. Jason resides in Baraga with his wife, Diana, and two daughters, Jadyne age four, and Madison age one. Jason added, "I enjoy hunting, going to camp, and more than anything spending time with my family."



Austin Ayres, of Zeba, shot this nine point buck on September 29, 2012, on the L'Anse Indian Reservation. Congratulations, Austin!

NATIVE AMERICAN MONTH (NOVEMBER) BRINGS JOSEPH BRUCHAC TO KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY



Native American author, Joseph Bruchac, visited the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community on November 7, 2012. His presentations included short stories and flute selections. Bruchac is of the Abenaki nation, a resident of upstate New York. His books include Native American themed fiction and non-fiction, poetry, and young adult literature. Presentations were held at the Baraga High School, the Phillip LaTendresse Elementary School, and the Ojibwa Community College.

KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY YOUTH ENJOY REZHEADS ACTIVITIES



Jonathon Francois (left) is shown above as he participates in the *Big Wind Blows* game. The game was facilitated by Melissa Nichols (right), a member of the RezHeads group.

The KBIC Outpatient Substance Abuse Program with the assistance of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Court brought the Rezheads 2012 Back 2 School Tour to the Community. Events were held on Friday, November 9, and Saturday, November 10, at the Ojibwa Community College gymnasium. Transportation was made available for Marquette County residences to attend. Melissa Nichols facilitated the game above where participants learn about each other.

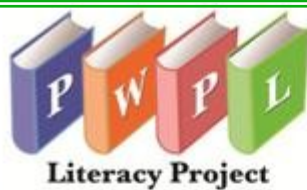
Other events included comedy and live music performances by Big S2 and musical performances by multiple award winning international recording artists, Smoke and Mimi. Rezheads brings a unique way to youth bringing messages on the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse, positive choices, bullying, and leadership skills.

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- Dealing with anger and stress, Wednesday, December 12, and 19, 12:30-1:15 p.m.
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- Grocery budgeting, Wednesday, December 19, 1:30- 2:15 p.m.

LaPointe DHHS-KBIC Health Center Conference Room

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Mining Updates,

By Jessica Koski, Mining Technical Assistant,
Keweenaw Bay Natural Resources Department

Rio Tinto Mining Activities: At the Eagle Project site, a long decline tunnel to the nickel-copper sulfide deposit beneath the Salmon Trout River was completed in September of 2012. The company has since focused on construction work at the Humboldt Mill, which is expected to take two years.

In late October of 2012, during the digging and construction of an underground containment slurry wall to prevent contaminated groundwater from flowing out of the pit lake at Humboldt, a hydrologic channel was discovered in which an uncontrolled water and clay slurry ran into an adjacent wetland. Action was taken, but the company admits it is possible that additional slurry flow to the wetland may occur during construction. KBIC mining staff are concerned that the containment wall is being built through unsuitable permeable gravel and sand soils – and that when pressure builds up in the pit lake containing metal sulfide tailings, contaminated



Wildcat Canyon, 595 corridor,
courtesy Jeremiah Eagle Eye

groundwater carrying toxic levels of metals could migrate into the adjacent wetlands of the Middle Branch of the Escanaba River.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 5 is expected to decide soon whether or not to maintain a federal objection on proposed Marquette County Road 595 (a 21-mile mine haul road from Eagle to Humboldt Mill). There is political pressure by many elected officials to allow the development. EPA objected due to significant wetland impacts associated with the project and potential viable alternative routes – which were not considered primarily because Rio Tinto only committed to fund the western-most 595 direct route to Humboldt. The ability of EPA to object stems from retained federal oversight authority under the nation's Clean Water Act, particularly Section 404 regarding wetlands, when the program was delegated to Michigan in 1984.

Monitoring: There are various monitoring programs underway on the Yellow Dog Plains. The KBIC works with Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve on quarterly monitoring of area springs and streams, and the Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission participated in a Year of Intensive Monitoring–Mining program with the US Geological Survey in 2012 to monitoring Lake Superior watersheds most at risk from mining, including the Salmon Trout River watershed. Recently, Rio Tinto has agreed to fund \$300,000 annually (in 3 year renewal periods) to the Superior Watershed Partnership and Marquette County Community Foundation to conduct additional monitoring.

Orvana Copperwood Project near Ironwood, MI: On November 14, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality issued a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for proposed Copperwood mine water discharges into *Namebinag Creek of Lake Superior*. Also in November, the Gogebic Range Water Authority applied for a Lake Superior Water Intake System for the project, which is seen as an attempt for the company to avoid federal review under the Rivers and Harbors Act and Clean Water Act over the mine project. A state mining permit for Copperwood was issued on April 30, 2012, and is not active until all other required permits are received. A wetland and stream fill permit is currently under review, after receiving a similar EPA objection as 595. The mine tailings alone would impact on over 13,000 feet of streams and about 60 acres of wetlands adjacent to the Porcupine Mountain Wilderness State Park and Lake Superior.

Keweenaw: Highland Resources is conduct-

ing exploratory drilling for copper deposits in the Keweenaw Peninsula. Simultaneously, Michigan has proposed to revise upward copper standards in the Keweenaw, which is undergoing EPA review.

Ottawa National Forest: Trans Superior Resources (Bitterroot of Canada) has proposed to conduct exploratory drilling for gold, platinum, nickel and cobalt near Bergland, MI. Additional exploratory drilling by Trans Superior was reported by two citizens southeast of Kenton on November 4. Because the site near Kenton doesn't occur on federal lands, the Forest Service claims it lacks regulatory jurisdiction.

Outreach & Education: Check out an educational mining database and audio presentations from Lake Superior Binational Forum Public Meetings on mining in the basin online at: <http://www.superiorforum.org/>. In the New Year, watch for Community Potlucks and a new KBNRD Tribal Mining Program webpage – coming soon!

Questions? Contact Jessica Koski at (906) 524-5757 ext. 25 or jkoski@kbic-nsn.gov.



East Branch of the Salmon Trout River.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The KBIC Parks and Recreation Committee is seeking input on our Recreation Plan which will be submitted to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for future funding opportunities.

These funds will provide assistance to advance parks and recreational opportunities through maintenance of current recreational properties and further improvements to our campgrounds and marina.

A draft of the KBIC 2013-2017 Five Year Recreation Plan has been developed and will be available for review at the Public Meeting mentioned below, the Natural Resources Building, the Health Department, and the Niiwin Akeaa Center (Community College building) for public inspection.

A Public Hearing Meeting to facilitate review of and comment on the plan will be held on Thursday, December 6th at the Casino in the Chippewa Room during Tribal Council session at 12:00 p.m.

If you cannot attend and would like your opinions considered, please contact the following: *Jean Jokinen* at 353-4205; jjokinen@kbic-nsn.gov or *Evelyn Ravindran* at 524-5757 Extension 11; eravindran@kbic-nsn.gov We will be accepting comments and suggestions until Thursday, January 10, 2013 at 12:00 p.m. and will present the plan for adoption at the Tribal Council meeting in the Chippewa Room that same day. **Miigwech!**

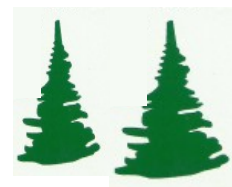
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Susan J. LaFernier L'Anse District, Tribal Council

at Zeba U.M Church and Ojibwa Senior Citizens, Saturday, December 15, 2012

**Miigwech for your votes
in the Primary Election!**



- Lifelong resident of the Reservation where I was born.
- Member of the Tribal Council since 1998.
- Have worked for the Tribe 30(+) years
- Caring for you and the next seven generations as my Ancestors who signed our Treaty did.
- I thank you for my Saturday meeting stipend.

Lake Superior Band of Chippewa Indians

Date: 11/15/12
To: Chris Swartz, Keweenaw Bay
Tribal Council President
From: Michael Cardinal, Constitutional
Committee Chairman
Subject: Constitutional Committee Report

The constitutional committee will be working on changes we felt were needed to the proposed amendment to removal of the Secretary of the Interior from our amendment process. We are also looking at the election ordinance and the changes that will also have to be made to that document. We have been working on these changes for over a year and a half. We first introduced this amendment around July of 2011, and held a constitutional convention to get input into the direction our Tribe wanted to proceed on changes. The amendment was sent to the Tribal Council and was passed along to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Michigan Agency. They, in turn, passed it along to the Minneapolis Area Office in December of 2011. We did not get any answer to our request, until August 27, 2012.

Since that time the committee has been working on looking at the technical aspects of the BIA report. The amendment will be available for Tribal Council action at the beginning of the New Year.

At our October 2012 Constitutional Committee meeting, we, along with the Tribal Council President Swartz, decided to push back the request for the amendment to go to the Tribal Council until after the Tribal General Election. This was done because of the problems with the BIA getting their registration done while there was a Tribal election taking place.

The changes we requested from the Secretary of the Interior were controversial, and we needed a legal opinion from the government, that if we changed our Constitution this would have no effect on our ability to still be considered an IRA tribe and able to place land into trust. The technical letter we received from the BIA has provided us with the answer to that question, and that is "Yes" we would still be an IRA tribe. There were other cautions expressed in that letter that we are addressing and will be sent to the Tribal Council at a later date.

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

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

48 Contiguous United States:		<u>Use this amount</u>	
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:		<u>Use this amount</u>	
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.

TRIBE DONATIONS TO “TOYS FOR TOTS” CAMPAIGN



KBIC Tribal Council at their November 1, 2012 meeting, presented a check in the amount of \$5,000 to this year's annual “Toys For Tots” campaign. Seated l-r — Council women: Elizabeth “Popcorn” Mayo, Carole LaPointe, Susan J. LaFerner, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Jean Jokinen, standing l-r Councilman Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Veterans: Don Mleko, Lee DeLeon, Howard Mattson, KBIC President Warren “Chris” Swartz, Jr., Councilman Robert “R.D.” Curtis, Jr., Veterans: Floyd Crawford, Rodney Loonsfoot. Council members: Eddy Edwards, Fred Dakota, Jerry Lee Curtis, and Toni Minton were unavailable for photo. Picture by L’Anse Sentinel.

“TOYS FOR TOTS” RECEIVE DONATION FROM THE OJIBWA SENIOR CITIZENS



Photo by Lauri Denomie.

The Ojibwa Senior Citizens of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community hold pasty fundraisers ten months of the year. Other fundraising activities have included soup & salad luncheons, Indian Tacos, and various raffles. The Seniors also have a Gift Shop at the Senior Center which provides an opportunity for local crafters to sell their items. The funds raised by the Seniors are used to provide educational incentives to students in Baraga County, Michigan Indian Elders Association Student Incentives and Scholarships, monetary gifts for enrolled KBIC graduating students from high school and Ojibwa Community College, the KBIC Kids’ Fishing Derby, and have provided travel/entertainment trips this past year to Green Bay and Sault Ste. Marie. The Seniors approved a \$1,000 donation at the September meeting to Toys For Tots/Area Youth to show their gratitude to the Baraga/L’Anse area customers who have supported their many fundraising activities and to show their support for the Toys For Tots program. Seated l-r — Treasurer Susie Crawford, Ass’t Treasurer Veronica Adams, Secretary Loretta Hugo, standing l-r Veterans: Rodney Loonsfoot, Wally Adams, Donald Funke, OCS President Debra J. Parrish, Veterans: Howard Mattson, Don Mleko, Floyd Crawford, Lee DeLeon. OCS Vice President Agatha Cardinal was unavailable for photo.



Toys for Tots is now taking place. You can bring your gifts to the KBIC Tribal Center where the Toys for Tots collection box is located.

KEWEENAW BAY OJIBWA LIBRARY NEWS...

The library has received a donation of cancer information books from the DHHS. They are:

- *The Great American Eat-Right Cookbook*
- *Cancer: What Causes It, What Doesn't*
- *Healthy Eating Cookbook*
- *Quick Facts on Breast Cancer*
- *Quick Facts on Advanced Cancer*
- *Quick Facts on Bone Metastasis*
- *Quick Facts on Thyroid Cancer*
- *Quick Facts on Lung Cancer*
- *Quick Facts on Prostate*
- *Quick Facts on Colorectal Cancer*
- *What Helped Get Me Through, Cancer Survivors Share Wisdom and Hope*
- *Cancer Caregiving A to Z*
- *What to Eat During Cancer Treatment*
- *Complete Guide to Nutrition for Cancer Survivors*
- *Pain Control, Understanding and Managing Cancer Pain*
- *Reduce Your Cancer Risk*

~ Mary Bergerson, Ojibwa Community Library Director



DRUG CONVICTION REPORT

In a continuous effort to reduce the illegal use of controlled substances in our community, the Drug Task Force has requested the publication of pertinent information regarding any convictions of the Controlled Substances section of the KBIC Tribal Code §3.1706. The Tribal Court has agreed to comply with the Drug Task Force's request and will publish a Drug Conviction Report on a routine basis.

James Emery, case #12-003, controlled substance (sale – prescription pills) – 1st offense

Sentenced on 03/26/2012 to:

1. \$500 fine.
2. Defendant is financially responsible for any and all costs associated with lodging, alcohol, and drug testing.
3. Defendant must obtain a substance abuse screening and follow all recommendations until successfully completed.
4. 180 days jail, serve 90, 90 days suspended pending successful completion of all terms and conditions of probation. Jail time may be served on GPS tether.
5. Probation for 6-12 months with a \$10 per month fee. Standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with random PBTs and drug tests.
6. Defendant is required to register as a Sex Offender with the KBIC.
7. Defendant shall sign a release for Probation to contact all of his medical providers and shall notify them of the sale of his prescription medications.

David DeCota, case #12-004, controlled substance (sale – marijuana) – 1st offense

Sentenced on 03/29/2012 to:

1. \$500 fine.
2. Defendant is financially responsible for lodging/tether and any other costs incurred while incarcerated.
3. Defendant must obtain a substance abuse screening and follow all recommendations until successfully completed.
4. 180 days jail, 90 days suspended pending completion of all the terms of probation. Credit for five days served. Defendant is to serve 85 days on a GPS tether.
5. Defendant must complete 24 hours of community service.
6. Six-twelve months with a \$10 per monthly fee. Standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with random PBTs and drug tests.

Robert Swartz, case #12-101, controlled substance (possession - marijuana) – 1st offense

Sentenced on 06/05/2012 to:

1. Flat time due to Defendant's extensive history with multiple probation violations.
2. \$500 fine.
3. Responsible for any and all costs associated with lodging, drug, and alcohol testing.
4. Jail: 30 days, serve 13 days, credit for 17 days served.
5. Upon release from jail, the Defendant will have 90 days to pay off fines and costs to the Court.

Corey Laurich, case #11-102, controlled substance (use – marijuana) – 1st offense

Sentenced on 08/06/2012 to:

1. \$150 fine.
2. The Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any other costs incurred while incarcerated.
3. Defendant must obtain a substance abuse screening and follow all recommendations until successfully completed.
4. Ninety (90) days jail with eighty (80) days suspended pending completion of all the terms of probation. Must serve ten (10) days jail or be released directly to treatment.
5. Six-twelve months probation with the \$10 per monthly fee. Standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with random PBTs and drug tests.
6. Must complete education or obtain employment.

Travis Rajacic, case #12-107, controlled substance (use – marijuana) – 2nd offense

Sentenced on 09/10/2012 to:

1. \$1000 fine.
2. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any other costs incurred while incarcerated.
3. Defendant must obtain a new substance abuse screening and follow all the recommendations until successfully completed. Must comply with all mental health counseling and treatment recommendations.
4. One-hundred-eighty (180) days jail, 152 days suspended pending successful completion of all the terms of probation. Credit for 28 days

served.

5. Probation is concurrent with case numbers 12-099, 12-105, 12-106, and 12-108.

Tiana Drift, case #12-176, controlled substance (use – prescription pills) – 1st offense

Sentenced on 10/08/2012 to:

1. \$500 fine.
2. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any other costs incurred while incarcerated.
3. Defendant must obtain a substance abuse screening and follow all the recommendations until successfully completed.
4. 180 days jail, 150 days suspended, serve 30 days jail.
5. Six-twelve months alcohol and drug restricted probation with the \$10 per monthly fee.
6. Defendant must bring all prescription medications to the Probation Officer for identification and pill count. Defendant must seek employment and provide proof to the Probation Officer of all attempts made. Defendant must perform community service to work off her fines and sign a payroll deduction to have payments made from her per capita she receives from her Tribe or pay on her fines with her per capita payments.

OJIBWA SENIOR NEWS

Our next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 6, 2012, at 12:30 at the senior center.

Ojibwa Senior Christmas Party is Sunday, December 9, 2012, sign in beginning 4:30, dinner at 5:30. Call the senior center if you will be attending so we know how many gifts to get. Gifts will be the same as last year.

We are having a raffle ending Dec. 9th. 1st prize - a 42" TV, donated by the KBIC ATR Program; 2nd prize a \$250 Walmart gift card; and 3rd prize a \$100 Pines gift card. Tickets are \$5.00 each. Our seniors will be selling tickets and are also available at the senior center.


Brule' Christmas Show at Black Bear Otter Creel Event Center, Carlton, MN, on December 15, 2012. Senior volunteers were to sign up by November 29th.



Twenty-one Ojibwa Seniors travelled to Green Bay on September 12th, and attended the Daddy D Broadway type show at the Riverside Ballroom (photos above). They also shopped, visited the Zoo, and toured Green Bay. Funds from the Fund Raising monies were utilized. Seniors may sign up for our Fund Raising activities if you want to participate on trips.

At our November 8, 2012 regular meeting, it was decided a possible "big" trip may be offered for our seniors in September 2013, a week long trip to Branson, MO. To be eligible to attend the 2013 big trip, seniors must participate in a minimum of five senior fund raising activities. Contact Susie Crawford, 353-6183, for additional information.


The Ojibwa Seniors will again be selling their Ojibwa Senior Cookbook soon. The book reprints should be received early January 2013, selling at \$15.00 a book. Place your order soon, don't miss out.



**Niimi Gimiwang
OVV Programs and Services**
755 Michigan Ave.
Mailing Address: 16429 Bear Town Rd.
Baraga, MI 49908
Phone: 906.353.4598 Fax: 906.353.HELP (4357)

Niimi Gimiwang Mission Statement

To empower our Native women and children through culturally sensitive activities and services, to restore their spirit by stopping the cycle of silence and violence.



Established in July of 2011, the OVV Programs and Services Office offers a variety of programs available to victim-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 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 OVV Programs and Services Office include:

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

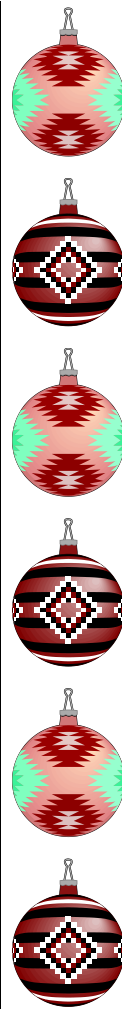

Working Together to end Violence

Honoring our Community... Embracing our Beliefs...

To end domestic violence and sexual assault we must increase our understanding of it and how it hurts the whole community.

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

STRICT ADHERENCE of CONFIDENTIALITY ENFORCEMENT OVV 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 Safety Streets Act, VAWA Reauthorization Act of 2005, OVV's implementing Regulation at 28 CFR part 90 and strictly adheres to the Health Information Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and CFR Title 42, 290d2 and the regulations that implement it, title 42, Part 2 (Federal Confidentiality Law as it pertains to AODA records).

Important Medical Billing Information

When you've been approved for payment from Contract Health Services (CHS), you should not be billed for medical services. Should you happen to receive any invoice, it is imperative that you drop it off at the CHS office to ensure timely payments can be made and prevent credit or collection issues. Call CHS Clerk, Elvera Lantz with any questions at 906-353-4537.

Contact Health Services
Donald A. LaPointe Health Center
102 Superior Ave.
Baraga, MI 49908
906-353-4537

DECEMBER 2012 Calendar Events

Dec. 1: Reg. Sat. Council Meeting, 9 am, Ojibwa Resort Conference Room;
Dec. 7: Constitutional Committee Meeting, 1 pm, Council Chambers;
Dec. 8: Marquette Seniors' Christmas Party; Wahlstrom's Restaurant, 1pm;
Dec. 9: Baraga Ojibwa Senior Citizens' Christmas Party;
Dec. 15: Baraga KBIC Youth Christmas Parties;
Dec 16: Marquette KBIC Youth Christmas Party;
Dec. 19: Veteran's Meeting, 7 p.m.;
Dec. 24-26: Tribal Gov't offices closed for Christmas holidays;
Dec. 31-Jan 1: Tribal Gov't offices closed for New Year holidays.

~ 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.

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




**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
COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (C.A.P.) OFFICE**
Janice M. Halverson, CAP Administrator
16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49908
Telephone: (906) 353-6623 x4162 Fax: (906) 353-4141

ATTENTION:
FY 2013 LIHEAP FUNDING IS NOW AVAILABLE
LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Assists with Heating Bills **ONLY**
Two (2) Part Program

1. Direct Assistance Program (DAP)
One time heating credit to heat vendor.
2. Emergency Crisis Intervention Program (ECIP)
Assistance with shut-off notices.

GROSS income is required for ALL household members over the age of 18, 30 days prior to requesting assistance or current taxes.

INCOME GUIDELINES

ANNUAL GROSS INCOME	HOUSEHOLD SIZE
\$13,962	1
\$18,912	2
\$23,862	3
\$28,812	4
\$33,762	5
\$38,712	6
\$43,662	7
\$48,612	8
\$53,562	9
\$58,512	10

**Upper Peninsula BioFuel Calculator Now Live On
www.upbiofuel.com
Project Aims to Grow a Sustainable Industry**

HOUGHTON, Michigan—There is a new online resource for Western Upper Peninsula residents curious about cost-saving advantages of wood pellet heating. Rural homeowners are encouraged to visit www.upbiofuel.com/calculator/. By entering current heating costs, the calculator will determine approximate annual savings and return on investment, based on professional installation of a quality wood pellet stove.

A wood pellet is a piece of ground wood, dehydrated and compressed to twice the energy density of green wood. "One thing we do really well locally is grow and harvest trees. Utilizing wood pellets to heat homes in rural areas of the Western U.P. is a sustainable and viable energy solution," says Kim Stoker, Executive Director of the Western Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Region (WUPPDR).

The cost of oil, natural gas, and propane is historically high—and rising. Locally-sourced pellet fuel reduces dependence on these non-renewable fossil fuels. Most adults, including elderly, are capable of operating a wood pellet stove—no log splitting required. Additionally, wood pellet fuel has the potential to create a local industry, circulating fuels dollars in the local economy.

The U.P. BioFuel project is made possible through funding sought and received by WUPPDR. The goal of this collaborative effort is to realize the potential for growing biomass, to be harvested and used as a valuable fuel source, on unused or underused agricultural land in the Western Upper Peninsula.

For more information on U.P. BioFuel, visit www.upbiofuel.com or contact Kim Stoker, Executive Director, at (906) 482-7205, ext. 316 or kstoker@wuppdr.org.



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Native community
who give birth in
2012.

If you had a baby in 2012, look for your survey in the mail

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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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Indian Community

Marquette Ojibwa Senior Citizen's Christmas Party

Wahlstrom's Restaurant, 1:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 8, 2012

To Register contact: Pat Brown at 273-0318.

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

Catholic Community of Baraga County

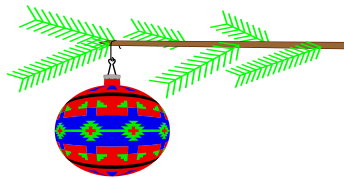


Holy Name of Jesus
Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

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

"Your Children...Our Priority"

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- 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)

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Employment Opportunities

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

Continuous/On Call positions:

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



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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Shown above are two young friends enjoying an Inter-tribal song.

Many Community members attended the Mini Powwow and Harvest Feast on November 11, 2012. The event was held at the Niiwin Akeaa Community Center in which the Community honored their veterans. Everyone had a great time, enjoyed songs by the Beartown Singers, and a fantastic feast was served. The event was sponsored by the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and the KBIC Cultural Committee. A KBIC Comprehensive Strategic Plan was presented immediately following the activities.