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KBIC HOLDS 37th ANNUAL MAAWANJI'IDING



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

One of the 617 dancers in the arena was four-year-old shawl dancer, Payton LeClaire (right). Payton spent hours dancing at this year's Maawanji'iding.

Tribal Council Members:

Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President
Jennifer Misegan, Vice-President
Toni J. Minton, Secretary
Susan J. LaFernier, Asst. Secretary
Doreen G. Blaker, Treasurer
Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.
Eddy Edwards
Randall R. Haataja
Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.
Don Messer, Jr.
Donald Shalifoe, Sr.



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- August 8th Tribal Council Meeting
- 37th Annual Maawanji'iding
- National Health Week Celebrated at KBIC
- Annual Memorial/Recovery Walk Held
- Council to Vote on Resolution To Amend Constitution Article IX—Judicial Branch
- Lantz retires after 22 years
- Ojibwa Senior Citizens News
- Deepest Sympathy



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Fourteen-year-old Kayla Dakota, was re-crowned as Miss Keweenaw Bay 2015, on Friday evening at the KBIC Maawanji'iding. Kayla is the daughter of Rhea Koski and the late Dale (DJ) Dakota, Jr.

As Miss Keweenaw Bay 2014, Kayla represented the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community at a number of powwows including: Lac Vieux/Watersmeet, Sugar Island/Sault Ste. Marie, Hannahville/Esanaba State Fair, and KBIC's Mid-winter Powwow.

Kalya also mentored eight-year-old Starr Dunleavy, who won the Little Miss Superior at the Baraga County Lake Trout Festival on June 13, 2015.

Shown below: Men's Traditional Dancers, Robert Rajacic/KBIC (center/front).



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

The KBIC 37th Annual Maawanji'iding was held the weekend of July 24-26, 2015, at the Ojibwa Powwow Campgrounds in Baraga, Michigan. "Honoring Our Ogitchidaag" was chosen for this year's theme. Records indicate there were 617 dancers and ten drums registered. It was a beautiful weekend for

AUGUST 8, 2015 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Regular Saturday Tribal Council Meeting was held on August 8, 2015, at the Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room in Baraga, Michigan. President Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr., presided over the meeting with Jennifer Misegan, Toni Minton, Susan J. LaFernier, Randall Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., and Don Messer, Jr. present. Not present: Doreen Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, and Donald Shalifoe, Sr.

President Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. shared numerous *Thank You* and *For Your Information* items addressed to Council. One item in particular was discussed more in length. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community was awarded a Tides Foundation \$10,000 grant for arbor improvement at the powwow grounds on the recommendation of the Cultural Resource Fund advised by the MICA Group.

Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. gave the President's Report (page two) and Toni Minton gave the Secretary's Report (page four). Council passed Department Head Reports for June 2015.

Motion by Jennifer Misegan to approve the October 23, 2014 meeting minutes, supported by Don Messer, Jr. Five supported (Misegan, S. LaFernier, M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot, Messer), 0 opposed, two abstained (Minton, Haataja), four absent (Blaker, Curtis, Edwards, Shalifoe), motion carried.

Motion by Gary Loonsfoot, Sr. to table the October 30, 2014 meeting minutes, supported by Michael F. LaFernier, Sr. Seven supported (Misegan, Minton, S. LaFernier, Haataja, M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot, Messer), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, four absent (Blaker, Curtis, Edwards, Shalifoe), motion carried.

Motion by Jennifer Misegan to approve the November 7, 2014 meeting minutes, supported by Don Messer, Jr. Five supported (Misegan, S. LaFernier, M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot, Messer), 0 opposed, two abstained (Minton, Haataja), four absent (Blaker, Curtis, Edwards, Shalifoe), motion carried.

Motion by Jennifer Misegan to approve the June 4, 2015 meeting minutes, supported by Toni Minton. Seven supported (Misegan, Minton, S. LaFernier, Haataja, M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot, Messer), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, four absent (Blaker, Curtis, Edwards, Shalifoe), motion carried.

Motion by Jennifer Misegan to approve the June 25, 2015 meeting minutes, supported by Toni Minton. Six supported (Misegan, Minton, S. LaFernier, Haataja, M. LaFernier, Messer), 0 opposed, one abstained (Loonsfoot), four absent (Blaker, Curtis, Edwards, Shalifoe), motion carried.

Jeanne Emery, Election Board Chair, and Kim Klopstein, Election Board Vice Chair, presented the timeline for the 2015 Primary and General Elections. For the 2015 Primary Election: Publication of election – September 30, 2015, (30 days prior to election); Nomination deadline – October 1, 2015, at 4 p.m. (opens September 17, 2015); Registration deadline – October 1, 2015, (30 days prior to election); Election Board Meeting – October 2, 2015, (review candidates, determine if a primary election is to be held, review voter list, and choose Election Board workers); Tribal Council meets to approve candidates – October 3, 2015; Election worker submissions deadline – October 9, 2015, (ad is for both Primary and General Election. Ads are placed for two weeks beginning September 24, 2015); Deadline to request Absentee Ballot – October 9, 2015, (no later than 20 days preceding the election); Election Board meets to review absentee requests and election worker submissions – October 12, 2015; Post list of registered voters and candidates – October 21, 2015, (at least 10 days prior); Absentee voting in Marquette – October 29, 2015; Homebound voting – October 30, 2015; and Primary Election – October 31, 2015. For the 2015 General Election Timeline: Publication of election – November 11, 2015, (30 days prior to election); Registration deadline – November 12, 2015 (30 days prior to election); Election Board Meeting – November 13, 2015, (review voters and choose Election Board workers); Deadline to request absentee ballot – November 20, 2015, (no later than 20 days preceding the election); Election Board meets to review absentee requests – November 20, 2015; Post list of registered voters and nominees – December 2, 2015, (at least 10 days prior); Absentee voting in Marquette – December 10, 2015; Homebound voting – December 11, 2015; and General Election – December 12, 2015. **Motion**

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by Toni Minton to approve the Primary and General Election Timeline, supported by Don Messer, Jr. Seven supported (Misegan, Minton, S. LaFernier, Haataja, M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot, Messer), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, four absent (Blaker, Curtis, Edwards, Shalifoe), motion carried.

Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., Director of Cultural Resources, sought approval of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the L'Anse and Baraga Area Schools and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community for the Language Program. **Motion by Toni Minton to approve the MOA with the KBIC and the L'Anse/Baraga Schools for the Language Program, supported by Don Messer, Jr. Seven supported (Misegan, Minton, S. LaFernier, Haataja, M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot, Messer), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, four absent (Blaker, Curtis, Edwards, Shalifoe), motion carried.**

Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr., Tribal President brought forth two MOA's between the Inter-tribal Council and the KBIC. The first one related to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Adult Program FY 2015-2016. The second one related to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Summer Youth Program FY 2015-2016. Council had a number of questions regarding the guidelines within these two funding opportunities which needed to be looked at more in depth. **Motion by Don Messer, Jr. to table these two MOA's until next week, supported by Jennifer Misegan. Seven supported (Misegan, Minton, S. LaFernier, Haataja, M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot, Messer), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, four absent (Blaker, Curtis, Edwards, Shalifoe), motion carried.**

Jennifer Misegan, Vice President, presented a number of donation requests. No donations were approved.

Jennifer Misegan, Vice President, brought forth permission for an ATV to be utilized by the Tribal Police Department on the powwow grounds for a hay wagon ride at the Fostering Family Fun Day on August 15, 2015. **Motion by Susan J. LaFernier to approve the use of an ATV by the Tribal Police Department for the Fostering Family Fun Day Hay wagon Ride, supported by Gary Loonsfoot, Sr. Six supported (Misegan, Minton, S. LaFernier, Haataja, M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot), one opposed (Messer), 0 abstained, four absent (Blaker, Curtis, Edwards, Shalifoe), motion carried.**

Council adjourned the meeting with no further issues on the agenda.

~ Submitted by Newsletter Editor.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2015

The following are a list of activities that occurred in the Office of the President for the month of July 2015.

- I appointed Jennifer Misegan and Debra Picciano to the Indian Child Welfare Act Committee. I also accepted the resignation, with regret, of a committee member and appointed Clara Corbett to serve the remaining term which expires in October 2017.
- I talked to Paul Stark regarding tax exemptions for Tribal members using Baraga Telephone for their communication needs. This is an on-going discussion with the intent to work with state officials on getting Tribal members their tax exemptions.
- I authorized a Cultural Day for Governmental Employees on the Friday before the Community's Annual Maawanj'iding.
- I worked on assisting a Tribal member (Joe Francois) who had a brake leak and needed assistance to fix his vehicle. Joe was stranded downstate. We were able to work with him, and he is now back home.
- I followed up on the request of Ben LaFernier to fix his bathroom. He was in a skilled nursing unit for a short period and wanted to return home. In order for him to go home, Ben was required to have a working bathroom. Al Brunk informed me that he was willing to do the labor to bring it up to code to allow Ben to return home. We were able to work with the Housing Department for funding and get the bathroom fixed. I believe Ben is back at home now.
- I approved a few special deer tag requests for Tribal members related to cultural activities, powwow, funerals, etc.
- I talked to Terri Denomie and Pauline Knapp about the water walk that occurred last month. I told them I would participate and help Stanley Spruce and other Veterans carry the Veteran Staff. The purpose of the water walk was to raise awareness about the state of our water. This was the 2nd Annual Water

President's Report Continues:

- Walk, and it initiated the 37th Annual Powwow. Chi' Miigwech to all who took part in either the planning or by participated in the walk.
- The Vice-President and I talked to Executive Officials from Highland Copper Company Inc. They discussed with us a copper mine being developed in the Copper Country. They highlighted a few points they wanted to discuss with us. We talked about opportunities for the Community's College, creating jobs for Tribal members, and other services that could be provided by the Community, such as a catering business and fuel. This meeting was for informational purposes only and was facilitated by our Congressional Representative Scott Dianda.
 - I requested a number of tax exemptions from the State of Michigan due to the fact that we don't have a tax agreement with the State of Michigan. Requests submitted included recent purchases of linens and laundry service, rental from a dish machine, office supplies, vehicle purchases, and gasoline taxes.
 - I had a meeting with accounting personnel, and we met at the Tribal Center. In attendance were: Doreen Blaker, Frances LaPointe, Jr. (Hosh), Julie Raby, Susan LaFerner, Elizabeth Sherman, Sarah Maki, Vicki Dompier, Larry Denomie, and Jennifer Misegan. A number of financial issues were discussed including: insurances, the Defined Benefit Plan, the accounting staff at Ojibwa Housing, the financial manager position, and Lake Accounting. CD's at Housing were also discussed, and we've come to the conclusion we need to get a hold on the accounting, so Council may make some financial decisions based on accounting statements. There is also a line of credit backed by CD's that are Housing dollars, and these CD's probably can't be used as collateral. This may be an issue when it comes to grant accountability, but time will tell.
 - Pauline Knapp Spruce and others requested the use of the ricing canoes. She said it was for paddling under the Mackinac Bridge during the Annual Bridge Walk. She would like to raise awareness about the Enbridge Pipeline #5. This line transports crude oil under the Mackinac Bridge and has exceeded its life expectancy. On behalf of the Community, I provided comments to the Michigan Petroleum Pipeline Task Force.
 - I also received a message to contact Jordan Hoover. If you recall, Council agreed to approve a donation request to the Baraga Football Program for their football helmets. I returned his call. The question was related to whom the check should be written out, and we were able get the check to him.
 - I sent a letter to George DeCota, Jr. notifying him of the Community's support in the Veteran's Golfer Association National Championship. Included with the letter was a check for \$200.00 and an Ojibwa Casino hat and jacket from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.
 - I talked with Jason Oberle, Superintendent for the Great Lakes Agency for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. He was requesting information regarding our request to add another user to the IQCS system. He was wondering if we submitted the proper paperwork, and if so to let him know, and he would find it on his end. After investigating the matter, I determined that the paperwork was submitted, and I informed Mr. Oberle of our findings.
 - I also talked with Jason Oberle about the Secretarial Election to raise the limit up to \$500,000.00. I informed him that we received his technical comment letter; however, Council has decided to resubmit the Resolution regarding our original request to hold a Secretarial Election.
 - Jason Oberle further informed me the Bureau of Indian Affairs approved a five-year agreement for our fire program. Official notification is forthcoming, and this is very good news.
 - I signed an Employment Agreement for Vicki Dompier. She will be the Ojibwa Housing Director for the Housing Department.
 - I signed an Employment Agreement for the Casino General Manager, Michael Schrader, at \$85,000.00 per year with a \$7,500.00 sign on bonus. He agreed to pay back the sign on bonus if he was terminated within one year. The sign on bonus was to assist and help offset some of the travel expenses. We also agreed to provide thirty days of housing for him at Four Seasons.
 - I attended a Committee for Alternative and Renewable Energy (CARE) meeting. The Committee, on behalf of the Community, solicited bids for design/build of a minimum 52kW and 63kW photovoltaic (PV) solar systems respectively for the Donald A. LaPointe Health Center and New Day Residential Treatment Center. We received six bids, and the Committee is now in the process of reviewing the bids. After their review, they will select a proposal and draft up a contract. Once the contract is drafted, it will be submitted to Council for approval. We would like to start construction on this project yet this year.
 - I signed a travel report for a Commissioner traveling from Manistique to Hinkley, MN. The Commissioner attended a three-day event featuring a new roundtable discussion session where Tribal Gaming Professionals had the opportunity to discuss different topics. In addition, the new training format featured "training tracks," so professionals could choose what courses they wanted to attend.
 - I signed a Master Lease Agreement between the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Baraga Ojibwa Casino and the Marquette Casino and G-Tech, as well as a Lease Order between the KBIC with them for gaming devices.
 - I signed a Biological Services Subcontract between KBIC and Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC). We agreed to conduct a Lake Trout assessment in Lake Superior's unit MI-4 during the summer and fall of 2015. Two field crews will be needed to conduct fishery assessments, along with vehicles, boats, trailers, and all supplies necessary to perform the work required by the subcontract.
 - I authorized Lori Sherman to donate fish from creel surveys to the seniors.
 - The KBIC THPO Director and Giwe Martin (LVD THPO) informed me they had met with Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). They informed me that MDOT would like to develop a program for educating our Indian Children regarding the cultural and language practices in the local school program. We disagreed and concluded that MDOT should not be educating our children.
 - The Tribal Council met with our Chief Financial Officer, Francis LaPointe, Jr., on August 6, 2015, to review the fiscal year 2014 audit reports Tribal wide. Throughout the Tribal Govern-

ment there were no significant deficiencies, and all had unqualified opinions. The net worth continues to increase, and the financial position is very stable and positive. It was noted that the net worth of the Ojibwa Housing Authority had decreased for the last two years, and problems were beginning to appear in the financial statements.

- I approved an amendment to an original contract with the BIA Forestry Grant. If it is an original contract approved by Council and if the sole purpose is to increase funding, I am permitted to sign an amendment. I did that on four amendments yesterday. The first one was to increase the Forestry Grant in the amount of \$20,000.00. I also signed an amendment to the BIA Road Maintenance for Contract Support Costs Funds in the amount of \$7,175.00. In addition to the \$11,292.00 of CLEO funding that was reported in the Secretary's Report, I also approved an amendment in the amount of \$70,338.00 to help offset some of the expenses related to the CLEO Grant. I also signed an amendment with the BIA Law Enforcement Contract Support Costs to increase that funding in the amount of \$221,496.00. No subjective changes were made to the original contracts and they were just amendments to obtain more money.

Respectfully submitted,
Warren C. Swartz

NEWS FROM THE OJIBWA SENIOR CITIZENS

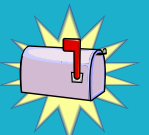
September:

- September 8, 12:15 p.m. Senior Meeting. Deposit for the Las Vegas trip (scheduled for January 10, 2016) is due. The deposit of \$100.00 is nonrefundable if you cancel after the date when reservations have been made. Date will be discussed at the September meeting.
 - * Those individuals who have not been working the fundraising events and wish to go on this trip at the group rate, may pay the full rate. Please attend the September 8th meeting for more information from Karen Lahti.
- September 23, 12:30—2:30 p.m. Pasty prep. Volunteers are needed and are very much appreciated.
- September 24, 5:00—11:00 a.m. Pasty making. Volunteers are needed as early as possible! We really appreciate our volunteers who show up bright and early.

October:

- October 14, 12:15 p.m. Senior Meeting.
- October 21, Pasty prep.
- October 22, Pasty sale. Last pasty sale for the year.

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



To place an ad, submit an article, or relate information, ideas, or possible articles contact: Lauri Denomie at (906) 201-0263, or e-mail: news-letter@kbic-nsn.gov.

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2015

In July 2015, the Tribal Council held one Regular meeting and three Special Council meetings. Actions taken were:

July 2, 2015 Special Council Meeting

- Approved the renewal of Morin Fireworks Business License for Pete Morin.
- Donated \$3,000.00 to the Healing to Wellness Annual Recovery and Memorial Walk.
- Approved the bid from Kissel Chevrolet for the purchase of a 2015 Chevy Silverado in the amount of \$37,595.00 for the Beartown Firefighters.
- Approved Resolution KB-037-15 Charles S. Miller Residential Lease.
- Approved Resolution KB-038-15 Rebecca M. Decker Recreational Lease.
- Approved a 30 day Big Boat License extension for Dawn Alexander.
- Appointed Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., Cheryl Bogda, and Suzanne Kahkonen to the Education Committee.
- Appointed Carole LaPointe to the Youth Committee.
- Approved a \$200,000 loan to the Ojibwa Holding Company businesses to get current on their accounts.
- Overturned the Police Commissioner's decision in Case# 012-15 and to grant back pay.
- Gave the Police Commissioner 30 days to develop procedures for the training of new officers.

July 15, 2015 Phone Poll

- Approved \$300.00 in out of area funeral travel for Lori LaFernier.

July 16, 2015 Special Council Meeting

- Donated \$1000.00 to the 2nd Annual Baraga County Out of the Darkness Walk for Suicide Prevention.
- Donated \$1,615.00 to Joseph Francois, Jr. and Tristan Francois for McCracken Basketball Camp.
- Renewed the Business License of Rick Geroux for Jimaginash Wadokaged.
- Approved a new Business License for Rudy Haataja for Haataja Truck'n.
- Approved the bid from Northern Auto in the amount of \$32,347.12 for a work truck for the Tribal Forester.
- Approved the FY2016 Indian Housing Plan.
- Approved the CARE Committee ICDBG Grant Project Proposal for Solar Thermal and Electricity.
- Amended the CNAP Policy making out of area funeral travel allowance of \$300.00 a separate section of the policy.
- Overturned the Police Commissioners decision in Case# 013-15 and granted back pay.
- Approved offering the Casino General Manager position to Michael Schrader.

July 18, 2015 Regular Meeting

- Approved the President's and CEO's June reports.
- Approved the Secretary's May and June reports.
- Approved the May Department Head

reports.

- Approved a donation of \$9,265.50 to the Baraga Football Program for equipment to be paid from the upcoming 2% allocation.
- Approved July donations: \$2,500.00 to the Marquette Shriners, \$380.00 to the Baraga County Community Foundation for the Tony Selkey Memorial Golf Scramble, \$800.00 to Grayson Roe for his June 2016 International Trip, and \$200.00 to George P. DeCota, Jr. to attend the 2015 Veteran's Golfers Association National Championship.
- Approved a Model 108 CTGP Master Contract with the BIA for \$1.4 million.
- Approved a Model 108 Law Enforcement Program Contract with the BIA for \$439,000.00.
- Approved the Henry Schein Dental Contract for a Dental X-Ray Machine.
- Approved \$10,000.00 for the KBIC Government Picnic held on 7/31/15.
- Approved program guidelines for the Powwow.
- Reconsidered and approved the bid from Superior Paving of Houghton for \$32,285.00 for blacktop of the Rez Stop.

July 30, 2015 Special Council Meeting

- Approved the meeting minutes of November 8, 14, and December 4, 2014.
- Approved the meeting minutes of June 4, 6, 11, and 18, 2015.
- Approved the Corrective Action Plan of the Pharmacy for Dispensing of Medications.
- Approved Cherie Dakota as a candidate for the KBOCC Board of Regents.
- Approved an amendment to the Police Officer Training Policy.
- Approved \$11,292.00 for the FY2016 CLEO Officer Position.
- Approved the Business License Renewal of Joseph Dowd for Zeba Jewelry and Pottery.
- Approved the Business License Renewal of Jeremy Hebert for C&C Tire.
- Amended the Professional Services Agreement of Ronald Gnadinger for radio and maintenance services at the Radio Stations.
- Approved the renewal of the Child Care Center License of the KBIC Pre-Primary Education Program.
- Approved the GLIFWC Biological Services Subcontract.
- Approved Master Lease Agreements between GTECH and the Baraga and Marquette Casino's and approved lease orders for both properties.
- Approved the bid in the amount \$32,420.00 from Copper Country Ford for a 2014 truck for the Radio Station.
- Excluded continental breakfasts from deductions in travel per diem.
- Agreed to repost the Gaming Commissioner position.
- Approved a technology audit to be performed by Beyond Design.
- We received technical comments from the BIA and agreed to continue

with Secretarial Election process and resubmit Resolution KB002-2015 to amend Article VI, Section 1 (h) of the Constitution.

- Approved the Employment Agreement of Housing Director Vicki Dompier.
- Approved the Casino General Manager Employment Agreement of Michael Schrader.

Respectfully Submitted,

Toni Minton

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.

Application deadline for submission of **ALL Class I Drawings is 30 days** and **Class II Raffles is 60 days** prior to your event. License Fee will be waived when the application is received within this timeline.



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OJIBWA LIBRARY NEWS

Some of the new books available at the library: *The Cat Whisperer* by Mieshelle Nagelachneider; *Making Marriage, Husbands, Wives and the American State in Dakota and Ojibwe Country* by Catherine J. Denial; *Whisper the Dead* by Alexandra Harvey (a young adult read); *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee; and *My Grandfather's Knocking Sticks, Ojibwe Family Life and Labor on the Reservation* by Brenda A. Child.

We have added many books to the "For Sale" cart. Hardcover books are \$1.00 and paperback are \$.50.

In the website mel.org in their MeLTeens in the Life Happens section includes free driver practice tests just for Michiganders. Included are permits, road signs, motorcycle, commercial drivers license (for adults), fines and limits.

The library has purchased 8 new movies: *Interstellar*, *The Judge*, *Inbroken*, *Gone Girl*, *Gravity*, *Still Alice*; Movies for kids — *Book of Life*, *Home Party Edition*.

National Health Center Week Celebrated at Donald A. LaPointe Medical and Education Center

As of July 16, 2015, the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community has been providing health services for 44 years. The week of August 10-14, 2015, the Donald A. LaPointe Health and Education Center celebrated National Health Center Week. The week kicked off with a parking lot full of community members and KBIC employees who stopped in lunch as the health department staff hosted a cook out. Throughout the week, registered patients were encouraged to sign up for the patient portal and by registering, were entered in a drawing to win an iPad. Congratulations to Shawnee Stein on that win! Tuesday there were exercise demonstrations, and those who either participated or viewed the demos were eligible to win Nike gear. There was a health carnival held on Wednesday, where families who participated were able to win a number of prizes. Thursday brought a cooking demo and taste testing, and participants were eligible to win new cookware. On Friday, visitors played bingo for nice prizes and there was a teaching on the traditional use of tobacco. Daily prizes drawings were held to those who viewed the health displays throughout the week.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

At Wednesday's Carnival Games, (above) this group of youngsters played Plinko to win prizes. (Below) children got to make edible play-dough when they visited this station.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

EDUCATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM

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

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

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

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

L'Anse Area Schools – Shellie Denomie 524-6000 ext. 369 sdenomie@laschools.us

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

All others contact Amy St. Arnold 353-4117 amy@kbic-nsn.gov

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

Annual Recovery/Memorial Walk Held



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

The 2nd Annual Recovery and Memorial Walk was held on Saturday, August 22, 2015. Participants walked in memory of those we've lost suffering against substance abuse and for strength for those who are still suffering from substance abuse. The walk, a rough mile, began at the middle pavilion in the KBIC Powwow campground in Baraga, Michigan, to the marina, to the lighthouse, over the floating bridge, and back up to the powwow grounds. After the walk, participants enjoyed a lunch where two speakers spoke of how substance abuse affected either their own life as an addict or their life as a child of an addict. Carrie Paquette spoke on how addiction had affected her life, the lives of her family, and her recovery. Carrie has recently been hired as the Healing To Wellness Court Coordinator. Jennifer Misegan spoke on how substance abuse affects the people who love the addict. "I have classic characteristics of an adult child of an alcoholic. I am skeptical because I always had to decipher if he (dad) was telling me the truth. I am serious because I had to grow up at a young age and deal with a lot that many kids shouldn't have to. I have a hard time relaxing and having fun because I was on edge for many years, and I am very hard on myself. But I'm also compassionate to others in the similar situation. I understand the struggles that others are going through, especially children, and I am extremely loyal. My advice to others who love an alcoholic or an addict as much as I loved my dad is to seek help for yourself. Learn about alcoholism or about their addiction but don't excuse it and do not enable them. Don't blame yourself, and don't put their addiction on you. Talk to them when they are sober and be honest with them about how what they are doing is affecting you, but above all LOVE THEM!!! Love them unconditionally, even if that might mean that you have to do it at a distance sometimes. Keep praying. Miracles happen every day."

At the conclusion of the event, the group released balloons to send prayers for those who are suffering and for those we've lost to substance abuse.

The event was sponsored by the KBIC Tribal Council, KBIC Healing To Wellness Court, KBIC Outpatient Program/NewDay Treatment Center, KBIC Tribal Court, Superior National Bank, Pat's IGA, The Pines Convenience Center, Ojibwa BP, KBIC Tribal Police, and Larry's Market.



Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Employment Opportunities



- Tribal Attorney (full-time) — Open until filled

On-call positions: Pharmacy Technician, Facility Attendant, Registered Nurse, Licensed Practical Nurse, Internal Sales Specialist, Pharmacist, Receptionist/Clerical Worker, Fill-in Receptionist, Board Operator, Cashier, Account Executive/Sales, Community Service Supervisor, Unit Manager, Van Driver, Cleaning Person.

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 visit: www.ojibwa.com.

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

Second
Monday

Parent
Circle

Snack Art



- Children 0-5 and siblings of all ages
- Create Edible Art!
- Fun sandwiches!
- Sticker Scene Activity
- Storytelling
- Family Engagement— Children must be supervised

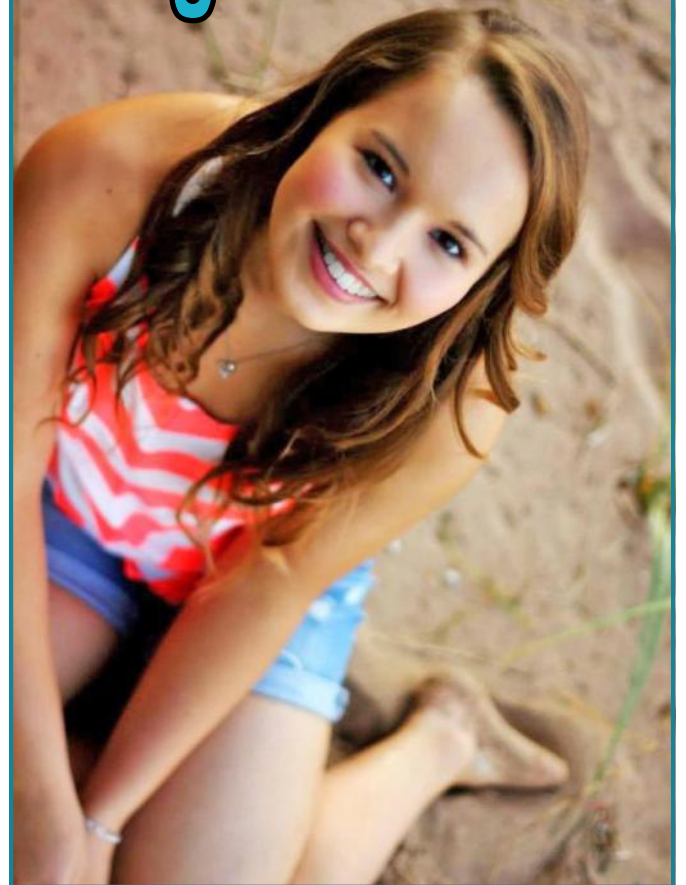
Date: September 14th, 2015
Time: 5:00PM-6:30PM
Where: Niiwin Akeaa (Four Directions) Center
 111 Beartown Rd. Baraga

Please register with Dawn to ensure enough supplies and any food allergies. 353-4521

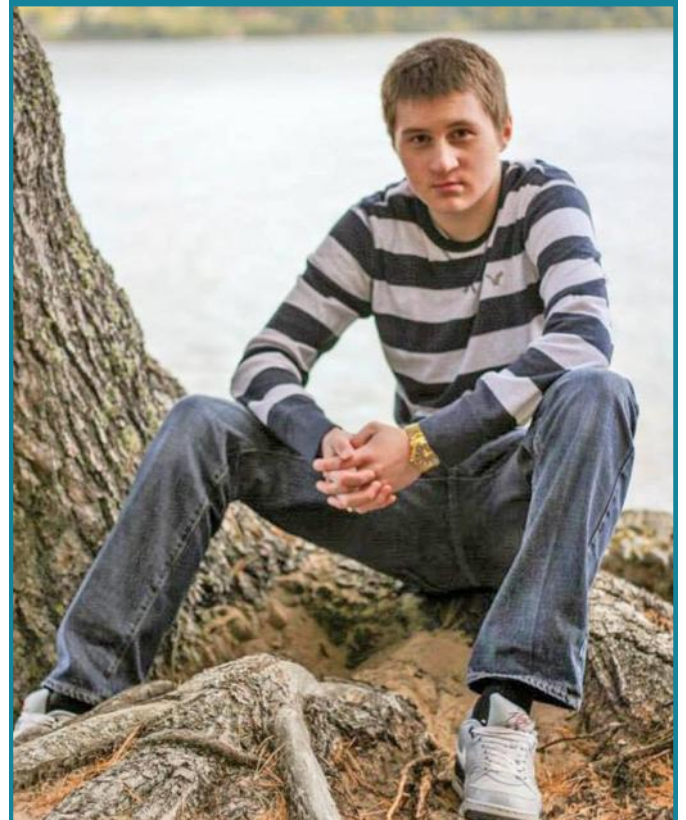
Sponsored by KBIC Family Spirit and Healthy Start Programs



Congratulations



Sonja Rene Welch, daughter of Sarah L. Maki and William C. Welch, granddaughter of Judith C. and William H. Smith, and great granddaughter of former Tribal Council Treasurer, Helene C. Welch and Herbert "Chief" H. Welch, was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from the Michigan Indian Elder's Association. Sonja graduated as the Baraga Area Schools' Valedictorian for the class of 2015. She was President of the National Honor Society of Baraga Area Schools. She played volleyball, track, basketball, and has skated with the L'Anse/Baraga Figure Skating Club since she was in first grade. She also participated in Local History Smack-down, was in band for several years, and plays the piano. Sonja has worked with the KBIC Summer Youth Program for the past three years. She will be attending Michigan Technological University in the fall with a major in Biomedical Engineering.



Cody Clement, son of Greg and Joanne Clement, of L'Anse, Michigan, was awarded a \$500 scholarship from the Michigan Indian Elder's Association. Cody graduated from the L'Anse High School and was a member of the National Honor Society. He was the Team Captain for the L'Anse Varsity basketball team. Post season honors includes: All Conference Second Team and UP Special Mention. Cody was employed as the KBIC Tribal Police Cadet for the summer of 2015 and worked at Pat's IGA for the prior two years. Cody will be attending Grand Valley State with a major in Business.

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Tai Chi for Arthritis and Balance

A safe and easy-to-learn program proven to relieve pain and improve health and balance.

A proven and enriched program of warm up exercise and movement sequences in an innovative teaching format. In 1996, Dr. Lam with a team of medical and Tai Chi experts created this safe and easy to learn program.

JOIN ANITA CARTER AND ELIZABETH KOSKI IN THIS SERIES OF SIX LESSONS AND SLOWLY, SAFELY, SUCCESSFULLY EXPERIENCE TAI CHI. NO MATTER WHAT YOUR AGE OR WHAT CONDITION YOU ARE DEALING WITH, YOU CAN DO THIS.

Where: Ojibwa Senior Citizens Center
 108 North Main Street
 Baraga, MI 49908
 Time: 1:00 p.m.

THIS CLASS IS SPONSORED BY THE DHHS/IHS FALLING STARS GRANT

August 27, September 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24 and October 1st of 2015

Please call Elizabeth to register
 906-353-6096

Seniors... Are you interested in Chair Yoga?



WHERE: Helene Welsh Senior Center Baraga

WHEN: Aug 4 and Aug 6
Aug 11 and Aug 13
Aug 18 and Aug 20
Aug 25 and Aug 27

TIME: 10AM to 11AM

Call Dawn Kemppainen at 353-4521 to sign up today!
Must be committed to all sessions for the benefit.

Shanel LeRue
Certified Yoga Instructor
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AN AWARD WINNING PROGRAM

DO YOU HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT FALLING?



A MATTER OF BALANCE

Can help reduce the fear of falling and increase the activity levels of older adults who have concerns about falling.

8 two hour sessions to be held October 6th - November 24th
2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Helene C. Welsh building

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT A MATTER OF BALANCE

Please call:

Dawn Kemppainen 353-4521
Donald A Lapointe Health & Education Center
Participants age 60 or older
Space is limited to the first 12 who register

Sponsored by KBIC Community Health Dept, UPCAP and Falling Stars Grant

2015 Ann Misegan Memorial Scholarship Recipient Chosen



Shantell Ek Dahl has been selected as the recipient of the tribe's Ann Misegan Memorial Scholarship. The Tribal Education Committee, along with a member of the Health Board, selected Misegan to receive the scholarship.

Shantell is the daughter of Shelley and Lyndon Ek Dahl of L'Anse. She is a graduate of L'Anse High School and will be a junior at Northern Michigan University this fall majoring in Community Health Education.

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

This scholarship amount is \$1,000 twice per year for up to six years and will be awarded to a new student each fall. Applicants must meet the following criteria: be an enrolled Tribal member, attend an accredited college/university as a full-time student; pursue a degree in a Health Care field documented by their college (preference will be given to students either in a nursing or dental program); and be a resident of Baraga or Marquette County. Applications for the 2016-17 academic year will be available in May 2016. For more information about this scholarship, please contact Amy St. Arnold, KBIC Education Director at 906-353-6623, ext. 4117.

September 2015 Calendar Events

- **Sept. 5:** Reg. Sat. Council Meeting, 9 am, Ojibwa, Conference Rooms;
- **Sept. 7:** Labor Day, Tribal Gov't Office closed;
- **Sept. 14:** Constitutional Committee Meeting, 10 am, Tribal Center Bldg, Council Chambers (downstairs conference room);
- **Sept. 24:** Senior Pasties.

~ 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.

Deepest Sympathy

John "JT" Tolonen
(March 25, 1958—August 15, 2015)

John "JT" Tolonen, age 57, of Harvey, Michigan, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, August 15, 2015, at his home.

He was born March 25, 1958, in Green Bay, WI, the son of Donald and Myrtle (Matthews) Tolonen. JT graduated from Baraga High School in 1977, and attended Northern Michigan University and Finlandia University.

JT lived in Marquette for the past 15 years. He was a known legend and commercial fisherman on his boat "Sisckee." He enjoyed fishing, cooking, going to the casino, and spending time with friends and family.

He is survived by his mother, Myrtle Tolonen of Baraga; son, Jeffrey (Jasmine Herron) Tolonen of Harvey, MI; daughters: Cally and Carmen Tolonen of Harvey, MI; special companion, Mary LaRose of Marquette, MI; stepsons: Leonard J. LaRose and Peter J. LaRose of Trenary, MI; brother, Glenn Tolonen of Zeba, MI; sister, Cheryl (Donald) Denomie of Zeba, MI; special friend, Janice Lister of Harvey, MI; step grandchildren: Peter G. LaRose, Hope M. LaRose; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

JT's wake was held Tuesday, August 18, 2015, at the Zeba Community Hall and continued overnight. Traditional funeral services were held Wednesday, August 19, 2015, at the Zeba Community Hall and Burial in the Pinery Cemetery. Following the services, the family invited friends to join them for fellowship and a luncheon. The family was assisted by the Jacobson Funeral Home, L'Anse, Michigan.

Ronald W. Ellsworth
(May 2, 1958—June 26, 2015)

Ronald W. Ellsworth, age 57, of Ironwood, Michigan, and formerly of Wakefield, Michigan, died unexpectedly on Friday, June 26, 2015, at the Essentia Health-St. Mary's Medical Center in Duluth.

He was born May 2, 1958, in Baraga, MI, the son of the (late) Peter and Beverly (Emery) Ellsworth. He graduated from Wakefield High School in 1976. He then served a tour of duty in the U.S. Navy stationed out of San Diego, CA.

Following discharge from the Navy, he resided in Antioch, CA for one year and worked in a power plant. Moving back to Wakefield in 1982, he was employed as a logger until injury forced his retirement.

Ron had a big heart and a contagious laugh, and was a friend to all. A loving father, grandfather, and brother; he will be deeply missed.

He had a marriage with Ellen Stokes and had a daughter, Jaclyn. He also had two sons with Connie (Johnson) Hacken, Joshua and Justin (Kellie), both of Ironwood; two grandchildren, Jay Lynn and Aleena; two brothers: Andy and Robert "Bahoo"; and five sisters: Kim (Dave) Ribich, Lee Ellsworth, Georgie Ellsworth, Evelyn Ellsworth, and Mercedes (Bill) Ellsworth-Woody.

In addition to his parents, Ron was predeceased by a nephew, Cody Ringsmuth.

Out of respect of his wishes, cremation has taken place. A memorial gathering in celebration of Ron's life was held Thursday, July 2, 2015 at the McKeivitt-Patrick Funeral Home, 305 N. Lowell Street, in Ironwood, MI. The family was assisted by the McKeivitt-Patrick Funeral Home.

LANTZ RETIRES AFTER 22 YEARS OF SERVICE



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Elvera Lantz recently retired from the Donald A. LaPointe Medical Facility (KBIC Tribal Health) after 22 years of employment as the Contract Health Clerk. She began employment with KBIC as an on-call switchboard operator on May 17, 1993. In May of 1994, she accepted the position of Secretary/Receptionist for the KBIC Health Department and beginning in October of 1994, she also worked at Youth Bingo. On November 13, 1995, she accepted a full-time position as the Contract Health Clerk, where she was dedicated to service the Community right up to the date of her retirement, June 30, 2015.

Throughout her employment with the Community, she raised three children: Malisha Maki, Mindy Lantz, and Don Lantz. Elvera also enjoys spending time with her five grandchildren: Miah and Megan Maki, Anna Pietila, and Donovan and Emberlee Lantz.

Elvera plans on spending her retirement years relaxing, doing some traveling to see what America has to offer outside of the reservation and the U.P., continue gardening with a larger garden, teaching her grandchildren how to cook, and of course volunteering at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens.

Chi 'Miigwech for your years of service, and we hope you enjoy every opportunity you dream of throughout your retirement years. Enjoy!

~ submitted by Newsletter Editor

FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS (FDPIR) NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS* (Effective October 1, 2013)

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

48 Contiguous United States:				Use this amount
Household Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standard	SNAP Standard Deduction		FDPIR Net Monthly Income Standard
1	\$ 958 +	\$152 =		\$1,110
2	\$1,293 +	\$152 =		\$1,445
3	\$1,628 +	\$152 =		\$1,780
4	\$1,963 +	\$163 =		\$2,126
5	\$2,298 +	\$191 =		\$2,489
6	\$2,633 +	\$219 =		\$2,852
7	\$2,968 +	\$219 =		\$3,187
8	\$3,303 +	\$219 =		\$3,522
Each additional member				+ \$335
Alaska:				Use this amount
Household Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standard	SNAP Standard Deduction		FDPIR Net Monthly Income Standard
1	\$1,196 +	\$260 =		\$1,456
2	\$1,615 +	\$260 =		\$1,875
3	\$2,035 +	\$260 =		\$2,295
4	\$2,454 +	\$260 =		\$2,714
5	\$2,873 +	\$260 =		\$3,133
6	\$3,292 +	\$274 =		\$3,566
7	\$3,711 +	\$274 =		\$3,985
8	\$4,130 +	\$274 =		\$4,404
Each additional member				+ \$420

FDPIR Income Deductions—see 7 CFR 253.6(e)

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.

Medical Expense Deduction — Households that incur monthly medical expenses by any household member who is elderly or disabled are allowed a deduction in the amount of out-of-pocket medical expenses paid in excess of \$35 per month. Allowable medical expenses are provided at 7 CFR 273.9(d)(3).

Home Care Meal-Related Deduction — Households who furnish the majority of meals for a home care attendant are allowed an income deduction equal to the maximum SNAP benefit for a one-person household. In Fiscal Year 2014, the amounts are as follows:

- 48 Contiguous U.S. States
- October 1, 2013—October 31, 2013 = \$200
 - November 1, 2013—September 30, 2014—\$189
- For Alaska, please select appropriate link below.
- [October 1, 2013—October 31, 2013 = \\$200](#)
 - [November 1, 2013—September 30, 2014—\\$189](#)

See 7 CFR 272.7(b) for area designations in Alaska.

Standard Shelter/Utility Expense Deduction — Households that incur at least one monthly shelter or utility expense are allowed a standard income deduction (see chart below). Allowable shelter/utility expenses are provided at 7 CFR 273.9(d)(6)(ii).

FY2014 FDPIR Standard Shelter/Utility Expense Deductions - Based on Region*

Region	States Currently with FDPIR Programs	Shelter/Utility Deduction
Northeast/Midwest	Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Wisconsin	\$400
Southeast/Southwest	Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Texas	\$300
Mountain Plains	Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming	\$400
West	Alaska, Arizona, California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Washington	\$350

*If the geographic boundaries of an Indian reservation extend to more than one region per the identified regional groupings above, then a qualifying household has the option to receive the appropriate shelter/utility expense deduction amount for the State in which the household resides or the State in which the State agency's central administrative office is located.

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What's the significance?

There are 371 treaties between tribes and the U.S. 147 include education as a provision.

Education is a treaty right.

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Fill this out and return it by **Sept 10.**

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Or fax this to: 906-227-1396

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Thank you for completing this brief questionnaire.

Full Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____

State/Zip Code _____

#1 - Are you currently in high school? Yes No
If yes, what year will you graduate?

#2 - Have you graduated from high school or obtained a GED? Yes No

#3 - Have you ever taken a college course? Yes No

#4 - Would you be interested in taking courses in Native American Studies in college? Yes No Unsure

#5 - If it was offered, would you be interested in obtaining a degree in Native American Studies from NMU? Yes No Unsure

Please return this by **September 10, 2015.**

(KBIC news)



Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
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Office of Violence against Women

24-Hour #
906-353-4599



Let's aim for
"ZERO TOLERANCE"
Of domestic violence in our community!

Please join the KBIC OVW and the Baraga County Shelter Home for:

PAINT THE TOWN PURPLE

on Saturday, September 26th @ 11:00 a.m. - Meeting places will be at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens Center in Baraga and the Waterfront Park in downtown L'Anse. We will be hanging purple ribbons throughout Baraga, L'Anse, and Zeba to raise awareness about the prevalent problem of domestic violence.

7TH ANNUAL CHELSEY LAFERNIER MEMORIAL WALK

On Saturday, October 3rd @ the Big Bucks Bingo Hall in Baraga. Registration
Registration: 11:30 a.m.
Walk Begins: 12 p.m.
Feast and Presentation will Follow

Questions may be directed to Cherie Dakota @ 353-4596. Miigwech!

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COUNCIL TO VOTE ON RESOLUTION FOR SECRETARIAL ELECTION TO AMEND CONSTITUTION ARTICLE IX — JUDICIAL BRANCH

The Constitution Convention met from February through May of 2015 and drafted Article IX Judicial Branch to the Constitution. A presentation of Article IX was presented to the Tribal Council on June 11, 2015. The Tribal Council requested that changes occur and that the Constitution Convention meet with the Tribal Attorney so that the document would flow with the current Constitution. The Constitution Convention has met with the Tribal Attorney. As a result, the attached document was revised and drafted for consideration. The next step in the process is that the Tribal Council will be presented with the final document for consideration by voting on a Tribal Resolution on whether or not to request a Secretarial Election to vote on Article IX being added into the Constitution. In the event that the Tribal Council passes a resolution to proceed with a Secretarial Election, the BIA will schedule a Secretarial Election for the Tribal membership to vote on whether or not to add to the Constitution Article IX Judicial Branch. Each Tribal member eligible to vote in a Secretarial Election will receive a registration package in the mail from the BIA to register to vote in the Secretarial Election. A Secretarial Election will be scheduled and the attached document will be voted on by registered voters.

8/19/2015

ARTICLE IX – JUDICIAL BRANCH

Section 1.

The purpose of this article is to provide a separate branch of government free from political interference and conflicts of interest for the development and enhancement for the fair administration of justice.

Section 2.

The judicial power of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community will be vested in a Tribal Court system. The Tribal Court System will be composed of a court of general jurisdiction referred to as the "Tribal Court", an appellate court referred to as the "Appellate Court" and such lower courts as the Tribal Council may establish upon written recommendation from the Tribal Court.

Section 3.

The judicial power will extend to all cases arising under this Constitution, ordinances, resolutions, regulations, or judicial decisions of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and will be exercised to the fullest extent consistent with self-determination and the sovereign powers of the Tribe. This jurisdiction is based on the Tribe's inherent sovereignty, traditional custom, and Federal law.

Section 4.

The Tribal Court will consist of two Judges, one who will be the Chief Judge, and one who will be the Associate Judge.

The Chief Judge will be the presiding Judge of the Tribal Court and will be the Chief administrator of the Court.

Section 5.

Any enrolled member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community who has resided within the territorial jurisdiction for at least one (1) year immediately preceding the nomination, has attained the age of twenty-five (25) years or older on or before the date when their term is to commence, and will have graduated from high school or attained an equivalency degree will be eligible for election as the Chief or Associate Judge. No person may serve as Chief Judge or Associate Judge within five (5) years after the completion of a sentence or probation after being convicted of a felony or crime of fraud, unless such conviction has been vacated or overturned. No person will serve as the Chief Judge or Associate Judge who is presently a Tribal Council member or running to become a Tribal Council member.

Section 6

Both the Chief and Associate Judges of the Tribal Court will be elected to Tribal Court office for staggered terms which will be arranged to expire during different years. The Chief Judge and Associate Judge will be elected to hold office for a period of three (3) years. There will be no limitation on the number of terms a Judge may be elected to hold office.

Upon approval of this Article, the staggered terms of the current Chief Judge and Associate Judge will remain.

Tribal Court Judges will otherwise be elected in accordance
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with the rules and regulations governing elections.

Section 7

In the event of the death, removal, resignation, permanent incapacity or actual inability to act as the Chief Judge, the Associate Judge will assume the specific duties and powers assigned to the Chief Judge until such time as a successor Chief Judge will assume office. The Tribal Council will appoint a successor within thirty (30) days of such death, removal, resignation, permanent incapacity, or permanent inability to act. Such successor will serve in that office until the next General Election when a successor will be elected for the unexpired term.

Section 8.

If both Judges of the Tribal Court anticipate becoming deceased, are temporarily unable to act, or disqualified from acting, then the Chief Judge, if able, will have the power and authority to appoint a Judge, first from a Tribal Court of another federally recognized Indian Tribe, or an attorney licensed to practice within the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Court to preside over the judicial business of the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Court to the extent and for the period of time required. If the Chief Judge or the Associate Judge assuming the Chief Judge's duties is unable, then the Tribal Council will have the power and authority to appoint a Judge, first from a Tribal Court of another federally recognized Indian Tribe, or an attorney licensed to practice within the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Court to preside over the judicial business of the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Court to the extent and for the period of time required.

If neither the Chief nor Associate Judge meet the qualifications to hear a case to maintain jurisdiction or allow for maximum prosecution to occur, a temporary appointment of a judge from another federally recognized Indian Tribe, or an attorney licensed to practice within the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Court by the Chief Judge of the Tribal Court may occur, so the case may be heard in Tribal Court.

Section 9.

If a Judge on the Tribal Court dies, resigns, permanently leaves the reservation or is removed from office, the Council will declare the position vacant and appoint a qualified successor residing within the territorial jurisdiction to the fill the office until the next general election when a successor will be elected for the unexpired term.

Section 10.

The Tribal Court System may remove any Judge or Justice by an affirmative vote of a majority of all other Judges and Justices of the Tribal Court System for:

- a. Unethical conduct, as defined by the General Provisions Ordinance that governs Tribal Court;
- b. Physical or mental disability which prevents the performance of judicial duties;
- c. Persistent failure to perform duties;
- d. Gross misconduct that is clearly prejudicial to the administration of justice; or
- e. Ineligibility, under Section 5 of this Article for a Judge and Section 12 for a Justice, to serve as a member of the Tribal Judiciary.

Section 11.

The Appellate Court will have the jurisdiction to hear and decide appeals, both final and interlocutory, from any order, sentence, or judgment whether civil or criminal in nature of the Tribal Court. The Appellate Court will be the Supreme Court of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and its decisions will be final in any matter of interpretation of the Tribal Constitution, interpretation of the provisions of Tribal ordinances, resolutions, regulations, or the rules governing judicial proceedings.

Any party to an action or suit will have the right to appeal a final order, sentence, or judgment of the Tribal Court. All other appeals may be taken by leave of the Appellate Court.

Section 12.

A Justice of the Appellate Court must be a citizen or legal resident of the United States who has attained the age of thirty (30) years or older and must not have been convicted of a felony. The following persons are eligible to serve as Justices of the Appellate Court:

- a. Any former Judge of the Tribal Court, or

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- b. Any lawyer who is in good standing and admitted to practice in the highest court of any federally recognized Indian Tribe, state, or territory of the United States.

Section 13.

- a. The Appellate Court will consist of one (1) Chief Justice and two (2) Associate Justices.
- b. A person qualified to serve as a Justice of the Appellate Court may be appointed to serve as a Justice of the Appellate Court by the Tribal President, subject to the approval of the appointment by the majority of the Tribal Council.
- c. The Justices of the Appellate Court will be appointed to the Appellate Court office for staggered terms which will be arranged so as to expire during different years. The Justices will be appointed to hold office for a period of three (3) years. There will be no limitation on the number of terms a Justice may serve.
- Upon approval of this Article, the staggered terms of the current Justices will remain.
- Upon death, removal, or resignation of a Justice, the next Justice appointed to the Appellate Court by the President and approved by the Tribal Council will serve out the remainder of the term of the Justice.
- d. A Chief Justice will be selected by majority vote of the Justices for a one year term. In the event of a tie, the Justices will vote again. In the event of a second tie, the Tribal Council will select the Chief Justice by majority vote.
- e. In the event that the Appellate Court notifies the President that a Justice is not able to participate in a decision on any particular case or cases on appeal due to illness, temporary disability or disqualification, the President will appoint subject to the approval of the Tribal Council, a person qualified to serve as a Justice to the Appellate Court to serve as a substitute Justice of the Appellate Court for the purposes of hearing such cases as may be necessary due to such illness, temporary disability or disqualification.

Section 14.

The Tribal Council will have the power and responsibility to establish reasonable levels of compensation for all Judges and Justices. The amount of which will not be reduced during such person's term of office.

37th Annual Maawanji'iding continues:

participants and spectators to enjoy the song and dance at Keweenaw Bay. The Community was honored to have the KBIC Honor Guard present the colors; John Teller, Jr. as Head Veteran Dancer; Shane Mitchell as Head Male Dancer; Michelle Reed as Head Female Dancer; Darrell Kingbird as Arena Director; Battle River as Host Drum; Young Kingbird as Co-host Drum; and four invited home drums: Four Thunders, Summercloud, Woodland Singers, and Beartown. Emcees Brian Moore and Jody Gaskin did a fantastic job keeping things moving along smoothly.

Following Friday evening's grand entry, Kayla Dakota was crowned as the 2015 Miss Keweenaw Bay. Saturday's events began with fry bread competitions. Robin Chosa took 1st place in the adult division, and Adelina Rosebear took 1st place in the youth division. The Powwow Committee honored three KBIC elders this year: Robert Voakes, Jr. (Beaver), Patricia Pillsberry, and Frances Drift.

Before dinner break, the youth two-step competition was held where the crowd chose Ningozis White and Kayla Dakota – 1st place youth two step champions. The "Big E" singing special was held throughout the day with Mark Kingbird winning 1st place. A Jingle Dress competition was held with the following results: 1st place – Lavender Hunt (Walker, MN), 2nd place Taylor Drift (L'Anse, MI), and 3rd place – Jacqueline Redearth (Minneapolis, MN). A Woodland Special competition was held with the following results: 1st place – Peter Powless (Odanah, WI), 2nd Place – Gerald White (Deer River, MN), and 3rd place – Miskwa Desuarldit (Minneapolis, MN). Saturday's events ended with the adult two-step competition with the following results: 1st place – Danielle George (Hayward, WI) and Wayne Holmes Reyes, Jr. (Minneapolis, MN), 2nd place – Donald Chosa, Jr. and Karlene Chosa (Net Lake, MN), and 3rd place — Carolyn Gouge and Robert Powless (Bayfield, WI).

The Education Department is pleased to announce the following twenty-four KBIC college graduates for the 2014-15 academic year:

- Matthew Lefebvre, Northern Michigan University, Electrical Lineman Technician, Certificate.
- Veronica Adams, Ojibwa Community College, Liberal Studies, A.A.
- Waba Alakayak, Ojibwa Community College, Environmental Science, A.A.
- Angelica Bogda, Finlandia University, Medical Assistant, A.A.
- Terri Curtis, Ojibwa Community College, Liberal Studies, A.A.
- Victoria Dakota, Gogebic Community College, Accounting, A.A.
- Ann DeWeese, Baker College, Physical Therapy Assistant, A.A.
- Dylan Friisvall, Ojibwa Community College, Environmental Science, A.A.
- Dawn Gauthier, Ojibwa Community College, Liberal Studies, A.A.
- Cody Haataja, Gogebic Community College, Criminal Justice, A.A.
- Ashtin Koski, Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, Graphic Design, A.A.
- Lindsay Loonsfoot, Ojibwa Community College, Early Childhood Education, A.A.
- Nancy Pawlowski, Ojibwa Community College, Liberal Studies, A.A.
- Christine Awonohopay, Northern Michigan University, Early Childhood Education, B.S.
- Christopher Chosa, Michigan Technological University, Anthropology, B.S.
- Robin Chosa, Michigan Technological University, Psychology, B.S.
- Tashina Emery, The University of Michigan, Art and Design, B.A.
- Francis LaPointe III, Northern Michigan University, Business, B.S.
- Cori Selby, Grand Valley State University, Education, B.S.
- Brianne Sochocki, Grand Valley State University, Sociology, B.S.
- Joseph Spruce, Northern Michigan University, Loss Prevention, B.S.
- Doreen Blaker, The University of Tulsa, Jurisprudence Indian Law, M.A.
- Brigitte LaPointe, Northern Michigan University, Exercise Science, M.A.
- Sarah Maki, The University of Minnesota Duluth Tribal Administration and Governance, M.A.

Congratulations to all of our graduates. We are very proud of you and your accomplishments!

For each Grand Entry, a youth male and female lead dancer were chosen by the Powwow Committee. Chosen were: Friday evening – Aiyanna Gauthier and Cheyenne Kingbird, Saturday afternoon Miinan White and Skyler Davenport, Saturday evening - Tierra McClay and Logan Monroe, and Sunday afternoon Landon Monroe. All did an awesome job!



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FOSTERING FAMILY FUN DAY HELD

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Tribal Social Service Department and the Indian Child Welfare Act Committee (ICWA) joined forces and held an afternoon of family fun on August 15, 2015. The event began at 11 a.m. and was held at the Powwow grounds at the Ojibwa Campground, Baraga, Michigan.

The event was held to bring families together and provide some positive activities promoting healthy families. It was a relaxing environment where families enjoyed spending time with one another. Included in the activities were: face painting, clowns with balloons, Ladder ball, Bean Bag Toss, Little Ducky Game, Nylon Bowling, Little Kids' Toss Game, Relay Race, Balloon Toss, Funny Photo Booth, Edible Play-dough making, a Scavenger Hunt, and a Hay Wagon Ride. The Baraga Fire Department and the KBIC Tribal Police had show and tell stations, and Smokey the Bear made an appearance. Participants were able to win a number of prizes. Lunch was provided and ice cream for dessert. At the conclusion of the event families who completed their participant cards were eligible to win some nice prizes which were all family oriented.

The event was sponsored by: the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, KBIC Tribal Social Services, and the ICWA Committee.



(Above) Noah and Madyson Evans with Smokey the Bear.



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