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The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwe

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KBIC 2015 PRIMARY ELECTIONS HELD



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Voter's in the Baraga District casted their ballots at the Ojibwa Senior Citizen's Center.

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community held the Primary Election on Saturday, October 31, 2015.

Baraga District results:

Don Messer, Jr. (Inc.) 42 votes;
Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. (Inc.) 124 votes;
Thomas E. Chosa, Jr. 21 votes;
Dan Connor 57 votes;
Fred Dakota 102 votes;
Sue Ellen Elmlblad 83 votes;
Bill Jondreau 29 votes;
Carole LaPointe 37 votes;
Hope E. Laramore 49 votes;
Charlotte Loonsfoot 9 votes;
Jerry Magnant 38 votes;
Debi Williamson 17 votes.

L'Anse District results:

Susan J. LaFernier (Inc.) 92 votes;
Jennifer Misegan (Inc.) 82 votes;
Lyndon Ekdahl 17 votes;
Tracy L. Emery 44 votes;
Jesse Forcia 29 votes;
Jeremy T. Hebert 11 votes;
Jean Jokinen 13 votes;
Kevin Perrault 33 votes;
JoAnne Racette 11 votes.

Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr., Fred Dakota, Sue Ellen Elmlblad, Dan Connor, Susan J. LaFernier, Jennifer Misegan, Tracy L. Emery, and Kevin Perrault have secured the required number of votes to be placed on the General Election Ballot.

At the General Election, voters will cast their ballots for two seats in both districts, and one position for Chief Tribal Judge. The General Election will be held on Saturday, December 12, 2015, with the following ballot:

Baraga District Council Seat:

Dan Connor;
Fred Dakota;
Sue Ellen Elmlblad;
Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. (Inc.).

L'Anse District Council Seat:

Tracy L. Emery;
Susan J. LaFernier (Inc.);

Jennifer Misegan (Inc.);
Kevin Perrault.

Chief Tribal Judge:

Bradley T. Dakota.

HONORING OUR LOCAL VETERANS

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community held an Honor Program for local Veterans followed by a luncheon on Veteran's Day, November 11, 2015. Veterans received their soup and salad lunch free of charge with visitors donating \$5.00 for their meal.

Proceeds were donated to the local U.S. Marine Corps "Toys For Tots."

Vice President Jennifer Misegan gave the opening address. "We're here today to honor our service members and to remember sacrifices they have made and the courage it takes to defend honor, duty, and country. We are here to remember our fallen heroes and honor the memory of great leaders and to pay homage to those who are still with us."

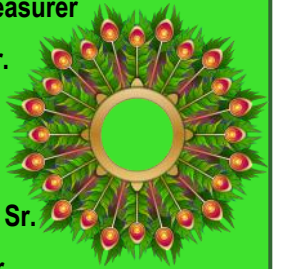


Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Left to right: front row—Officer Dale Tilson, Joe Ekerberg, George DeCota, Howard Mattson, back row—Sgt. Dale Goodreau, Stanley Spruce, Dan Garceau, Virgil Loonsfoot, Joseph Dowd, and Lee DeLeon.

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:

- KBIC 2015 Primary Election
- KBIC Honors Veterans
- KBIC Youth Halloween Parties Held
- KBIC'S First Woman Tribal Chair Walks On
- KBIC To Hold General Election
- KBIC To Prepare Elder Wills
- Ojibwa Senior Citizens News
- Deepest Sympathy

NOVEMBER 7, 2015 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Regular Saturday Tribal Council Meeting was held on November 7, 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, Doreen Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Randall Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr. and Don Messer, Jr. present. Not present: Donald Shalifoe, Sr.

President Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. shared numerous *Thank You* and *For Your Information* items addressed to Council.

Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. gave the President's Report (page five), Toni Minton gave the Secretary's Report (page four), Doreen Blaker gave the Treasurer's Report (page three), and Larry Denomie III gave the CEO's Report (page nine). Council passed Department Head Reports for September 2015. **Motion by Eddy Edwards to table the October 1, 3, 8, 15, 20, 22, and 29, 2015 meeting minutes until Monday's meeting, supported by Michael F. LaFernier, Sr. Ten supported (Misegan, Minton, S. LaFernier, Blaker, Curtis, Edwards, Haataja, M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot, Messer), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Shalifoe), motion carried.**

Under Recognized Scheduled Delegation/Individuals: Corporal Everett Ekdahl and K-9 Officer Edy gave a K-9 Presentation. Edy is a German Sheppard from Slovakia. Corporal Ekdahl said, "Edy is like a teen-ager yet. He was 16-months-old when he arrived at KBIC. He is fully trained, and we've had a couple of finds already within his young career. Edy does searches and tracks well: missing persons or escapees. It is me who is still learning him; his mannerisms when he's working or if he's on to something. He is excellent at article search. I really concentrate with Edy on narcotics, but we do a lot with bite work as well. When I give him the command, he knows at the end there is going to be something... his reward. When rewarded, he will hear me scream like a girl and bounce a tennis ball around. I go into the schools for the STEM Programs where I do teach, but I also conduct K-9 demonstrations with them."



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Edy, K-9 Officer, identifies three grams of cocaine in the target purse.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Joining efforts in funding the Silver River Stream Gauge, left to right—L'Anse Village Manager Bob LaFave, KBNRD staff Kit Laux and Erin Johnston, KBIC Tribal President Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr., Baraga County Chamber of Commerce representative Debbie Stouffer, and Baraga County Convention and Visitor's Bureau Director Tracey Barrett. Missing from picture is KBOCC President Debbie Parrish.

Baraga County Chamber of Commerce – Silver River Partnership gave a Donation Presentation to KBIC for assistance with the continuation of the Silver River Stream Gauge located on the Skanee Road. Kit Laux and Erin Johnston of the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Natural Resource Department gave background on the project. The Stream Gauge was originally installed in 2001 for collecting data such as height and discharge. Throughout the years, it has collected other pyramids, and there has been a study done for the entire watershed. It still is currently collecting discharge data. The Silver River Stream Gauge data is viewable on-line and acceptable to everyone. This location is also used for surface water monitoring for the KBIC water program. The usefulness of this gage goes far beyond the water program at KBIC though. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service references it for fish stocking, sea lamprey control, climate change monitoring, recreation, and education. Other community members may also use this information for fishing or flood watch. This gage and another gage we have on the reservation have been jointly funded through the

USGS, and the KBIC portion of it has specifically been through grants. In this past year, there have been other gages on the Silver River that we have had to shut down because we did not have the funding to support all three of them. This one on the Silver River has been very important and useful, and we didn't want to see this one removed. We have been working with USGS, and they have put something on the website that is an outreach to the community informing the public that we really want to keep this gage operating, but it is in danger of being shut down because of loss of funding. An e-mail was received from a Wisconsin Kayaker who informed us that they use the stream gage. "It lets us know when the water is the right level for us to come up and kayak on the river. If we did not have that tool, we'd likely go elsewhere and not bring our tourist dollars to your area." This resulted in a conversation between KBIC, the Baraga County Chamber of Commerce, the Village of L'Anse, KBOCC, and the Baraga County Convention and Visitor's Bureau. Baraga County Chamber of Commerce immediately issued a letter of support, signed an agreement, and offered a donation with the Village of L'Anse, Baraga County Convention and Visitor's Bureau, and KBOCC quickly following. Together they were able to contribute \$1,200.00. Our portion of the fee for this gage to run annually is approximately \$8,400.00, so any contribution will assist and will lessen the burden on our grants.

Darnishia Slade, Director of International Programs and Services at Michigan Tech University and Parade of Nations Chair, came before Council to personally give a "Thank You" for the continued support of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. "The Parade of Nations continues to go strong, and the community is quite involved, and it is of importance to continue to make this celebration of cultures free for the community." Darnishia presented a number of tee-shirts to Council on behalf of the Parade of Nations Committee. Darnishia formally invited the KBIC Community to be involved with next year's Parade of Nation which will be held on Saturday, September 17, 2016. For the last two years, the KBIC Community's float has won first-place.

Rodney Loonsfoot addressed Council with a donation request to assist the Marine League Toys for Tots program. Additionally, Rodney seeks anyone's assistance with wrapping and delivering the toys throughout the area. **Motion by Jennifer Misegan to donate \$5,000.00 for Marine League Toys for Tots this year, co-supported by Susan J. LaFernier and Michael F. LaFernier, Sr. Ten supported (Misegan, Minton, S. LaFernier, Blaker, Curtis, Edwards, Haataja, M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot, Messer), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Shalifoe), motion carried.**

Eddy Edwards presented Darrell Kingbird's request to Council for a Visitor's Permit for Hunting/Fishing/Trapping/Gathering. Mr. Kingbird is employed for KBIC and is a part of this Community now and would like to provide for his family. **Motion by Eddy Edwards to have the Council issue Darrell Kingbird an on-reservation one-year visitor's permit for this hunting season, so he can hunt, fish, trap, and gather, supported by Robert "RD" Curtis, Jr. Ten supported (Misegan, Minton, S. LaFernier, Blaker, Curtis, Edwards, Haataja, M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot, Messer), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Shalifoe), motion carried.**

James Provost, Marquette County Veterans Alliance, addressed the Council regarding a donation for the Vietnam Travelling Tribute (AKA as the Wall). "We are a Veteran's organization that is composed of all the different service organizations. We have decided that we want to bring the Wall to Marquette because it is a healing thing for us. Those of us who served in Vietnam have had some rough times throughout the years because of what went down there. So it is a way to pay tribute to our fellow Veterans who did not come home. Our budget is estimated at \$21,550.00 to bring the Wall to Marquette for June 22-26, 2016." Mr. Provost invited KBIC to help by making a donation in any amount which would be greatly appreciated. **Motion by Jennifer Misegan to approve a donation of \$5,000.00 for the Marquette County Veterans Alliance to bring the Vietnam Traveling Wall to Marquette County, supported by Michael F. LaFernier, Sr. Ten supported (Misegan, Minton, S. LaFernier, Blaker, Curtis, Edwards, Haataja, M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot, Messer), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Shalifoe), motion carried.**

Felix Fournier, Membership Committee of the Calumet Art Center, addressed Council on becoming a sponsorship member. Mr. Fournier explained the Calumet Art Center's Director is Ed Grey who teaches Life-way. There are a lot of students who utilize the center, and he welcomes students from KBIC to join. Through the sponsorship and class fees the Calumet Art Center staff and volunteers can create a safe learning environment where art, culture, and history inspire and challenge people of the Keweenaw and is appropriate for all ages, abilities, and persuasions. Scheduled classes are in twining, copper bowl, jewelry making, and clay sculpting with introductory to pit firing and smoke firing. More information can be obtained at www.calumetartcenter.com. **Motion by Susan J. LaFernier to approve \$500.00 for the President Membership to the Calumet Art Center for their annual sponsorship, supported by Jennifer Misegan. Ten supported (Misegan, Minton, S. LaFernier, Blaker, Curtis, Edwards, Haataja, M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot, Messer), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Shalifoe), motion carried.**

Under old business: Danielle Webb, Assistant Tribal Attorney, presented Superior Paving LLC Tier III Services Agreement Amendment Rez Stop Gas Station Parking Lot Blacktopping Project. It is getting a little late in the season, and the decision was to put one layer of blacktop down and finish next year. Amendment is to extend the agreement to June 2016 and to allow for the one layer to be installed first and the second one after that. The compensation remains exactly the same, 50% down on the binder and the 50% balance is due upon completion of the project. **Motion by Eddy Edwards to approve the amendment to the services agreement for blacktopping the Rez Stop, supported by Don Messer, Jr. Ten supported (Misegan, Minton, S. LaFernier, Blaker, Curtis, Edwards, Haataja, M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot, Messer), 0 opposed, 0 ab-**

stained, one absent (Shalifoe), motion carried.

Jennifer Misegan addressed Council in regards to Tribal elders' wills. We have several Tribal elders who are looking to get their wills put together. In the past, we had more staff available to do that but with Danielle Webb being the only attorney presently, there is a lack of time to be able to do so. It is suggested to contract an attorney to provide this service and have a certain day put aside to provide this service which would be advertised. There was a motion in 2010 by Council for this service to be provided to the elders by the Tribal Attorney's office. Consensus of Council is to contract with Attorney Brandon Richard to provide Tribal elders age 55 and over within Michigan. If Attorney Richard is unavailable to enter into a service agreement, Danielle Webb is to seek another attorney who will be able to do so.

Danielle Webb, Assistant Tribal Attorney, presented Aristocrat Technologies, Inc. Gaming Device Order Ojibwa Casino I. (Order contains two Big Bang games and two Buffalo Grand games and two Brittney Spears games). **Motion by Doreen Blaker to approve the gaming device order between Aristocrat Technologies, Inc. and the Community for Ojibwa Casino I of Baraga, subject to contingent upon approval of the Gaming Commission, supported by Gary Loonsfoot, Sr. Ten supported (Misegan, Minton, S. LaFernier, Blaker, Curtis, Edwards, Haataja, M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot, Messer), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Shalifoe), motion carried.**

Danielle Webb, Assistant Tribal Attorney, presented an Aristocrat Technologies, Inc. Gaming Device Order Ojibwa Casino II. (Order contains one Big Bang Theory Bazinga game). **Motion by Toni Minton to approve the gaming device order between Aristocrat Technologies, Inc. and the Community for Ojibwa Casino II of Marquette, subject to contingent upon approval of the Gaming Commission, supported by Doreen Blaker. Ten supported (Misegan, Minton, S. LaFernier, Blaker, Curtis, Edwards, Haataja, M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot, Messer), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Shalifoe), motion carried.**

President Swartz brought forth a recommendation to renew Appellate Justice James Bittorf's contract for December 13, 2015, to October 1, 2018. **Motion by Toni Misegan to approve the Justice Contract with James Bittorf, supported by Michael F. LaFernier, Sr. Ten supported (Misegan, Minton, S. LaFernier, Blaker, Curtis, Edwards, Haataja, M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot, Messer), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Shalifoe), motion carried.**

Larry Denomie III, CEO, and George Geroux, Manager of the Ojibwa Roads Program, presented a request for funding of Ojibwa Roads. There is an opportunity to gain work for the business to carry them through the winter months where generally there hasn't been any work during this time period. Two machines are needed by the department and would be needed to be able to be bid on the winter month's work. Consensus of Council is to move forward and for the CEO to meet with the Assistant Attorney to look over the FABICK purchase agreement and bring back to the Council meeting on Monday.

Susan J. LaFernier requested to schedule Enterprise Employee Appeal of Dismissal case #016-15. Consensus of Council scheduled the hearing for Thursday, November 12, 2015, at 1:30 p.m.

Eddy Edwards addressed Council to allow the opportunity for community commercial fishermen to speak regarding their commercial fishing season. A number of commercial fishermen were present with concerns. This is the time of the year when our fishermen can actually make money to survive through the winter months. The State of Michigan makes their money during the spawning season, but KBIC has a ban. They ask the Council not to remove the ban, because they'd like to see the little kids get out to fish when they get older, but to reduce the ban in half. It is currently closed from November 1, to November 27, and they are asking for the ban to be November 1, to November 15, for small boat fishing only. If the ban is too much to take off, they suggested expanding the open area, a particular area which is outside the spawning grounds. Additionally, it was requested to allow the sale of Walleye which would ease the demand for Lake Trout and

White Fish by adding a third species. President Swartz spoke with the fishermen and indicated that Council would like to consult with our Natural Resources Department and continue with this matter next week. The fishermen were in agreement. **Motion by Eddy Edwards to direct the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Natural Resources Department to make a recommendation regarding this matter, at the Thursday, November 12, 2015, at 3:00 p.m., supported by Robert "RD" Curtis, Jr. Ten supported (Misegan, Minton, S. LaFernier, Blaker, Curtis, Edwards, Haataja, M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot, Messer), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Shalifoe), motion carried.**

Jeanne Emery, Election Board Chair, provided unofficial results for certification of the Primary Election held October 31, 2015. Baraga District totals: Don Messer, Jr. (Inc.) 42 votes, Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. (Inc.) 124 votes, Thomas E. Chosa, Jr. 21 votes, Dan Connor 57 votes, Fred Dakota 102 votes, Sue Ellen Elmlad 83 votes, Bill Jondreau 29 votes, Carole LaPointe 37 votes, Hope E. Laramore 49 votes, Charlotte Loonsfoot 9 votes, Jerry Magnant 38 votes, and Debi Williamson 17 votes. L'Anse District totals: Susan J. LaFernier (Inc.) 92 votes, Jennifer Misegan (Inc.) 82 votes, Lyndon Ekdahl 17 votes, Tracy L. Emery 44 votes, Jesse Forcia 29 votes, Jeremy T. Hebert 11 votes, Jean Jokinen 13 votes, Kevin Perrault 33 votes, and JoAnne Racette 11 votes. The top four would be in the Baraga District: Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. 124 votes, Fred Dakota 102 votes, Sue Ellen Elmlad 83 votes, and Dan Connor 57 votes. In the L'Anse District: Susan J. LaFernier 92 votes, Jennifer Misegan 82 votes, Tracy L. Emery 44 votes, and Kevin Perrault 33 votes. These individuals will move on to the General Election. **Motion by Eddy Edwards to approve the KBIC Primary Election results of 2015, co-supported by Toni Minton and Robert "RD" Curtis, Jr. Eight supported (Minton, Blaker, Curtis, Edwards, Haataja, M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot, Messer), 0 opposed, two abstained (Misegan, S. LaFernier), one absent (Shalifoe), motion carried. Motion by Doreen Blaker to approve the nominees for General Election on December 12, 2015, supported by Randall Haataja. Eight supported (Minton, Blaker, Curtis, Edwards, Haataja, M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot, Messer), 0 opposed, two abstained (Misegan, S. LaFernier), one absent (Shalifoe), motion carried. Motion by Toni Minton to certify the judicial candidate for the 2015 General Election, supported by Randall Haataja. Nine supported (Misegan, Minton, S. LaFernier, Blaker, Curtis, Haataja, M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot, Messer), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, two absent (Edwards out of room, Shalifoe), motion carried.** Jeanne Emery stated, "The General Election will be held December 12, 2015; deadline for voter's registration will be 30 days prior to the election, November 12, 2015; deadline to request absentee ballots is November 20, 2015; voting in Marquette will be December 10, 2015; and the homebound voting will be on December 11, 2015." Vice-President Jennifer Misegan stated, "We (Council) will be looking on Thursday, November 12, 2015, to put a referendum question on the ballot."

Treasurer Doreen Blaker presented the November 2015 donations requests. Bay Side Village is requesting a donation to their activity department; Jeff Mayo, on behalf of the Baraga Fire Department, requested a donation for the Children's Christmas Party to be held on December 19, 2015; the Bethel United Pentecostal Church requested a donation for their Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner; and John Messer, Jr. requested a donation in the amount of \$400.00 for KBIC members' hockey registration John Messer III \$210.00 and Steel Jondreau \$190.00. Council requested the Youth Committee look into the matter of sport registrations. **Motion by Jennifer Misegan to approve donations to the Bay Side Village in the amount of \$500.00; Baraga Fire Department's Children's Christmas Party in the amount of \$500.00; and Bethel United Pentecostal Church for their Annual Community Thanksgiving Diner in the amount of \$200.00; for a total of \$1200.00, co-supported by Susan J. LaFernier and Gary Loonsfoot, Sr. Ten supported (Misegan, Minton, S. LaFernier, Blaker, Curtis, Edwards, Haataja, M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot, Messer), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Shalifoe), motion carried.**

Motion by Eddy Edwards to table the 2nd for Baraga and Marquette donation worksheets until the Thursday, November 12, 2015 meeting, supported by Doreen Blaker. Ten supported (Misegan, Minton, S. LaFernier, Blaker, Curtis, Edwards, Haataja, M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot, Messer), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Shalifoe), motion carried.

Council adjourned and moved into the 2nd reading Proposed Ordinance 2015-03 Introduction of Medical Marijuana.

~ submitted by Lauri Denomie, Editor

Treasurer's Report—October 2015

2016 KBIC Budgets

- Budgets passed on October 8th included raises and health insurance. The Tribe utilizes both grants and tribal business monies to finance programs that service the membership.

Federal budget

- Most federal programs meeting the trust responsibility fall into discretionary accounts, (federal government's budget has mandatory, discretionary, and interest on debt) which were affected by the sequester caps. The Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015, a two-year budget and debt ceiling agreement, provides about 90 percent of the sequestration relief for nondefense discretionary programs that was included in the FY 2016 President's budget and about 60 percent in 2017. The recent passage of a two-year budget deal is just the first step in ensuring that the federal trust responsibility is upheld in the normal appropriations process. Appropriation is a law that authorizes the expenditure of funds for a given purpose.) The deal restores \$33 billion of the \$37 billion that was set to be cut in FY 2016 and \$23 billion of the \$37 billion slated for FY 2017. (NCAI Legislative Update, Nov. 2015)
- Another area of tribal funding is our businesses, mainly the casinos....within a ten year period 2014 was at an all-time low....the casinos have managed to rebound, and our profits have shown a very modest profit.
- There are many factors that can affect the bottom line in business, and I think we are all aware of the fact that we need to renovate our current facilities in order to increase our revenues. Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Frances "Hosh" LaPointe has provided a report which looks at the past ten years of our casinos' revenues. The CFO will be presenting this financial information at the casino development meeting.

Other

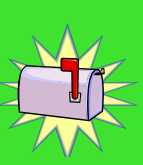
- I attended a one day seminar on leadership, different styles, and different types of employees. An area where we could improve is communication with our directors. Each director could be required to come in once a month and meet with the Council to discuss the direction of their programs... also monthly director meetings so directors can collaborate on projects together.

Respectfully submitted,
Doreen Blaker



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Secretary's Report — October 2015

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

October 1, 2015 Special Council Meeting

- Approved a Tier III Services Agreement with Superior Paving for blacktop at the Rez Stop for \$32,285.00.
- Amended the Personnel Policies for the Government and Enterprises to waive the High School/GED requirement for applicants over 62 for positions that could be performed by these individuals.
- Approved two Services Agreements with Rebecca Panasiewicz for the Healing to Wellness Drug Court for the Positive Peer Group \$12,000.00 and the Enablement Prevention Program \$15,000.00.
- Requested Eddy Edwards and KBOHCDC work with Tribal Member who is facing foreclosure.
- Approved Resolution KB-044-2015 Northern Natural Gas Permission to Survey and Appraise.
- Approved Resolution KB-045-2015 Ashley A. Denomie recreational lease.
- Approved Resolution KB-046-2015 Department of Health and Human Services grant application under the Indian Health Service FY2016 for the Special Diabetes Program for Indians in the amount of \$148,670.00.
- Continued FY2016 Budget Review.

October 3, 2015 Regular Council Meeting in Marquette

- Approved the President and Secretary's reports for August and September.
- Approved the Treasurer's report for July, August, and September.
- Approved the July and August Department Head reports.
- Approved a one week extension of the Jimaginish Wadokaged liquor license.
- Approved the list of candidates for the 2015 Primary Election.
- Approved a donation of \$650.00 for Darrell Kingbird for fencing.
- Donated \$800.00 to Isabelle Welsh to attend a Language Summit.

October 8, 2015 Special Meeting

- Approved the meeting minutes of August 20, and 27, 2015.
- Granted an on-reservation Hunting, Fishing, Trapping, and Gathering Visitors Permit to Steven Denomie.
- Council consensus to move forward with planning a Michigan Indian Elders Association meeting at KBIC in 2017.
- Approved the Community Assistance Program Burial Assistance Policy and Emergency Assistance using BIA funds.
- Consensus to form a Burial Assistance Task Force.
- Approved Consumers Mutual Insurance health insurance renewal.
- Held the 1st Reading Proposed Ordinance 2015-03 Introduction of Medical Marijuana Statute and scheduled the 2nd Reading for November 7, 2015.
- Donated \$100.00 to the Marc Pirkola and Teri Reasoner Benefit Dinner.
- Agreed to provide a letter of support to the Village of Baraga for lowering the speed limit on US41 to M38.
- Approved lowering the speed limit to 45 MPH through the reservation boundaries from Irene's Pizza to Morin's Fireworks. Directed Public Works to erect signs and to have Tribal Police enforce it.
- Approved the FY2016 Budget.
- Approved the Cunningham Group Proposal and Agreement in the amount of \$9,900.00 for providing Professional Services for a potential project in Marquette.
- Approved an additional \$84,250.00 for the Aanikoosing Bridge Loan.

October 15, 2015 Special Council Meeting

- Approved the meeting minutes of September 3, 8, 9, and 10, 2015.

- Approved the bid of Keweenaw Chevrolet for a 2016 Silverado in the amount of \$39,376.26 for the Beartown Firefighters.
- Approved the bid of Keweenaw Chevrolet for the purchase of a 2015 Silverado with a plow in the amount of \$36,600 for Marquette Casino Maintenance.
- Approved Resolution KB-047-2015 – Glenn Tolonen Residential Lease.
- Approved Resolution KB-048-2015 – Lauri Champagne Recreational Lease.
- Approved Resolution KB-050-2015 – Forests For the Future Property and Monetary Donation Received.
- Approved Resolution KB-051-2015 – Estate of Mable Major Undivided Fractional Interest Donation in the Christine Payshawquawdoka Allotment.
- Approved Resolution KB-052-2015 – HUD ICDBG Housing Rehab Solar Thermal and Electric Project.
- Approved the Greenway Health Claim Scrubber Software Subscription purchase schedule agreement with Vitera Healthcare Solutions Master Agreement from 2014.
- Approved the Aristocrat Gaming Device order of 2 Britney Spears machines for the Baraga Casino.
- Approved the 906 Technologies mutual non-disclosure agreement.
- Approved the Legal Services Agreement Amendment with Short Cressman and Burgess.
- Approved the Alcoholic Beverage License and Food Service License of Ronald Edwards doing business as the Side Track Bar and Grill.
- Approved the Tier III Services Agreement with Diane Charron for traditional regalia, beading, sewing, quilting, and craft classes.
- Approved the amount of \$2,100.00 for the 2015 Christmas Gift/Sovereignty Checks.
- Approved a 3% annual raise for FY2016.
- Appointed Clayton Ek Dahl and Victoria Dakota as Election Board Alternates.
- Agreed to offer the Tribal Attorney position to Peter Jensen.

October 20, 2015 Special Council Meeting

- A work session with Dan Leveque, Gundlach Champion, and Sam Olbekson, Cunningham Group, was held to review the options for the Baraga and Marquette Casinos design and building floor plan options.

October 22, 2015 Special Council Meeting

- Approved the meeting minutes of September 24, and 27, 2015.
- Approved the Purchase and Procurement Policy Amendment for credit card and gift card purchases.
- Approved the CAP Heating Assistance Program to allow up to \$1,200.00 for 8-12 full cords of wood which includes delivery.
- Amended the CAP Heating Assistance Policy that the allowable heating assistance amounts will be determined each fiscal year in October.
- Approved Resolution KB-053-2015 – Forestry Management 10% Account and Expenditure Plan.
- Amended the Tier III Services Agreement with Fischer Biological Consulting for the Natural Resources Department.
- Approved the Service Agreement with LaCourt Bottled Gas setting the retail price at \$1.20 per gallon for the heating season.
- Amended the effective date of the Diane Charron Service Agreement.
- Approved the Pressbox Entertainment Agreement for Hunks the Show.
- Approved the WIC Services Grant Agreement with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.
- Approved three Memorandum of Cooperative Agreements with the Inter-Tribal Council, for the Tribal Personal Responsibility Education Program, the Affordable Care Act Tribal Home Visiting Grant, and the REACH Journey to Wellness Project.

- Approved the Agreements with the US Department of the Interior Geological Survey Joint Funding Agreement for the continuation of the operation and maintenance of the stream gaging station on the Silver River near L'Anse and the Agreement for Water Resource Investigation on the Yellow Dog, Salmon Trout, and East Branch Salmon Trout Rivers.
- Approved the Employee Rates for the Health Insurance Renewal.

October 27, 2015 Phone Poll

- Appointed Heather Chapman as an Appellate Justice for the KBIC Tribal Court.

October 29, 2015 Special Council Meeting

- Approved an amendment to the Engineering Agreement with UP Engineers and Architects to allow a time extension on the Non-Motorized Trail Feasibility Study.
- Amended the Cell Phone Policy.
- Approved the bid from Keweenaw Chevrolet in the amount of \$35,470.00 for a 2016 Silverado with a V Plow.
- Approved the Heather Chapman Appellate Justice Contract.
- Approved amendments to the Rosa Burns and Daniel Sky Allotments extending the timber sale logging time to 9/30/18.

Respectfully Submitted,
Toni J. Minton

2016 KBIC FORESTRY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The KBIC Education Department announces the availability of the 2016 KBIC Forestry Scholarship application. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community has a vital interest in the preservation of the land and forests on and near the reservation. The Tribal Council has approved one scholarship for a college student pursuing a Forestry degree. The scholarship amount is \$2,500 for the 2016 Winter/Spring semester. Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Enrolled Tribal member
- Resident of Michigan, Wisconsin, or Minnesota
- Attending an accredited college/university in Michigan, Wisconsin, or Minnesota
- Enrolled as a full-time student
- Pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Forestry documented by their college

Eligible students must complete an application, submit an essay detailing their interest in their chosen field and submit a copy of their official transcripts (high school or college).

For more information and to request an application, contact Amy St. Arnold, Education Director at 906-353-6623, ext. 4117 or at amy@KBIC-nsn.gov. The application deadline is December 11, 2015, at 4 p.m.

NEWS FROM THE OJIBWA SENIOR CITIZENS

December:

- December 2, 12:15 p.m. Senior Meeting. Karen Lahti will be present to finalize the January 10, 2016, Las Vegas Trip. All participants need to attend!

January:

- TBA— the January meeting date will be determined at the December meeting. Please watch newsletter for the date.



President's Report—October 2015

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

- Coordinated Consultation on the L'Anse Warden Plant Renewable operating permit.
 - The Department of Environmental Quality is reviewing a renewable operating permit application for the L'Anse Warden plant. Based on our letter, the Department of Environmental Quality offered the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community consultation on this permit at whatever level we deemed appropriate. The Community chose to conduct consultation and had scheduled the meeting for October 30, 2015.
 - Subsequently the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) postponed the public hearing on the draft renewable operating permit for the L'Anse Warden Electric Company LLC. The meeting was cancelled because the plant informed the MDEQ that the company's latest emissions testing indicated it may not be able to comply with air quality regulations. The MDEQ said they cannot move forward with the current draft renewable operating permit if a non-compliance issue exists. In addition, we were informed that the MDEQ will conduct further review of final emissions testing data and may need to develop a compliance plan.
 - The MDEQ will notify us once the plant corrects the non-compliance issues, so we can conduct our government to government consultation.
- I attended a constitutional meeting, and we discussed the process related to the upcoming secretarial election regarding Article IX – Judicial Branch. The purpose of the 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.
 - We also discussed the importance of educating our Tribal members regarding the change to the constitution.
 - A discussion took place regarding individual constitutional rights. Council directed to have the committee separate this from the amendment related to the Judicial Branch.
- I attended a ceremony at Michigan Technological University (MTU). The purpose of the ceremony was to dedicate three boulders that were extracted from the Eagle Mine. In summary I said, "Native American communities attempt to project their decisions well into the future. A fundamental premise of the Keweenaw Bay Indians is that tribal decisions should be determined

with the wellbeing of seven generations in mind; not will this mining job pay me well or will my Return On Investment (ROI) be high." This short term thinking exacerbates a race to the bottom where resources have been converted to personal wealth leaving future generations without being able to meet their needs. The Indigenous approach is to take only what you need. The notion is that mining takes as much as it can, as fast as it can, is the very definition of boom and bust. This is not acceptable to a people who have a homeland and do not just move on to the next job or clean place to live. I made them aware of the importance of clean water to the Community.

- I attended a Healing To Wellness Graduation. The guest of honor was Joe Francois. Hearing Joe tell his story was truly inspiring. Joe has a good set of tools on him to deal with his addictions. It was an honor to participate in the graduation ceremonies for Joe.
- Jennifer Misegan, Larry Denomie, Vicki Dompier, and I met to discuss the request by HUD to return some grant monies given to housing. Housing was able to take all of the money and convert to CD's and draw down when needed. Since housing was turned into a department run under KBIC, they are requesting the money back because it was given to OHA. Anderson and Tackman are working with us to determine how much money to give back. This is an ongoing issue that will be resolved soon.
 - Update: The grant monies were returned in the amount of 1.4 million dollars.
 - The grant will be returned to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community because Ojibwa Housing Authority was dissolved.
- I received an update from our Assistant Tribal Attorney Danielle Webb. She informed me the KBIC is a class member in the BIA CSC Settlement claim. The settled claims are for alleged under-payments of contract support costs by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and/or the Office of Self Governance under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act. The Community is entitled to share in the net settlement amount.
- I met with Elise from Senator Gary Peter's office. She was in town and stopped by to introduce herself and to let us know that the Senator's office is available and willing to assist.
- I also sat down and talked with Representative Diandi last month. I took the opportunity to inform him of the Community's decision to protect the general health and welfare of its citizens by reducing the speed limit on the L'Anse Indian Reservation on US-41 corridor.

- I met with EPA officials to discuss consultation on Indian Treaty rights.
- We appreciate EPA's recognition. We told them they must honor treaty rights. We appreciate their efforts to provide direction and guidance to personal who must understand the process the EPA must follow and determine what rights are at issue and the substantial effect of treaty rights on its decision.
- I made a number of general comments at that meeting with EPA Regional Director, Dr. Headman. Also in attendance were a number of other treaty tribes in the State of Wisconsin and the Great Lakes Wildlife and Commission to discuss these treaty rights. We told them the draft guidance is very general and focuses on the process of gathering information about treaty rights rather than specifically how treaty rights impact decision making. The guidance does not refer to other EPA or national policies. The draft guidance also puts the onus on tribes to educate the EPA and maybe interpreted as a one-way conversation. The guidance should direct staff to educate themselves and become familiar with the treaty rights in their region, especially in our region, Region Five, and in Region Ten. Training should be provided in each region and on this guidance when it is final. In addition, the guidance should more robustly depict the discussion processes as an ongoing conversation and open dialogue where the goal is for EPA and the tribes to come to a common understanding of how tribes view their natural resources, and the unique tie between resources and culture, the scientific and technical aspects of a particular proposal, and the specific impact to natural resources.
- I attended a Food Sovereignty Program held at the Zeba Hall on October 22, 2015. It was quite eye opening to see the old cooking techniques. I was impressed with the cooking on the rock. The event was well attended.
- Council approved the appointment of Heather Chapman as an Appellate Justice of the Appellate Division of the Tribal Court. Heather has worked as Tribal Attorney for the Community in the past and is very familiar with the Communities' judicial processes.
- This month is Native American Heritage Month.
- There will be a Veteran's Day event held on November 11, 2015, which includes a flag raising ceremony and a luncheon.

Respectfully submitted,
Warren C. Swartz

KBIC Youth Halloween Party Held In Harvey



Costume Winners: Left to right—2nd place, Mathew Rabitalle; 1st place Kylie Schofield, 3rd place Talan Peterson.

The Halloween party in Harvey was a blast this year! Over 30 residents of Harvey show up to participate in the activities provided by the KBIC Youth Club. Prizes were available for every age group as well as a gift card for each winner in the 1-3rd category. A cake walk, musical chairs, Simon Says, Pop the Pumpkin, and Witch Toss were available to play for prizes. Jets Pizza was served and candy gift bags were distributed. There was also a guessing game in which the kids guessed the correct amount of candy in the jar and whoever chose the correct amount won the candy. The children had a lot of fun and enjoyed it immensely.



Talan Peterson, Candy Corn Winner!



Kylie Schofield, Reese Candy Winner!



Russell Bess, Eyeball Candy Winner!

Your invited to a
A Very Merry
Christmas Party!
Ages 0-9
December 19th, 1-3
Niiwin Akeaa Center
111 Beartown Rd, Baraga, Mi 49908
Food, Games, and Santa!

KBIC Youth Christmas Party
Saturday, December 19, 4-6 p.m.
Niiwin Akeaa Center
111 Beartown Rd. Baraga, MI 49908
Ages 10 and up, Food, Prizes, Games and Santa!

Unfortunately, arrangements for the Marquette Youth Christmas Party were not available at time of Newsletter print. Please contact the Youth Director (906) 353-4543 or (906) 353-4544 for information on the party.

**KBIC Youth Halloween Party
Held In Baraga**

The Halloween party in Baraga was held on Halloween afternoon, October 31, 2015, at the Niiwin Akeaa Facility. There was a great turn out for the event, and youth and their families were able to participate in a number of activities provided by the KBIC Youth Club. Costume prizes were given for every age group. There was a cake walk, dart game, and guessing games where the youth were able to win some awesome prizes. Pizza was served from Pizza Hut, and there were fruit trays, veggie trays, cake, and desserts.

**Second
Monday!**

December 14, 2015
5:00-6:30PM
**Niiwin Akeaa (Four
Directions) Center,
KBOCC, 111 Beartown Rd.
Baraga**

- Children 0-5 and siblings of all ages
- Make & Take crafts. Make a photo ornament, too, for each child!
- Each family takes home *The Night Before Christmas* book
- Family engagement—children must be supervised
- Snacks and egg nog provided!

**Birch Bark
Crafts**



**Supplies are limited.
Please register with Dawn! 353-4521**



Sponsored by KBIC Family Spirit and Healthy Start Programs



Picture by Lauri Denomie.
Costume winners ages 0-1, left to right, 1st place—Vada Veker, 2nd place—Ruby Alsup, 3rd place—Dekkar Denomie.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.
Costume winners ages 2-3, left to right, 3rd place—Nathan Friisvall, 2nd place—Aaliyan Loonsfoot, 1st place—Zander Tammelin.

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I want to show her a better way.
I want to be here for her."

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Veteran's Luncheon continues:

It is a blessing and one that we would exercise with pride, purpose, and enthusiasm.

Today is a day to honor our heroes, to remember their achievements, their courage, their dedication, and to say Miigwech or thank you for their sacrifices. We cannot help to be awed by the enormity of what they have done for us and for our country. We are in the midst of patriots.

It was President Woodrow Wilson who proclaimed that November 11, which was the day of the end of the Great War or World War I, would be the day America would be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory. This was to be Armistice Day, which Congress would later declare to be Veteran's Day.

Throughout my life I have been blessed to know many Veterans. I have learned, through their actions mostly, the sacrifices and the commitments they made to serve our Country. My father-in-law lied about his age to join the Navy at a young age of 17. He left our little reservation, the only home he ever knew. My dad was drafted and served during the Vietnam War as a United States Marine. My son wanted nothing more than to be like his grandfather, so he joined the Marines only to find out that after two-and-a-half years his knee what not up to the military standards. His military career was over. Service in the military is a sacrifice, and luckily for these men, it was not the ultimate sacrifice.

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community is so very proud of all of our Veterans, but those who were killed in action hold a special place in all of our hearts.

Specialist Robert L. Voakes, Jr. was among four soldiers who died when insurgents attacked their unit with an improvised explosive device on June 4, 2011. He died while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. He was serving with the 164th Military Police Company, 793rd Military Police Battalion, 3rd Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, Alingar District, Lagham Province, Afghanistan.

Lance Corporal Terrance Picciano died while serving as a Radio Operator with Company E., Second Battalion, Twenty-Sixth Marines, Third Marine Division, in Vietnam. On June 6, 1968, while conducting a patrol, his platoon suddenly came under an intense automatic weapons and hand grenade attack from a well entrenched North Vietnamese Army force and sustained numerous casualties. Observing that the wounded men lay in positions dangerously exposed to hostile fire, Lance Corporal Picciano volunteered to assist in moving them to a covered area. After he aided a companion in carrying a mortally wounded Marine into a bomb crater, an enemy hand grenade suddenly landed in the bottom of the crater. Without regard for his own safety, Lance Corporal Picciano seized the lethal object and hurled it toward the enemy, thereby preventing possible death or serious injury to his comrade. Then, quickly realizing that intense fire from an enemy sniper prevented further rescue attempts, Lance Corporal Picciano, accompanied by another Marine, fearlessly left his position in an attempt to silence the hostile fire. Undaunted by the intense fire, he boldly rushed toward the North Vietnamese emplacement, and as he approached he was mortally wounded. His heroic and timely actions inspired all who observed him and enabled his unit to evacuate the wounded from the hazardous area. By his courage, bold initiative, and selfless devotion to duty, Lance Corporal Picciano upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps. He was posthumously award the Silver Star. Both brave men gave their live for this country.

Our Country has awarded medals to many solders, added their names to monuments, and named buildings for them to honor them for their bravery. But nothing can ever replace the hold left behind by a fallen service member and no medals, ribbons, or buildings can ever comfort the ones left behind.

I recently read an article that reported that 71% of young adults ages 17 to 24 currently do not qualify for military service for various reasons. There is a common misconception that getting into the military is easy. I can assure you that our young members: Tyler Rasanen, Gary Loonsfoot III, Richard Alexander, and Jorey Cribbs do not think that. They left everything they knew and loved and are serving with dedication and courage to make a safer America. They were called to be part of something bigger

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than themselves.

Today, all over our Country people gather to remember, to honor, and to pay gratitude to those who served. Our Veterans and our men and women currently serving need our prayers and support. Please remember them, not just today, but throughout the year. God bless you and your families. God bless our troops and God bless America."

Susan J. LaFernier, Tribal Council Assistant Secretary gave a prayer for the people. "Heavenly Father, who promised to never leave your children's side, we give thanks to you for the soldiers who have made it home safely, and we are grateful for those you have ushered into heaven straight from the battlefields.

Bless our service men and women, and hold them safely in the palm of your hand. Bless our soldiers' families and friends; help them to always be a source of joy and strength for our military. We ask for healing, Lord. Of wounds we can and cannot see, of memories that may never be resolved, and of the spiritual relationship with you that sometimes feels so broken.

Let your grace pour down upon those who have served on the battlefield and at other places, who often return to a continuous battle of transition to civilian life. Lift up those who are feeling lost, those who are feeling unappreciated, and those who cannot accept the magnitude of their sacrifice.

Guide us, to minister to the sons and daughters of war and peace, not just on special occasions, but every day, seeking new ways to support them in gratitude of their ultimate sacrifice. May we become soldiers of relief for them, responding with patience and understanding, and providing assistance where it is needed.

Help us to become good listeners, a safe haven for our soldiers to speak of their experiences, regardless of the horror they may have seen. For in speaking, begins healing. Refresh us, Lord. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, so your love may overflow in all of us, bringing peace and joy and wholeness to us, and those who have served, and those who continue to serve our blessed nation.

Also at this time, we remember two of our own are still missing in action. Recently their grave markers were placed at the Pinery and Assinins Cemeteries. Thank you to our American Legion Post #444 for their services for these men and to those who laid down the markers. Lawrence F. Chalifoux's marker is at the Pinery. He was a U.S. Army Sergeant in Korea, and Hubert A. Madosh, PFC U.S. Army, World War II and Korea whose marker is at the Assinin's Cemetery.

Let's have a moment of Silence for those who have walked on before us. (silence).

We honor you, and we thank you for your sacrifice which will not be forgotten. In his name we pray; Amen."

Deepest Sympathy

**William B. "Peg Leg Bill" Cardinal
(April 10, 1956—September 18, 2015)**

William "Bill" Cardinal, known to many as "Peg Leg Bill" or "Fehu the Archer", passed away on Friday, September 18, 2015, at the age of 59. During his life, Bill embarked on many adventures; before his health forced an early retirement. He was an LVN working with psychiatric patients; however, his true calling was the renaissance fair. Bill was the founder and head of the Clan of the Nude Samoyed, and Bill held the members of his clan family very close to his heart. Bill was preceded in death by his father Robert Cardinal, mother Helmi (Lahti) Cardinal, sister Linda (Cardinal) Patch, and brother-in-law Frank Davidson. Bill is survived by his sister Paulette (Cardinal) Davidson. Although Bill never married or had children of his own, his nieces and nephews: Victoria Davidson-Castillo, Robert Davidson, Bridget Patch, and Gregory Patch will miss the uncle who loved to take them to movies and buy them special treats when they were children. Bill had a personality that could fill any room he walked into; a definite void has been left in the lives that he touched. There are no services currently planned as the friends and family (both blood related and acquired) are spread out over numerous states. If you wish to make a memorial contribution, it is requested that you please direct that to the funeral home to help defray the funeral expenses.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

**Myrtle Helen Tolonen
(April 28, 1935—November 13, 2015)**

Myrtle Helen Tolonen, age 80 of Baraga, MI, passed away on Friday, November 13, 2015, at her home. She was born April 28, 1935, in Zeba, MI, the daughter of George and Charlotte (Blaker) Matthews. Myrtle graduated from High School in 1953. Her first job was for Mini Sands Restaurant in L'Anse, then she lived in Chicago and worked as a secretary. She married Donald E. Tolonen, Sr. on March 26, 1955, in L'Anse; they resided in Dearborn, MI, where she worked as a waitress. They moved back to L'Anse in 1972, and in 1974, she started working in the enrollment department for the KBIC. She was politically active in tribal affairs and was the first woman Tribal Chair for the KBIC. Myrtle served on many boards including the Cultural Committee, Indian Child Welfare, Education, and was a student at the Bay Mills Language Emersion. She was a two-time breast cancer survivor and a breast cancer advocate. Myrtle was a member of KBIC and Ojibwa Seniors. She lived at Superior View Housing where she acquired many friends. Myrtle enjoyed playing Bingo, reading, and listening to Johnny Cash. She lived for her family and her grandchildren. Surviving are her sons: Glenn Tolonen of Zeba and Tyler Tolonen of L'Anse; daughter, Cheryl (Donald) Denomie of Baraga; brother, Albert W. (Elsie) Matthews of Athelstane, WI; sister, Elizabeth C. Matthews of Zeba; grandchildren: Charlotte, Trista, Beth, Joe, Christian, Brigitte, Cheryne, Shawnee, Ashley, Keith, Kevin, Cally, Carmen, Jeffery, Samantha, Raymond, Glenn, Jr., Macee; great grandchildren: Tristan, Caden, Makenna, Joey, Johnathan, Donovan, Daniel, Cara, Darryn, Easton, Brody, and Izzy; special friend, Mary LaRose; her caregiver and special friend, Natalie Mleko of Baraga; and numerous nieces and nephews. Preceding her in death are her parents; husband Donald, Sr.; sons: Donald, Jr. and John Tolonen; siblings: Amos Whetung, Sarah Shelifoe, Donald Whetung, Theodore Whetung, Matthew Whetung, Glen Matthews, Dorothy Belmore, and Baby sister Whetung. Her wake began on Monday, November 16, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. at the KBIC Zeba Hall and continued overnight. Traditional funeral services were held at Tuesday, November 17, 2015, at the Zeba Hall. Burial was in the Pinery Cemetery. The Jacobson Funeral Home of L'Anse, assisted the family.



KBIC ELDERS IS YOUR WILL IN PLACE?

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community will be holding 30-minute intakes on January 6, 2016, for Tribal Elders to get a Will, Financial Power of Attorney, and Healthcare Power of Attorney. Please contact the Tribal Attorney's Office at (906) 353-4107 to get details and schedule an appointment.



CEO's Report—October 2015

During the month of October 2015, the CEO's office reports the following:

- The sole source supplier agreement with LaCourt Bottle Gas is in place for the upcoming heating season. The negotiated rate is \$1.20/gal. and is a decrease of sixty cents per gallon over last year's guaranteed rate. The program runs from Nov 1, 2015 - May 31, 2016.
- The annual Christmas/Sovereignty gift check was approved at \$2,100. Eligible KBIC members will be able to pick their checks up in Baraga at the Tribal Center on November 23, between the hours of 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., and in Marquette at the Harvey Community Center on November 24, between the hours of 12 noon – 6 p.m.
- The FY'16 annual employee raise, approved at 3%, has been processed by the Housing Dept. and Tribal Govt. payroll departments. The casino enterprises raises are expected to be processed on the upcoming payroll of November 20.
- Amy St. Arnold, Education Director, is working on awarding the Natural Resources Scholarship. It provides \$2,500 each semester to an enrolled KBIC member student seeking a Bachelors Degree in the Natural Resources field.
- Outstanding projects of the Tribe's Economic Developer have been reassigned due to the position not being funded in the FY'16 budget approvals. Assigned staff will be picking up where the projects were left with a seamless transition. The Planning and Development office remains open and provides offices for the Tribes Realty, Forestry, and Fire programs.
- The State of MI is inching closer to approving increases in fuel taxes to fund their state road repair program. Both the Senate and House bills provide increases in the per gallon "road" tax. The impact, if approved, would be to our non-KBIC member customers in increased prices at the pump. KBIC members would be exempt from the increased tax as they are now, when they use their membership cards at the stations.
- Tom Chosa, IT Director, is working with 906 Technologies Inc., to have swipe card systems installed at all of the Tribe's gas stations. KBIC Members would use their membership cards as they currently do at the Pines and would no longer sign forms at the stations. Once implemented, the swipe system will also streamline the process for filing refund requests with the State of MI.
- The Rez Stop black topping project is nearly complete. After discussing the project with Superior Paving, it was decided that it was best to install the base layer of asphalt this season and wait until spring to install the remainder. This would allow for the sand base to completely settle, and any surface cracking from the heavy trucks to occur before installing the final layer. An amendment to Superior Paving's contract is included on today's agenda.
- As a follow up to issues brought forward at Council's meeting in Harvey last month, Bruce LaPointe, Projects Manager, has taken care of the sanding and salting issues brought up by tenants within the housing units behind the casino.
- The Funeral Task Force, comprised of Rodney Loonsfoot, Debbie Williamson, Jennifer Misegan, Susan LaFernier, and myself, met in October to discuss issues faced by members when dealing with planning and paying for deceased family members funerals. A number of issues were addressed and resulted in a list of tasks for members to work on. Rodney will be traveling to the Sault Tribe to meet with a contact there to better understand how they handle funerals from a traditional standpoint. His contact will also come to Baraga to tour our area and then meet with the task force. Jennifer will be arranging meetings with area funeral home directors to discuss issues she encountered through the burial program and complaints expressed by members. Jason Ayres will be involved by assisting with potential locations for burial sites. The task force is scheduled

to meet again on November 17.

- The Ojibwa Express gas station in Marquette is holding its Grand Opening on Nov 13, from 6 a.m. through 10 p.m. The business is operated by Aanikoosing Inc. under the direction of Andrew Chosa, CEO. To aid Aanikoosing in operating the business until it is able to produce positive cash flows, the Tribe has extended loans. Their cash flow has been drastically affected by unforeseen project costs. The land where the station operates is owned by the KBIC and is in the process of being placed into trust. The State of MI and the Upper Peninsula Petroleum Association are opposed to the station operating in Marquette and are creating additional issues for Aanikoosing Inc. to deal with. It has also prevented them from operating the station competitively there. Once the land is taken into trust for the KBIC, the station will be able to compete more competitively in the market.
- Effective this fiscal year, the KBIC Solid Waste Facility will be treated as an enterprise separate from the Department of Public Works. Dan Connor, Manager, will report directly to the CEO, and the employees will follow the Enterprises Employee Manual. Dan has analyzed the budget approved for FY'16 and is working on slight increases to the rates charged. Scaled weight will increase \$10/ton (from \$85-\$95) with a minimum fee increasing from \$10 to \$15, drop off of 33 gallon bags will increase from \$2 to \$2.50 per bag, and the per dumpster service will increase 5% which remains a 5% savings over what Tribal entities were paying through Waste Management. The Housing Department is working on utility adjustments to include curbside pickup at all housing homes and is expected to go into effect this coming January.
- The Tribe has approved placing 45 MPH road signs along US-41 through Baraga from the Irene's Pizza area to the Pines, reducing the current posted speed of 55 MPH. The signs are in and ready to be installed. Bruce LaPointe is also spearheading a county wide road safety initiative. In developing a KBIC Road Safety Program, he is seeking to get involvement from the KBIC Tribal Police Department, Bay Ambulance, Baraga Fire Department, area day care operations, and the area school districts.
- The Community Assistance Programs Office has two new BIA funded programs available to assist enrolled members of Federally Recognized Tribes or Alaska Village who reside in Baraga, Marquette, Houghton, Ontonagon, Iron, Gogebic, Keweenaw, or Dickinson Counties. In the absence of other resources and as a last resort, the Burial Assistance program provides up to \$2,500 for basic burial services with payments being made directly to a funeral home or third party vendors. The Emergency Assistance program provides a maximum benefit of \$1,000 per household in the absence of other immediate Federal, State, and local disaster resources, where a home or personal possessions are destroyed or damaged through forces beyond their control. Other eligibility requirements apply, and anyone needing these types of assistance should contact the CAP Office for more details.
- The Ojibwa Casinos' General Manager and marketing staff have reviewed the costs and benefits associated with the two agencies currently being used to assist with marketing campaigns. The decision was made to utilize only one agency, Advertising Inc. The change is expected to aid in building one brand for the two casinos as well as minimize duplication of costs in some areas.
- Earlier this month, staff met with our health insurance broker to discuss the Tribe's renewal rates which take effect December 1. The initial renewal came in at 15% but was negotiated down to 12%. Earlier this week, we received notice from our broker that our carrier, Consumers Mutual Insurance of MI, will no longer be providing insurance coverage due to a change made by the Federal Government under the Affordable Care Act.

The notice stated that all carriers will be financially impacted and smaller carriers, like CMI, is one of those carriers. CMI is in negotiations with the State of MI on when they will have to close. We know for sure they will close by the end of 2016. It is possible that they may close earlier, as early as the end of this year or the end of March next year; we expect to have more information next week. Our broker does have a confirmed option available for KBIC to move to regardless of when CMI closes, but we don't know what that cost would be at this time. It's important that employees understand that staff are working very closely with the parties involved, and there isn't any reason to believe a lapse in coverage will occur. We have been assured that every effort will be made to provide as painless and seamless a transition to our new carrier as possible when the time comes. I provided a MEMO to employees late this week regarding this issue in an attempt to keep them informed. As we get new information, they will be provided updates.

- The Baraga and Marquette casino projects are progressing as planned. On October 20, 2015, the work session was held to gain input from Tribal Council, casino staff, and members who were able to attend the master planning for new properties at both locations. Sam Olbekson of Cunningham Group led the work session and provided six site master plan options for Baraga and three for Marquette. The plans were reviewed, discussed in detail, and adjusted based on the group's input. The discussion narrowed both the Baraga and Marquette options down to one each. Preliminary budgets have been developed by both Cunningham and Gundlach Champion, represented by Dan LeVeque, and will be presented for Council review and discussion this coming Monday, November 9. The final budgets and conceptual design drawings will be presented by Cunningham at Council's November 12 meeting. A community meeting will be hosted later in the month to present the plans, provide financial information, and answer questions. Voters will be asked if they approve of the projects during the December 12, 2015, general election.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Denomie III, CEO

Baraga Halloween Party continues:



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Costume winners ages 4-5, left to right, 3rd place—Vanessa Lamson, 2nd place—Brendon Friisvall, 1st place—Cara Connor.




Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Costume winners ages 6-8, left to right, 1st place—Anen Fountaine, 2nd place—Daniel Connor, 3rd place—Shayla Elmlblad.

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**Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College
Spring 2016 Schedule of Courses**

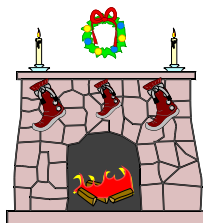
Course	Instructor	Day	Time	Room
Art				
AR105 Ojibwa Beadwork (3 credits) <i>Native American Awareness elective</i> Course Fee \$50; Course limited to 10 students	TBA	Tues	5:40pm-8:30pm	WAB 112E
AR116 Sculpture (3 credits) Course Fee \$80	M. Hronkin	Wed	5:30pm-8:20pm	WAB 15LL
AR207 Introduction to Adobe Illustrator (2 credits) Course Fee \$100	T. Emery	Tues	5:30pm-8:30 pm	WAB 30LL
AR211 Painting II (3 credits) Prerequisite: AR111 or instructor permission. Course Fee TBD	D. Mues	Mon	5:30pm-8:20pm	WAB 19LL
Business				
BS208 Management and Supervision (3 credits)	M. Haataja	Mon, Wed	12:00pm-1:20pm	WAB 211N NAC 113
BS209 Human Resources Management (3 credits)	M. Haataja	Tues	4:30pm-7:20pm	WAB 211N NAC 113
BS210 Marketing (3 credits) Prerequisite: BS110	M. Haataja	Tues	2:00pm-3:20pm	WAB 211N NAC 113
BS297 Capstone Seminar (3 credits) Course Fee \$20	M. Haataja	Arranged	Arranged	WAB 120E
Early Childhood Education				
CE105 Health, Safety, and Nutrition (3 credits)	C. LaRose	Tues, Fri	8:00am-10:00am	LHS Rm 2014
CE111 Infant and Toddler Programming (3 credits) Prerequisite: CE101 or instructor's permission; Course Fee \$45	C. LaRose	Thurs	5:00pm-7:50pm	WAB 120E
CE111 Infant and Toddler Programming (3 credits) Prerequisite: CE101 or instructor's permission; Course Fee \$45	C. LaRose	Mon, Thurs	8:00am-10:00am	LHS Rm 2014
CE115 Child Guidance (3 credits) Prerequisite: CE101 or instructor's permission; Course Fee \$45	C. LaRose	Tues, Thurs	2:00pm-3:20 pm	WAB 120E
CE223 Children's Literature (3 credits) Course Fee \$45	C. LaRose	Mon, Wed	12:30pm-1:50pm	WAB 120E
CE237 Children with Special Needs (3 credits) Prerequisite: CE110 or instructor's permission	C. LaRose	Mon	5:00pm-7:50pm	WAB 120E
CE297 ECE Professional (2 credits) Prerequisite: Sophomore standing; Course Fee \$20	C. LaRose	Tues	12:00pm-1:50pm	WAB 120E
English				
EN095 Basic Composition (3 credits) Does NOT satisfy Composition requirement	J. Bur	Tues, Thurs	2:30pm-4:20pm	WAB 117E
EN101 College Reading Strategies (1 credit)	J. Bur	Tues	12:30pm-2:20pm	WAB 117E
EN102 College Composition I (3 credits) Prerequisite: EN095 or Placement; Composition requirement	J. Koenig	Mon, Wed	2:00pm-3:50pm	WAB 113E
EN202 College Composition II (3 credits) Prerequisite: EN102; Composition elective	J. Koenig	Tues, Thurs	5:00pm-6:50pm	WAB 113E
EN260 Creative Writing (3 credits) Prerequisite: EN102 or instructor permission; Course fee \$20	J. Koenig	Mon, Wed	11:30am-12:50pm	WAB 120E
Humanities				
AS102 Anishnaabe Values and Philosophy (4 credits)	D. Cadeau	Tues, Thurs	10:00am-11:50am	WAB 211N NAC 113
EN220 Storytelling in the Digital Age (4 credits) Humanities elective; Course fee \$35; Course Limited to 18 students	J. Koenig	Tues, Thurs	12:00pm-1:50pm	WAB 30LL
Information Systems				
IS110 Principles of Information Systems (4 credits) Prerequisite: IS105 or instructor's permission	M. Haataja	Tues, Thurs	1:30pm-3:20pm	WAB 119E
IS207 Introduction to Website Creation (4 credits)	T. Makela	Mon, Wed	5:00pm-6:50pm	WAB 119E
Liberal Studies				
LS103 College Success Seminar - (2 credits; 1 hr lecture, 3 hrs lab) Course Fee \$50	C. Collins	Mon, Wed	3:00pm-4:50 pm	WAB 117E
LS297 Capstone Seminar for Liberal Studies Majors (3 credits) Prerequisites: sophomore status, pre or co-requisite EN202 or EN205. Course Fee \$20	D. Cadeau	Wed	2:00pm-3:00pm	WAB 121E
Mathematics				
MA096 Basic Math (2 credits) Does not count toward graduation credits.	S. Klaasen	Tues, Thurs	12:30pm-1:50pm	WAB 114E
MA099 Mathematics Preparation Lab (2 credits) Does not count toward graduation credits. Course Fee \$120	K. Colbert	Tues	10:00am-11:50am	
MA101 Fundamentals of Algebra (4 credits) Prerequisite: C or better in MA096 or placement Math elective for ECE only	A. Azzam	Tues, Thurs	12:30pm-2:50pm	WAB 114E
MA102 Quantitative Literacy (4 credits) Prerequisite: Placement or C or better in MA096	A. Azzam	Mon, Wed	9:30am-11:50am	WAB 114E
MA103 Quantitative Reasoning (4 credits) Prerequisite: Placement or C or better in MA096, Math elective for BS, ECE, LS	A. Azzam	Mon, Wed	12:30pm-2:50pm	WAB 114E
MA104 Intermediate Algebra (4 credits) Prerequisite: C or better in MA101 or placement	A. Azzam	Tues, Thurs	9:30am-11:50am	WAB 114E
MA105 College Algebra (4 credits) Prerequisite: C or better in MA104 or placement; Math elective for all majors	A. Azzam	Tues, Thurs	3:30pm-5:50pm	WAB 114E
MA201 Probability and Statistics (4 credits) Prerequisite: MA105	T. Marshall	Tues	4:30pm-8:20pm	NAC 115
Ojibwa Studies				
OS205 Ojibwa Language and Culture II (4 credits) Native American Awareness Elective	TBA	Mon, Wed	5:40pm-7:30pm	WAB 112E
Science				
BI203 Wildlife Biology (4 credits) Lab Science elective; Course Fee \$75	G. Mensch	Mon, Wed	5:00pm-7:50pm	WAB 210N
BI206 Principles of Ecology (4 credits) Lab Science elective; second science elective; Course Fee \$100 Prerequisite: Previous lab science course; Lab science elective	A. Kozich	Tues, Thurs	5:00pm-7:50pm	WAB 210N
BI207 Food, Nutrition and Human Health (4 credits) Lab Science elective, Course fee \$100	L. Davis	Tues, Thurs	1:00pm-3:50pm	Rm 1 & 3 LibSci
GS105 Introduction to Earth Science (4 credits) Lab Science elective; second science elective; Course Fee \$120	B. Cobert	Mon, Wed	12:00pm-2:50pm	Rm 1 & 3 LibSci
ES207 Organic Gardening and Farming (4 credits) Lab Science elective, Course fee \$40	T. Marshall	Tues, Thurs	10:00am-12:50pm	Rm 1 & 3 LibSci
ES297 Capstone Seminar for Environmental Science Majors (3 credits) Prerequisites: sophomore status, EN205, MA105. Pre or co-requisite ES298. Course Fee \$20	A. Kozich	Wed	2:00pm-3:00 pm	WAB 121E
Social Science				
AS200 History of Michigan Tribes (4 credits) Social Science elective Anishnaabe Awareness elective	D. Cadeau	Mon, Wed	10:00am-11:50am	WAB 211N NAC 113
CJ102 Corrections Institutions/Facilities (3 credits) Nine-week course; Field Trip Required	J. Bouchard	Thurs	5:00pm-8:50pm	WAB 115E
CJ104 Client Relations in Corrections (3 credits) Nine-week course; Field Trip Required	R. Sackett	Wed	5:00pm-8:50pm	WAB 115E
CJ105 Legal issues in Corrections (3 credits) Nine-week course; Field Trip Required	W. Jondreau	Tues	5:00pm-8:50pm	WAB 115E
OS135 Keweenaw Bay Indian Community History (2 credits) Social Science and Native American Awareness Elective	V. Friisvall - Ayres	Tues	1:00pm-2:50pm	WAB 211N NAC 113
PY210 Child Psychology (4 credits) Prerequisite: PY101; Social Science Elective	F. Taddeucci	Wed	4:00pm-7:50pm	WAB 114E
Vocational Instruction				
FN102 Cooking Methods: Bread and Meat (2 credits; 1 lecture, 2 lab) Prerequisite: FN101 or instructor's permission, Lab fee TBA	J. Schutte	Tues	5:30pm-8:20pm	WAB 210N
FN202 Essential Elements of Restaurant Management (3 credits)	J. Schutte	Thurs	5:30pm-7:20pm	WAB 112E

 Denotes ITV classes available in Baraga and Harvey locations

Please contact admissions for more information (906) 524-8301 or admissions@kbooc.edu
www.kbooc.edu



**Merry Christmas and
Happy New Years!**



December 2015 Calendar Events

- **Dec. 5:** Reg. Sat. Council Meeting, 9 am, Ojibwa Casino Conference Room, Baraga;
- **Dec 7:** Constitutional Committee Meeting, 10 am, Tribal Center Bldg, Council Chambers (downstairs conference room);
- **Dec 12:** Primary Election 10 am—6 pm;
- **Dec. 19:** KBIC Youth Christmas Parties Baraga;
- **Dec. 23-25:** Tribal Gov't Offices closed — Christmas Holidays;
- **Dec 30-Jan 1:** Tribal Gov't Offices closed — New Years Eve 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.

**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.

Household Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standard	SNAP Standard Deduction	FDPIR Net Monthly Income Standard	
			Use this amount	
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

STUDENTS IN GRADES K-8

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First Aid



THE GOAL: Be prepared to give first aid while waiting for an ambulance.

An emergency can happen at any time and any place. Many public places have a first aid kit, oxygen, or an AED (automated external defibrillator) to treat people. These items can only save lives if someone knows how to use them. Actions you take in the first few minutes after an injury or other medical incident may save someone's life.

CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING THINGS TO DO THIS MONTH TO BECOME BETTER PREPARED:

Know what to do while waiting for an ambulance to arrive.

Call 911 instead of trying to take an injured or ill person to the hospital yourself. It seems like waiting for an ambulance will make it take longer to get help, but ambulance crews can start providing care as soon as they arrive. They can get the patient to hospital quickly, legally, and more safely.

1. Stay on the line with 911 and follow emergency instructions.
2. Stay calm and try to keep the patient calm.
3. Don't move a patient who was injured in an automobile accident or fall, or who was found unconscious.
4. If the patient is cold, cover them with a blanket.
5. Don't give an injured person anything to eat or drink (unless instructed by the 911 dispatcher).
6. Have someone watch for the ambulance and show the crew how to get to the patient. (This is especially important in an apartment or office building, or if your address is hard to see from the street).

Make or buy first aid kits for your home and car.

Ready-made first aid kits are available at most department stores or your local American Red Cross chapter. These kits come in a variety of sizes and prices. You can also make your own kit from supplies you probably already have around the house.

Some items that should be included in a basic first aid kit are:

- Adhesive Tape
- Antiseptic Ointment
- Band-Aids (assorted sizes)
- Blanket
- Cold Pack
- Disposable Gloves
- Gauze Pads & Roller Gauze (assorted sizes)
- Hand Sanitizer (liquid or wipes)
- Plastic Bags
- Scissors and Tweezers
- Small Flashlight and Extra Batteries
- Triangular Bandage



Take training in first aid, CPR, AED, or pet first aid.

Helping others in a medical emergency isn't as hard to learn as you might think. Knowing how to apply a bandage, identify the signs and symptoms of shock, perform CPR or use an automatic external defibrillator (AED) can save a life.

First responders may not be on the scene for five minutes or more. It is up to individuals like you to be ready to help someone who is injured. The person whose life you save may be someone that you love.

Many American Red Cross chapters now offer training in pet first aid. Training may also be available through your local humane society, kennel club, or pet store. Check with your veterinarian to see what special items you may need to include in a first aid kit for your pets. If you travel with your pet, or if they are service or hunting animals, you may want to make a travel-sized pet first aid kit as well.

Contact your local fire department or American Red Cross chapter to learn what first aid classes are available in your area. Ask your employer if they will sponsor a class for your workplace, or take a class with your family or on your own. Many classes are offered free of charge. Courses may also be offered at your place of worship, school, or community organization. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training also includes first aid training.

Being prepared doesn't have to be hard or expensive. By doing one thing a month, you can make sure that you and the people who depend on you will be better prepared for whatever happens.

~ NOTICE ~

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

SNOW PLOWING REQUIREMENTS

Head of Household Name: _____

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

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

Physical Address: _____

L'Anse _____ Baraga _____

Telephone Number: (906) _____

Proof of Age — Birth Date: _____

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

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

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

* approved 01-14-2011
Tribal Council Meeting

FY 2016 LIHEAP SEASON BEGINS



LIHEAP (LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM)

provides assistance to eligible low income households in meeting their home energy costs. Assistance depends on the availability of funds and is based on a 1st come 1st serve basis. Please Note: Priority will be given to vulnerable populations: Elderly, Disabled, and households with children 6 years and under, are assisted first.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- The applicant/head of household must be a member of a Federally Recognized Tribe.
- Applicant/head of household must reside in the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Service area: Michigan Baraga, Houghton, Dickinson, Gogebic, Iron, Keweenaw, Marquette, and Ontonagon Counties.
- Household must meet LIHEAP income guidelines:
- Household must have not received LIHEAP assistance through DHS, or any other agency providing LIHEAP funds for fiscal year 2016.
- Utility service MUST be on. Service that has been disconnected will not be eligible for LIHEAP. Applicants applying due to no propane or no wood will be considered as service being disconnected.

SMI-FFY 2016 HHS PG: Household Size - Annual Gross Income Allowable					
1 - \$23,622	2 - \$30,890	3 - \$37,292	4 - \$45,427	5 - \$52,695	6 - \$59,964



HOW TO OBTAIN AN APPLICATION:

- Visit the CAP Office at the KBIC Tribal Center in Baraga.
- Online <http://www.ojibwa.com> and click on the Community Assistance Office.

If you have any questions call: (906) 353-4162



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Enjoy some family fun with the following Christmas activity ideas:

1. Have a "camp night" in the living room around the Christmas tree.
2. Make paper snowflakes (fold a square of paper in half two times – cut a design – unfold for a snowflake) or garlands out of construction paper (cut different color paper in strips, glue a strip in a circle, glue another strip in a circle around the first, and continue).
3. Have a bedroom door-decorating contest.
4. Have a tree decorating party with the whole family including popcorn and hot chocolate or apple cider.
5. Play Christmas charades. (Ideas: Rudolph, Santa, stuffing stockings, making Christmas cookies, making a snow angel, building a snowman.)

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KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY

Registered Voters

The General Election will be held on Saturday, December 12, 2015. Voters residing in the Baraga District will vote at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens Center. Polls for those voters residing in the L'Anse District will be at the Zeba Community Hall. Polls will be open from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Tribal Council Baraga District

Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. (Inc.);
Dan Connor;
Fred Dakota;
Sue Ellen Elmsblad "Suzie Carlson".

Tribal Council L'Anse District

Susan J. LaFernier (Inc.);
Jennifer Misegan (Inc.);
Tracy L. Emery;
Kevin Perrault.

Chief Tribal Judge:

Bradley T. Dakota.

Proposal 1 — Do you support a new casino development project in Baraga at the current casino site with an estimated cost of \$28 million?

YES NO

Proposal 2 — Do you support a casino development project in Marquette at the current casino site with an estimated cost of \$12 million?

YES NO



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Baraga Halloween Party continues:



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Costume winners ages 9-10, left to right, 1st place—Leigh Ann Cadeau, 2nd place—Starr Dunleavy, 3rd place—Rion Fontaine.



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Costume winners ages 11 up, left to right, 1st place—Sam Sacnse, 2nd place—Justin Smith, 3rd place—Kayla Dakota.

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