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GENERAL ELECTION HELD AT KBIC



Baraga District: Voters registering with Election Board workers. Picture by Lauri Denomie.

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community held their General Election on Saturday, December 14, 2013, with Baraga District voters casting their ballots at the Ojibwa Senior Center and L'Anse District voters at the Zeba Methodist Church. A Primary Election was held on November 2, 2013, for the L'Anse and Baraga Districts which put the top four candidates in each district on the ballot for the General Election along with the two candidates for the Associate Judge position.

Preliminary counts were announced by the Election workers immediately following the closing of the polls. A recount was held on Monday, December 9, 2013, results are as follows:

Baraga District:

Fred Dakota (Inc.) 261 votes;
Elizabeth "Popcorn" Mayo (Inc.) 249 votes;
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr. 277 votes;
Donald Shalifoe, Sr. 274 votes.

L'Anse District :

Michael F. LaFernier, Sr. (Inc.) 259 votes;
Toni Minton (Inc.) 239 votes;
George DeCota 256 votes;
Eddy Edwards 279 votes;

Associate Judge:

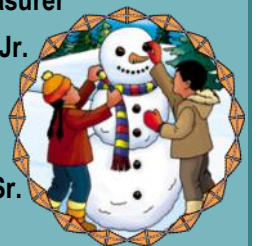
Violet M. Friisvall Ayres (Inc.) 328 votes;
John Davis 206 votes.

Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr. and Donald Shalifoe, Sr. have each secured a three-year term in the Baraga District. Michael F. LaFernier, Sr. and Eddy Edwards have each secured a three-year term in the L'Anse District. Violet M. Friisvall Ayres will remain as the Community's Associate Judge for a three-year term.

Election results are on the agenda to be considered for certification by the Tribal Council at the meeting scheduled for January 4, 2014. Following certification, the twelve seat council will make nominations and vote for their Executive Board.

Tribal Council Members:

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



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- December 7, 2013 Tribal Council Meeting
- KBIC General Elections Held
- Santa visits KBIC
- KBNRD/Radon Action Month —How Clean Is Your Air?
- OVW/National Stalking Awareness Month
- Education Incentives Announced
- New Employees
- Ojibwa Senior News
- Deepest Sympathy

SANTA STOPS IN FOR A VISIT AT THE KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY

Santa Claus made his annual visit to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Niiwin Akeaa Center on Sunday, December 15, 2013. The children got to visit with Santa and made sure he got their Christmas lists correct. The Youth Program

staff and Committee organized the event with help from a number of community service workers. Participants enjoyed pizza and snacks. All children received a gift and candy from the KBIC.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Noah Evans visits with Santa Claus.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Jessie Jones, Jr. gives Santa his list.
Santa is assisted by Elf Morgan LaBeau.

* Due to the late date of the Marquette Youth Christmas Party, it will be featured in next month's issue.

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DECEMBER 7, 2013 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on December 7, 2013, at the Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room, in Baraga, Michigan. President Warren C. Swartz, Jr. presided over the meeting with Elizabeth D. Mayo, Susan J. LaFernier, Toni Minton, Jennifer Misegan, Robert (RD) Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Jean Jokinen, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Carole L. LaPointe, Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, and Don Messer, Jr. present.

Secretary Susan J. LaFernier shared numerous *Thank You* and *For Your Information* items addressed to Council. Susan J. LaFernier gave the Secretary's Report (page two), Treasurer Jennifer Misegan gave the Treasurer's Report (page three), and Larry Denomie III gave the CEO's Report (page four). Council passed the Department Head Reports for October 2013.

Hannah Misegan, President of the Baraga County RICC (Regional Inclusive Community Coalition) and a KBIC member, spoke with Council on behalf of their group. Hannah introduced herself as the newly elected President for the Baraga RICC and shared her election speech with Council. She requested funding to assist with the Baraga County RICC Christmas Party being held at the Niwiin Akeaa Center on December 17, 2013. The Copper Country Mental Health acts as the fiduciary agent for the Baraga County RICC as well as provides staff support, transportation, and training opportunities for their members. Council made a donation for this event; see donation motions later in this article.

Jennifer Misegan requested a decision on how to proceed with members who were residing within the approved boundaries on September 1st but did not submit their proof of residency by the November 8th deadline for the 2013 Christmas Gift Check (Sovereignty

Check) deadline. **Motion by Toni Minton to approve the members who have provided their documentation to the Christmas Check Committee to show they met the guidelines to receive the Christmas/Sovereignty Check and to set a deadline of December 15th for any future requests; supported by Elizabeth D. Mayo. Eleven supported; 0 opposed; 0 abstained; motion carried.**

Bruce LaPointe, Projects Manager, presented three bids for a Transfer Station High Capacity Shredder. **Motion by Jennifer Misegan to approve the bid from U.P. Office Supply for the High Capacity Shredder; supported by Susan J. LaFernier. Eleven supported; 0 opposed; 0 abstained; motion carried.**

Susan J. LaFernier requested a date for a Government Employee Grievance Hearing for case #008-13. Council scheduled the hearing for December 12, 2013, at 1:00 p.m.

Treasurer Jennifer Misegan brought forward the donations for December 2013. **Motion by Jennifer Misegan to approve the December 2013 donations in the amount of \$1,000.00 for Baraga County RICC Christmas Party, \$250.00 for the American Indian Cancer Foundation, \$2,500.00 for Big Brothers Big Sisters (U.P. Kids) High Five Mentoring Program, \$2,500.00 for the Civil Air Patrol Copper Country Squad donation for Search and Rescue Operation, for a total of \$6,250.00; supported by Michael F. LaFernier, Sr. Eleven supported; 0 opposed; 0 abstained; motion carried.**

Heather Chapman, Tribal Attorney, presented on behalf of Lori Sherman, Natural Resource Director, who could not be present, two agenda items regarding well drilling contracts for the Walleye Ponds. The Larson Pump Company contract needs to be ex-

tended one month, and a service agreement was requested for Morin & Johnson Well Drilling & Pump. **Motion by Susan J. LaFernier to approve the First Amendment to Contractor Agreement with Larson Pump Company LLC; supported by Elizabeth D. Mayo. Eleven supported; 0 opposed; 0 abstained; motion carried.** **Motion by Jennifer Misegan to approve the Morin & Johnson Well Drilling & Pump Tier II Services Agreement with the substituted page seven to the agreement; supported by Don Messer, Jr. Eleven supported; 0 opposed; 0 abstained; motion carried.**

Council moved into closed session with three items on the agenda. Upon returning to open session the following motions were made prior to adjournment. **Motion by Carole LaPointe to uphold the decision of the Casino General Manager on Grievance Hearing #007-13; supported by Fred Dakota. Eight supported (Mayo, Minton, Misegan, Curtis, Dakota, Jokinen, LaPointe, Matthews); 0 opposed; three abstained (S. LaFernier, M. LaFernier, Messer); motion carried.** **Motion by Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. to approve the Pharmacy Provider Agreement by and between Humana Health Plan, Inc., Humana Insurance Company, and Humana Pharmacy Solutions, Inc. and their affiliates; supported by Don Messer, Jr. Eleven supported; 0 opposed; 0 abstained; motion carried.** **Motion by Susan J. LaFernier to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Donald A. LaPointe Health and Education Center and the Concordia University of Wisconsin to provide a preceptorship experience for a nurse practitioner student of the university; supported by Elizabeth D. Mayo. Eleven supported; 0 opposed; 0 abstained; motion carried.**

~ submitted by Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2013

Activities reported by the Secretary, Susan J. LaFernier, for the month of November 2013.

ANIN! We honor the greatness in you. Remember: "Indian Country Counts" and "Our People, Our Nations, Our Future." We continue to recognize the richness of Native American contributions, accomplishments, and sacrifices to the political, cultural, and economic life of Michigan and the United States.

KBIC flipped the switch on what is believed to be the largest solar panel system in the U.P. on November 6 at the Commodity Foods Warehouse in Zeba. The system was also dedicated on this day. Congratulations to the Committee for Alternative and Renewable Energy (CARE) for all their work and years of study and determination for the best choice for green energy. We are hoping this is just the beginning for our entire Community to go green.

I had the unique opportunity and was honored to attend the White House Tribal Nations Conference (516 U.S. Federally Recognized Tribes) on November 13, 2013, and the U.S. Depart-

ment of Justice, Violence Against Women Government-to-Government Consultation (with Cherie Dakota) November 14, 2013, in Washington, D.C. We heard many interesting White House speakers (I could write a book) and attended break-out sessions. The highlight of the day, of course, was when President Obama spoke to the Tribes. We also heard from the new White House Council on Native American Affairs who was appointed by President Obama. I was also impressed with our Department of the Interior, Secretary Sally Jewell. I learned much about our neighboring Tribes in the United States. At Keweenaw Bay, we are very fortunate compared to other Tribes, especially those in Alaska, and we should count our blessings and thank our Tribal Councils for their continued leadership and care for our Tribe through the years. I heard an interesting comment from a leader. He said that much of what has happened to Native people ends in "ion" such as: termination, relocation, consultation (we want collaboration), sequestration, and formulation. I also heard from other leaders that they

have visited the White House and have attended these conferences for many years and the same issues and statements are made and heard year after year, but we will continue...regarding trust responsibility and sovereignty. I am intending to follow up with a letter to the White House Council on Native American Affairs and to the President. I hope to report more information on this visit in January.

It is never too late to encourage others and begin positive lifestyle changes that will help us live longer, healthier, happier lives. Mino-Bimaadizin—"Live Well." Remember everyone should participate in at least 30 minutes of physical activity five times a week to stay fit.

NATIVE VOTE 2013—every vote and voice counts. We have not reached our goal for Keweenaw Bay to have 100% of our registered/eligible members vote! We have 818 eligible voters.

Remember to continue to pray for each other and to honor and remember all of our veterans, service men and women, and their families. Also remember those who are ill, those with economic struggles, and all those who have

lost loved ones during the past year. We pray that we and the world will be graced with the gifts of peace, love, and joy.

Thank you for all that you do to keep our land the beautiful place it is. Thank you, God and Creator, for the great blessings of our land. "Who does the land belong to? Some to those who have walked on, a little to those still living, but most to those yet to be born." ~ unknown.

We wish everyone a blessed, Merry Christmas!

During November 2013, the Tribal Council held one Regular Tribal Council Meeting on November 9, 2013, at the Harvey Community Center. This meeting is covered in the December 2013 Newsletter. Tribal Council held four Special/Finance Council Meetings. Following are the unapproved motions from November.

At a council meeting held November 7, 2013, the following actions were taken:

- Approved to certify the results of the (November 2, 2013) Primary Election;
- Approved to certify the top vote getters for the General Election (December 14, 2013): Fred Dakota, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth "Popcorn" Mayo, Donald Shalfoe, Sr., George DeCota, Eddy Edwards, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Toni Minton;
- Approved to certify the two judicial candidates for the General Election: Violet Friisvall Ayres, John Davis;
- Approved MD Contracting, Inc. for the Balance Dirt bid for \$24,570.00 for the transfer station;
- Approved MD Contracting, Inc. for the Place Gravel bid for \$24,570.00 for the transfer station;
- Approved Resolution KB 1960-2013 three-year grant to provide supportive, nutritional, and caregiver services to older Tribal members;
- Approved Resolution KB 1958-2013 Edward W. Maki recreational lease;
- Approved Resolution KB 1959-2013 James D. Cadeau recreational lease;
- Approved Resolution KB 1961-2013 Tina M. Owens recreational lease;
- Approved Resolution KB 1962-2013 Everett L. Ekdahl, Sr. recreational lease;
- Approved the Appellate Justices Contract with James R. Bittorf, Attorney at Law for three years;
- Approved the Sub Recipient Agreement between KBIC and Aanikoosing, Inc. (Indian Community Development Block Grant).

At a council meeting held November 14, 2013, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the November 1, 8, 10, 15, 29, and December 1, 6, 2012 Tribal Council meeting minutes;
- Approved the bid from J.E. Hendrickson Excavating, Inc. to install a septic system in Hancock for \$19,650.00 (Public Works Department);
- Approved Resolution KB 1963-2013 Baraga County 2% in the amount of \$132,779.93;
- Approved Resolution KB 1964-2013 Marquette County 2% funds in the

amount of \$161,261.03;

- Defeated a motion to appoint Robin Roe to the Hiring Committee (one seat — four applicants);
- Approved to draw the four Hiring Committee applicants from a hat (Peggy Loonsfoot's name was drawn);
- Defeated a motion to suspend both Enterprise General Managers for three days (closed session);
- Approved to give written reprimands to both Enterprise General Managers;
- Approved to separate the surveillance department from the Casino management and place them under the Gaming Commission and have the Commission come forward with a plan, effective date, and policies and procedures.

At a council meeting held November 21, 2013, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the Services Agreement with J.E. Hendrickson Excavating, Inc. to install a Septic System (mound) service for \$19,650.00 (Public Works Department);
- Approved the Services Agreement with ALK Contracting, Inc. to provide installation of a gas line and hook-up upgrade for the Press Box Sports Bar & Grill for \$1,950.00;
- Motion to acknowledge Courtney Swartz's grievance (Enterprise), the Tribal Council regretfully already made a decision to hire another candidate who was interviewed, her ideas will be taken into consideration for future hiring decisions and the Council apologizes.

At a council meeting held November 26, 2013, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the new Business License for Mitch Bolo and Levi Tadgerson "Bolo Productions";
- Approved the renewal Business License/Food Service with Jeff Lamson "Cue Master";
- Approved to remove "and meal" from the CAP Policy Required Receipts;
- Approved to amend Resolution KB 1964-2013 Marquette 2% Funds for \$167,076.03 and allocate \$5,815.00 to the Marquette County Health Department Dental Outreach Program;
- Approved the U.S. Oil Retailer (U.S. Venture, Inc.) Supply Agreement and to include Addendum A and the "Open Roads Rewards Dealer Agreement" for the Pines Convenience Center for five years;
- Approved to have the Ojibwa Housing Authority Board and the Keeweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing and Community Development Corporation meet with the Council on December 5, 2013, to review the questions related to today's closed session (OHA Audit Report);
- Motion defeated that based on the professional recommendation of the accounting firm, Schechter Dokken Kanter, Council does not pursue conducting a forensic audit on the Ojibwa Housing Authority. This accounting firm has done a thorough investigation and reports it sees no reason to perform a forensic audit;

and to keep the lines of communication open and to get the Council's questions answered.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. LaFernier, Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Activities reported by the Treasurer, Jennifer Misegan, for the month of November 2013.

Donations approved for the month of November were as follows: \$5,000.00 Toys For Tots, \$200.00 Bethel United Pentecostal Church (Thanksgiving Dinner), \$350.00, Baraga/L'Anse Alumni Basketball Game, \$1,000.00 The Salvation Army in Ishpeming, \$500.00 Baraga Fire Department Children's Christmas Party, and \$1,000.00 John Hellyer's Cell Phone service.

Much of my time this past month was spent working on the Christmas Gift/Sovereignty Check disbursement. 1,168 Checks were drafted for this year's distribution. A lot of our staff helped with this colossal project, and I want to thank them all for their hard work.

I had the opportunity to attend this year's Gala held by Grand River Enterprises, the manufacturer of many of the tobacco products we currently sell, along with Don Messer, Jr. and Suzanne Kahkonen. We were given a copy of their Annual Presentation of Recent Legal Developments Affecting the Tobacco Industry and Native American Business. I have enclosed a copy of this presentation for Council's review. At the event we met several owners and operators of similar enterprises. We are currently working with some that we met to obtain price information in the hope that we may be able to do businesses with them soon. We also met with Executives of HCI Distribution and Seneca Enterprises regarding an advertising opportunity. The travel to get to the Gala was very long, but if these opportunities work out, it will be well worth it. At the Gala there is an elaborate prize drawing. We weren't lucky enough to win one of those prizes but we did come away with \$1,000, which was donated to the Youth Department for food costs at the upcoming Christmas parties.

The Tribal Council reviewed a report that was prepared by the auditing firm Schetcher, Dokken, Kanter regarding the Ojibwa Housing Authority. We were informed that an actual forensic audit was not done. What was done was a review of their financial reports and questions asked of some of the staff. Out of that report, the Tribal Council now has additional questions to be answered. We are looking forward to meeting with the OHA Board as well as the Non-Profit Board to get the answers.

As always, if anyone has any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

Jennifer Misegan,
Tribal Council Treasurer



**Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
Office of Violence Against Women
24-Hour Crisis Line 906-353-4599**

Have you or someone you know ever been stalked? If you have difficulty answering this question, read on!

Stalking is a pattern of repeated and unwanted attention, harassment, contact, or any other course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to feel fear.*

Stalking can include:

- Repeated, unwanted communications by phone, mail, and/or e-mail.
- Repeatedly sending unwanted items such as letters or presents.
- Wait for the victim at places such as home, school, or other places the victim frequents.
- Making threats to harm the victim or others close to the victim.
- Damaging property.
- Posting information or spreading rumors about the victim on the internet or in a public place.
- Obtaining personal information about the victim through public records, internet searches, contacting others who know the victim, going through the victim's garbage, etc.**

Please remember:

- Stalking is a crime.
- Both men and women can become victims of stalking.
- You are not to blame for a stalker's behavior.

If you are being stalked:

1. Call 911 if you are in immediate danger.
2. Trust your instincts. You may be in danger if you are feeling unsafe.
3. Take threats seriously. Danger may be higher if you are ending a relationship with the person who is stalking you or if the stalker threatens suicide or murder.
4. Keep a log of all the contacts made by the stalker, and save any e-mails, text messages, or social network postings as evidence of stalking behavior.
5. Get connected with a victim advocate to safety plan and to discuss your options.**

The KBIC – Office of Violence Against Women 24-hour Helpline is 353-4599, and support is available for both men and women.

*United States Office on Violence Against Women Website

**Stalking Resource Center, National Center for Victims of Crime

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EDUCATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM AWARDS STUDENTS

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. Students must be enrolled KBIC members, reside in Baraga, Houghton, Ontonagon, or Marquette counties and must attend a public or private school. A student's Honor Roll status is defined according to the requirements of their school district.

The following fifty students were placed on the Honor Roll for the first marking period of the 2013-14 academic year:

Baraga: DySean Allen, Liliana Messer, Bailey Harden, Steele Jondreau, Dana Kelly, Steven Maki, Presley Rasanen, Cheyenne Welsh, Opal Ellsworth, William Jondreau, Jr., Jenna Messer, Jailyn Shelifoe, Nathaniel Welsh, Aleah Maskew, Annaleese Rasanen, Brendan Varline, Cassandra Alexander, Miranda Galer, Gabrielle Mayo, Frederick Dakota, and Sheena Halverson.
L'Anse: Kayla Dakota, Ti'ia Friisvall, Shay Ekdahl, Liliana Masters, Grayson Roe, Cody Clement, Karli Hoggard, Eva Lind, Jacob Picard, James Veker, Jade

Curtis, Robert Jacobs, Jordan Chosa, Christopher Genschow, Robert Genschow III, William Genschow, and Alicia Stein.

Marquette: Blake Chosa, Kayla Herron, Kristina Misegan, Sean Seymour, Neebin Ashbrook-Pietila, Mackenzie Seymour, and Vanessa Rabitaille-Kinney.

Ewen-Trout Creek: Lana Lind.

Community Schools: Lisa Waranka and Tonni Williamson-Edwards.

Sacred Heart: Madison Smith and Rachael Velmer.

The following forty-nine students received awards for achieving Perfect Attendance:

Baraga: Scott Loonsfoot-Maskew, Aleah Maskew, Robert Curtis, Allison Durant, Harley Geroux, Bailey Harden, Rylee Holm, Steele Jondreau, Kamrin Kahkonen, Steven Maki, Kylie Michaelson, Kylie Peterson, Presley Rasanen, Frederick Dakota, Alexxus DeCota, Opal Ellsworth, William Jondreau Jr., Makenzie Messer, Annaleese Rasanen, Logan Shalifoe, Jailyn Shelifoe, and Preston Ellsworth.

L'Anse: Keyden Goodbird, Jaycee Maki, Dallas Moulden, Paige Zasadnyj,

CEO REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2013

The month of November 2013 included the following activities and reportable items:

- The Tribe has contracted with U.S. Oil Company to supply its fuel at the Pines Convenience Center. Through the contract, a new rewards program will be instituted. The Open Roads Rewards program will provide "cents off" of fuel for purchases made when buying qualifying items within the store. Products will be marked throughout the store showing the total cents off that will be accumulated for purchasing the item. There is no limit to the dollar amount customers may earn, but the least amount customers may pay for a gallon of gasoline is one cent. The program also offers the ability to acquire three cents off per gallon for every \$10 spent in the store on any product. The program will be a win-win for the Pines and its patrons. U.S. Oil will be installing the programming next week with training for employees in early January and available for customers shortly after.
- George DeCota, KBIC's Director of Fire Management, organized and hosted an Active Shooter Training on the 21st at the Niiwin Akeaa Center. Instances related to the training occur across the country more often than we'd like; the training provided attendees ways to not only protect against instances of entry by an active shooter but also how to react in the event if it were to occur. Staff from the Tribe's Preprimary program, Headstart program, L'Anse and Baraga schools, and Ojibwa Community College and their day-care program attended the training. Following the classroom training, a mock drill was conducted at the Preprimary program facility which was closed for the drill. George reported that the training was well received and he will be planning a similar training for other departments and businesses of the Tribe.

My report is quite short this month due to annual and funeral leave time I had taken, the Veterans and Thanksgiving holidays, and the short period of time since my last report.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Larry J. Denomie, III, CEO

Keira Dakota, Kayan Goodbird, Lealind Back, Chase Larson, Jade Curtis, Deija Dakota, Tyler Dakota, Philip Edwards II, Robert Jacobs, Jordan Chosa, Christopher Genschow, Charles Spruce, Robert Genschow III, William Genschow, Kayla Dakota, Tristan Francois, Abbygail Spruce, Grayson Roe, Sierra Curtis, Isaac Ekdahl, and Karli Hoggard.
Sacred Heart: Madison Smith and Rachael Velmer.

New academic success program for science discipline students at KBOCC

Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College (KBOCC) recently received a two-year grant from the U.S. Department of Education to implement the *Program for the Enhancement of Academic Readiness* (PEAR). This program creates bridges for students in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines to transition them between upper-secondary and community college, between community college and university, and between community college and career. The PEAR program is for high school and college students who are tribal members and descendants. PEAR is designed to focus on foundational skills for STEM students, such as proficient writing, quantitative literacy, logical thinking, and analysis. This holistic approach to student success will incorporate workshops on life skills, job skills, leadership, academic success, and healthy habits into STEM students' academic experience.



JANUARY UPCOMING EVENTS

Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College

January 8, 2014, 3:00pm. "Diabetes and the Native Community—Fact and Fiction." Presenter: Kathy Mayo. Sponsored by the Student Services Department. Ross Room 109

Get the facts about diabetes and learn how you can stop diabetes myths and misconceptions. Light refreshments will be served.

Thursday, January 9, 2014, 5:00 p.m. KBOCC New Student Orientation in the College Atrium.

New Student Orientation is required for all new students. The orientation will provide valuable information about KBOCC and tools available to assist students in achieving their academic goals. Staff will be on hand to welcome all who attend and answer questions. Refreshments will be served.

Monday January 13, 2014. First official day of classes.

January 15th, 2014, Rm 115 Sponsored by the PEAR Program, 4:30-5:30 P.M. Student Success Workshop

Come and learn skills that increase success in work and school. Learn techniques that will help you think critically, manage time, and study successfully.

6:00-7:00 P.M. Career Training

Come get ideas for possible future careers and learn what type of academic or hands-on training these careers will require.

January 20, 2014, 3:00pm. "Music of the Civil Rights Movement" Documentary Movie. Sponsored by the Liberal Studies Department. Room 111

To celebrate MLK Day, we will begin with a short history of the civil rights movement. From there, we will explore the connection between music and revolution by watching parts of the documentary "Soundtrack for a Revolution." We

Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College					
Spring 2014 Schedule of Courses					
<i>"Catch Your Dream Through A Superior Education"</i>					
Spring 2014	Course	Instructor	Day	Time	Room
January 13 through May 1	AR105 Ojibwa Beadwork (3 credits) <i>Native American Awareness elective</i> Course Fee \$50; Course limited to 10 students	Racette / Julio	Mon	5:40pm-8:30pm	Rm 111
	AR207 Painting (3 credits) Course Fee \$80	M. Hronkin	Wed	5:30pm-8:20pm	Rm 109 Ross
Orientation	BS208 Management and Supervision (3 credits)	M. Shanahan	Mon, Wed	12:00pm-1:20pm	Rm 111
	BS210 Marketing (3 credits) Prerequisite: BS110	M. Shanahan	Tues	4:30pm-7:20pm	Rm 113
Thursday, January 9, 2014 5:30pm	CE111 Infant and Toddler Programming (3 credits) Prerequisite: CE101 or instructor's permission; Course Fee \$45	M. DeLine	Thurs	5:00pm-7:50pm	Rm 1 Lib/ Sci
	CE115 Child Guidance (3 credits) Prerequisite: CE101 or instructor's permission; Course Fee \$45	M. DeLine	Tues, Thurs	2:00pm-3:20 pm	Rm 113
Locations/ Contacts:	CE119 CDA Preparation Seminar (2 credits)	M. DeLine	Tues	3:30pm-5:20pm	Rm 2 Lib/Sci
	CE223 Children's Literature (3 credits) Course Fee \$45	M. DeLine	Mon, Wed	12:30pm-1:50pm	Rm 2 Lib/Sci
Main Campus 111	CE237 Children with Special Needs (3 credits) Prerequisite: CE110 or instructor's permission	M. DeLine	Mon	5:00pm-7:50pm	Rm 113
	CE297 ECE Professional (2 credits) Prerequisite: Sophomore standing; Course Fee \$20	M. DeLine	Thurs	Sessions as Arranged	TBA
Beartown Rd Baraga, MI 49908	EN095 Basic Composition (4 credits) Does NOT satisfy Composition requirement	C. Collins	Mon, Wed	2:30pm-4:20pm	Rm 111
	EN101 Reading Skills (1 credit)	C. Collins	Mon	1:00pm-1:50pm	Rm 115
Library/ Science Center 409	EN102 College Composition I (3 credits) Prerequisite: EN095 or Placement Composition requirement	J. Koenig	Mon, Wed	1:00 pm-2:50pm	Rm 111
	EN202 College Composition II (3 credits) Prerequisite: EN102; Composition elective	J. Koenig	Tues, Thurs	5:00pm-6:20pm	Rm 115
Superior Ave Baraga, MI 49908	EN260 Creative Writing (3 credits) Prerequisite: EN102 or instructor permission; Course fee \$20	J. Koenig	Tues, Thurs	12:00pm-1:20pm	Rm 115
	HU123 Community Chorus (1 credit, 0 lecture, 2 lab) Prerequisite: Director permission; Concert participation required.	E. Erickson	Tues	7:00pm-9:00pm	UMC Hall L'Anse
Main Line (906) 353-4600	HU207 Music Appreciation (4 credits) Humanities elective	E. Erickson	Tues, Thurs	4:00pm-5:50pm	Rm 113
	EN220 Storytelling in the Digital Age (4 credits) Humanities elective; Course fee \$35 Course Limited to 18 students	J. Koenig	Mon, Wed	9:30am-11:20am	Rm 112
Admissions Information 353-4640	IS110 Principles of Information Systems (4 credits) Prerequisite: IS105 or instructor's permission	M. Shanahan	Tues, Thurs	1:30pm-3:20pm	Rm 112
	LS103 College Success Seminar - (2 credits; 1 hr lecture, 3 hrs lab) Course Fee \$50	M. Shanahan	Thurs	5:00pm-8:50 pm	Rm 112
Financial Aid 353-4605	LS297 Capstone Seminar for Liberal Studies Majors (3 credits) Prerequisites: sophomore status, pre or co-requisite EN202 or EN205. Course Fee \$20	T. Marshall	Wed	2:00pm-3:00pm	Rm 115
	MA096 Basic Math (2 credits) Does not count toward graduation credits.	S. Klaasen	Mon, Wed	10:30am-11:50am	Rm 113
Library Phone 353-8163	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	Rm 111
	MA104 Intermediate Algebra (4 credits) Prerequisite: C or better in MA101 or placement	A. Azzam	Tues, Thurs	9:30am-11:50am	Rm 111
Science Lab 353-8162	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	Rm 111
	MA201 Probability and Statistics (4 credits) Prerequisite: MA105	T. Marshall	Tues, Thurs	5:30pm-7:20pm	TBA
Website www.kbocc.org	OS110 Ojibwa Language and Culture (4 credits) Institutional requirement	J. Racette	Wed	5:40pm-9:30pm	Rm 111
	OS205 Ojibwa Language and Culture II (4 credits) Native American Awareness Elective	J. Racette	Mon	5:40pm-9:30pm	Rm 115
Advising	PE207 Pocket Billiards (1 credit) Class meets first 8 weeks; Course Fee \$20	P. Racette	Fri	10:00am-11:50am	Ojibwa Lanes
	BI101 General Biology (4 credits) Lab Science elective; limit 12; Course Fee \$75	G. Mensch	Mon, Wed	5:00pm-7:50pm	Lab/Rm 1 Lib/ Sci
Early Childhood Education Mary DeLine 353-4608	GS105 Introduction to Earth Science (4 credits) Lab Science elective; second science elective; Course Fee \$120	A. Kozich	Mon, Wed	10:00am-12:50pm	Rm 1 Lib/ Sci
	ES107 Science Issues Today: Sustainability (1 credit) Course may be repeated for credit; Class meets first 8 weeks	A. Kozich	Thurs	6:00pm-7:50 pm	Rm 2 Lib/ Sci
Environmental Science Andrew Kozich 353-8162	BI206 Principles of Ecology (4 credits) Prerequisite: at least one lab science course Lab Science elective; second science elective; Course Fee \$120	J. Rogers	Tues, Thurs	12:00pm-2:50 pm	Rm 1 Lib/ Sci
	ES297 Capstone Seminar for Environmental Science Majors (3 credits) Prerequisites: sophomore status, EN205, MA105. Pre or co-requisite ES298. Course Fee \$20	J. Rogers	Wed	2:00pm-3:00 pm	Rm 112
Liberal Studies Jesse Koenig 353-4609	OS121 Native American Ecology (4 credits)	Cancelled			
	OS135 Keweenaw Bay Indian Community History (2 credits) Social Science and Native American Awareness Elective	V. Frisvall - Ayres	Tues	1:00pm-2:50pm	Rm 113
Nondegree-seeking Lynn Aho 353-4618	SO207 Environmental Issues (4 credits) Social Science Elective	A. Kozich	Tues	5:00pm-8:50pm	Rm 1 Lib/ Sci
	PY210 Child Psychology (4 credits) Prerequisite: PY101; Social Science Elective	F. Taddeucci	Wed	5:00pm-8:50pm	Rm 113
	SO201 Marriage and the Family (4 credits) Social Science Elective	K. Koenig	Tues, Thurs	10:00am-11:50am	Rm 113

will finish by eating pizza, mingling, and listening to civil rights era music.

January 21, 2014, 5:00 pm. Relaxation: Honoring Your Essential Self" Presenter: Cheryl La Rose. Sponsored by the Early Childhood Education Department. Ross Room 109

Join others in learning techniques to reduce stress. Music, scent, sounds, and information presented at this session will leave you with a new sense of self. This session will take the winter 'blahs' away!

Wednesday, January 22, 2015, 3:00 p.m. in Ross Room 109. "Diabetes Prevention."

Learn how to prevent the onset of diabetes and its many complications. Light refreshments will be served. Presenter Kathy Mayo.

January 22nd, 2014 Rm 115 Sponsored by the PEAR Program, 3:00-5:00 P.M. Jim and Linda Belote's research on the Saraguros of Southern Highland Ecuador

Jim and Linda Belote will give a basic

overview of the Saraguro people of South America. The discussion will focus on their research, experiences working with the Saraguro, and the Saraguro's customs and beliefs.

January 29, 2014, Rm 115, Sponsored by the PEAR Program, 4:30-5:30 P.M. Resume Writing

Bring your work history information, including names, addresses, and time frames of your current and previous places of work. Learn what it takes to make a good resume that potential employers are sure to take into consideration.

6:00-7:00 P.M. Job Research

Come and learn how to research potential careers. This workshop will include information on search engines and websites that will facilitate this process.





Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Alexia Brunk gives Santa her list.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Rayleah Jacobs enjoys her visit with Santa.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Princess Pierre is very happy to visit with Santa.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Georgia Lofquist tells Santa her Christmas list.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Kiera DeCota spends time visiting with Santa.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

(left to right) sisters: Georgia and Jaycee Larson visit with Santa.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Yancy DeCota, Jr. visits with Santa and his two helpers, (left to right) Elf Morgan LaBeau and Elf Kara Laramore.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Autumn Durant proudly displays the gift she received.

TASHINA EMERY WINS 2ND PLACE IN WERNATIVE.COM CONTEST

Tashina Emery, 20-year-old, from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, entered a contest at wernative.com, where she won second place and received a \$50.00 prize.

The contest asked the participant to show how they show their Native American pride for Native American Heritage Month (November). Tashina entered a photo of herself and her mother as she won Miss Keweenaw Bay.

Tashina's article: "I show my Native pride by keeping tradition wherever I go and most importantly remembering where I come from. A strong Ojibwe woman who I call my best friend and my mother, raised me. She is the most kindhearted person I know, and I would love to follow in her footsteps."



Tashina Emery (right) with her mother, Jeanne Emery-Kaupilla (left). Tashina crowned 2008; Jeanne crowned 1982.

New Employees



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Amber Franti has been hired as the IT/RPMS Site Manager at the Donald A. LaPointe Health and Education Center. She attended Michigan Tech where she graduated in 2006 with a Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics. She previously worked as an IT Support Technician for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community for three-and-a-half years prior to the transfer to the Health Center. Amber said, "With this previous experience, I am so blessed to have the opportunity to take on this position and all that it has to offer as well as the challenges that it presents to me in the future."

I was born and raised in Baraga County and currently reside in Watton. I have three children: Logan, age seven; Mackenzie, age three; and

Jordi, age one. I enjoy spending time outdoors, especially camping and playing softball in the summertime, as well as hanging out with family and friends."



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Chalsea Smith has been hired as the Receptionist/Clerk at the front desk of the Tribal Center. Chalsea is the daughter of Janice Halverson. Chalsea said, "I was born and raised in Escanaba, Michigan. I am the proud mother of my beautiful two-year-old son, Sonny. I am very honored and grateful to have been chosen for the Receptionist/Clerk position."

Ojibwa Senior Citizens' Christmas Dinner Held

The Ojibwa Senior Citizens' held their Annual Christmas Dinner on

Saturday, December 7, 2013. The seniors enjoyed a delicious catered meal of salad, roast beef, chicken, green bean casserole, potatoes, and a variety of cream cheese desserts. Elvis (Dave Firestone) made an appearance. The Seppanen family is pictured below amongst many other attendees.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

KBIC Youth Program Activity Fund Guidelines

The purpose of this fund is to assist KB Tribal member parents and those raising KB Tribal member children. Each fiscal year, a per-child amount is approved by the KBIC Tribal Council. The amount is currently \$250. The fiscal year begins on October 1 of each year. The fund services those residing in Baraga County and the Marquette Trust property area. A separate Activity Fund Request Form must be completed for each eligible child.

To qualify for the fund:

1. The parent of the child or the child must be enrolled KB members.
2. They must reside in the service area.
3. The child must be age 0-17 or in high school. Upon graduating from high school, the child is no longer eligible for the program.
4. The parent or the guardian may be required to provide proof that they have physical custody for the child that they are submitting receipts for:
 - a. If someone else is submitting receipts for a grandchild or other relative, the parent or guardian who has custody of the child must sign the form in agreement.
 - b. Court documents or birth certificates are examples of proof. (Please note, this information must be submitted each new fiscal year).
5. ORIGINAL receipts are required for all submitted funding reimbursements. If a receipt includes purchases for more than one child, the child's name must be noted next to the item on the receipt.
6. Only purchases made within the past 90 days will be reimbursed.
7. It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to keep track of how much is spent each fiscal year for each child.
8. Checks will be mailed once they are processed. If you don't receive your reimbursement after 14 business days of submission, please call the youth office at 353-4643 or 353-4644.
9. Requests that qualify for reimbursement through the program include:
 - a. activity fees
 - b. organized extracurricular activities
 - c. athletic fees, athletic equipment
 - d. after-school or summer camps
 - e. school related activities
 - f. school clothes and supplies
 - g. diapers/wipes

Purchases that do not qualify include: (this list is not all inclusive)

- a. bicycles
- b. formula, other infant supplies (ex: cribs, changing tables, jumpers)
- c. electronics

10. Travel is funded, and the funding can be banked (funding can carryover and be used in following years) through the eligible child's high school career (7-12 grade).

The Niiwin Akeaa Programs Director has the discretion to deny any item or receipt.

~Approved 10/24/2013 Tribal Council

**How Clean is *Your* Air?
January is RADON ACTION MONTH - Test Your Home Today!!**

The KBIC Natural Resources Department is distributing FREE self-test kits (while supplies last) to Tribal Members during Radon Action Month. Contact Lauren Nenadovich at (906) 524-5757, extension 28, for more information.

What is radon? Radon is a colorless, odorless, and tasteless radioactive gas. Radon is formed by the natural radioactive decay of uranium in rock, soil, and water. Once produced, radon moves through the ground to the air above. When radon undergoes radioactive decay, it emits ionizing radiation in the form of alpha particles.

How does radon get into a building? Most indoor radon comes into the building from the soil or rock beneath it. Most of the gas moves through cracks and other openings in the foundation. Once inside, the radon can become trapped and concentrated.

Radon may also be dissolved in water, particularly well water. After coming from a faucet, about one ten thousandth of the radon in water is typically released into the air. The more radon there is in the water, the more it can contribute to the indoor radon level. The average outdoor air level is about 0.4 pCi/L, but it can be higher in some areas. While radon problems may be more common in some geographic areas, any home may have an elevated radon level. New and old homes, well-sealed and drafty homes, and homes with or without basements can have a problem. Testing your home is the only way to know if radon is present.

What health effects are associated with radon exposure? Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States. There are currently no conclusive data on whether children are at greater risk than adults from radon. No specific subtype of lung cancer is associated with radon

exposure. Only smoking causes more cases of lung cancer – **if you smoke and have long-term exposure to radon, your chances** of getting lung cancer are greatly increased. Radon gas decays into radioactive particles that can get trapped in your lungs when you breathe. As they break down further, these particles release small bursts of energy. This can damage lung tissue and lead to lung cancer over the course of your lifetime. Breathing radon does not cause any *short-term* health effects such as shortness of breath, coughing, headaches, or fever, so it is not possible to know if you have been exposed right-away.

What is the "acceptable" level of radon in air? The EPA states that any radon exposure carries some risk; no level of radon exposure is always safe. However, EPA recommends homes be fixed if an occupant's long-term exposure will average 4 picocuries per liter (pCi/L) or higher.

How often is indoor radon a problem? Nearly one out of every 15 homes has a radon level EPA considers to be elevated—4 pCi/L or greater. The U.S. average radon-in-air level in single family homes is 1.3 pCi/L. Because most people spend as much as 90 percent of their time indoors, indoor exposure to radon is an important concern.

January has been declared as National Radon Action Month by the Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) as an effort to take action against radon by educating people on the risks of exposure, testing, and mitigation. Learn more at <http://www.epa.gov/radon/nram/>.

KEWEENAW BAY NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT OFFERS VAREITY OF ACTIVITIES TO THE COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES



Hancock Middle School students touring the NRD Greenhouse.



KBOCC students fin clipping Fingerling Lake Trout.

The KBIC Natural Resource Department (NRD) has a variety of activities and projects going on throughout the year. With all of these activities and projects, there are a number of volunteer opportunities available throughout the year. These opportunities include greenhouse planting and transplanting to Sand Point, fish tagging, wildlife camera checks, invasive plant control, and KBIC sponsored events such as the Kid's Fishing Derby, Environmental Fair, and Lake Superior Day beach clean-up.

In addition to volunteering, the NRD also offers hatchery and greenhouse facility tours to the public and

local clubs, organizations, as well as school groups. Last year we had over 270 visitors, including the Intertribal Nursery Council, Cedar Tree Institute, Great Explorations, Ottawa Sportsman's Club, and students from BHK, MTU, Hancock Middle School, Chassell, KBOCC, and NMU.

If you're in the area, we invite you to call us (preferred) or stop on by to see all the great things the NRD is doing for the area. If you're interested in volunteering or coming for a tour, please contact Michael Duschene at (906) 524-5757 ext. 10.

KBNRD TECHNICIAN PRESENTS OVERVIEW IN WASHINGTON D.C.



The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) Natural Resource Department and the Zaagkii Wings and Seeds Partnership were represented by Karen Anderson at the 13th Annual North American Pollinator Protection Campaign (NAPPC) International Conference on October 22-24, 2013. Karen, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Natural Resources Department Plant & Greenhouse Technician, presented an Overview, Nursery Program, and Sand Point Restoration: Achieving a Shared Vision at the NAPPC event

in Washington D.C. In addition to Karen, KBIC Natural Resource Department Wildlife Biologist Pamela Nankervis and Hatchery/Nursery Manager Evelyn Ravindran are involved in this innovative program.



Keweenaw Bay Indian Community

Employment Opportunities

For current job listings, complete job announcements, applications, and closing dates contact: KBIC Personnel Department, 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49908-9210 or 906-353-6623, ext 4176 or 4140 or visit: www.ojbwa.com.

Continuous/On Call positions:

* Pharmacy Technician (on call)	* Receptionist (fill-in)
* Facility Attendant (on call)	* Board Operator (on call)
* Registered Nurse (on call)	* Cashier (part time)
* Licensed Practical Nurse (on call)	* Account Executive/Sales (full time)
* Internal Sales Specialist (full time)	* Pre-Primary Teaching Assistant (on call)
* OVW Unit Manager (on-call, part time)	* Community Service Supervisor (on call)
* Pharmacist (on call)	* Unit Manager (New Day)
* Receptionist/Clerical Worker (on call)	* Family Aide
	* Van Driver (on call)





MICHIGAN ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Superior Watershed Partnership in cooperation with St. Vincent de Paul is offering **ENERGY ASSISTANCE FOR UP RESIDENTS IN NEED**



ASSISTANCE WITH UTILITY COSTS



HOME ENERGY CHECKUP



FREE ENERGY SAVING ITEMS



Upper Peninsula project coordinated by:

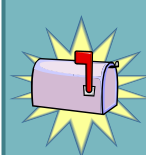


For more information contact your local St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store or visit www.superiorwatersheds.org/assistance for more details.

ATTENTION: ALL TRIBAL COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN

Applications for **Small Boat and Large Boat Commercial Fishing Licenses** for the **Year 2014-2015** Commercial Fishing Season are available at the License Department located in the KBIC Tribal Center. The new license year will begin: May 1, 2014. Applications must be returned to the **Licensing/Motor Vehicle Office** by: **Friday, February 7, 2014**. All applications for licenses will be reviewed and selected by the Tribal Council. The license fees are: \$75.00 for Small Boat-On Reservation; \$200.00 for Small Boat-Off Reservation; and \$500.00 for Large Boat-Off Reservation. All Tribal members who apply must have completed the required **U.S. Food and Drug Administration Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) Training** and present a copy of the certificate with the application. A **Boat Safety Fishing Vessel Examination** with a certified official must be completed, and that documentation must be provided with the application. The application also requests fishing vessel information including the vessel name, number, and length.

For Boat Safety Inspections contact the Tribal Police/Conservation Department at 353-6626 to make an appointment or contact U.S. Coast Guard/Hancock at 482-1520.



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

To place an ad, submit an article, or relate information or ideas on possible articles contact:

Lauri Denomie at (906) 201-0263, or e-mail: newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov.

All Tribal Veterans' Meeting at the Lighthouse, Sand Point, will be held every third Wednesday of the month at 1900 hours.

All Tribal Veterans are Welcome!

MICHIGAN ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

UPPER PENINSULA PROJECT COORDINATED BY SUPERIOR WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP AND ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

2 Peter White Drive ♦ Presque Isle Park ♦ Marquette, Michigan 49855

Phone: (906) 228-6095 ♦ Fax: (906) 228-6863 ♦ www.superiorwatersheds.org/assistance

December 4, 2013

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
Warren C. (Chris) Swartz, Jr., Social Services Department
16429 Bear Town Road
Baraga, MI 49908

Dear Mr. Warren C. (Chris) Swartz, Jr.:

The Superior Watershed Partnership (SWP) and the St. Vincent De Paul (SVdP) conferences throughout the Upper Peninsula are excited to announce a new program available to low-income households to assist with energy bill payments and increasing home energy efficiency. In early November the SWP received a grant award in the amount of \$1 million from the Michigan Public Service Commission to help qualifying low-income households during the crisis season (December 1, 2013 to May 31, 2014) or sooner if funds are depleted. Through the *Michigan Energy Assistance Program*, all the SVdP conferences in the UP will be able to take advantage of this funding to help low-income households as they go to their local SVdP friend in need office with unpaid utility bills. This program includes overdue billings or shut-off notices for electricity, natural gas, propane, fuel oil, and wood.

In addition to assistance paying energy bills, low-income households also have the opportunity to have an energy professional come into their home and identify energy efficiency opportunities for improvement. Participating households can also receive a free suite of simple energy saving measures including up to 12 compact fluorescent light bulbs, a low flow showerhead, 1 kitchen faucet aerator, 2 bathroom faucet aerators, pipe wrap, and a programmable thermostat. And finally, the energy professional will inform homeowners about any other state or federal assistance programs that might be available. All of this is free to qualifying households. The locations and contact information for all UP SVdPs and other program information are available on the SWP website at www.superiorwatersheds.org/assistance.

Best wishes this holiday season,
Carl Lindquist,
Executive

NOTABLE KBIC YOUTH CALENDAR EVENTS:

- Saturday, Jan. 11, Youth Activity;
- Thursday, Jan. 16, Open Soccer, 6:30-8:30 pm;
- Friday, Jan. 17, No School Activity Day (12:00-4:30 pm);
- Thursday, Jan. 23, Open Soccer, 6:30-8:30 pm;
- Saturday, Jan. 25, Youth Activity, MTU Hockey vs. Ferris State, 5:00 pm;
- Thursday, Jan. 30, Open Soccer, 6:30-8:30 pm.

Call Youth Office 353-4643 for more details.

Check out our page on facebook: KBIC Youth.



Deepest Sympathy

William M. St. George

(September 9, 1926-November 22, 2013)

William M. St. George, age 87, of L'Anse, MI, passed away on Friday, November 22, 2013, at Bayside Village. He was born in L'Anse, MI, on September 9, 1926, the son of Mose and Agnes (LaFountain) St. George. Bill graduated from L'Anse High School in 1945; then entered the U.S. Army during WWII. He married the former Dorothy Springsteen on May 13, 1948, at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in L'Anse.

Bill ran a taxi service for a few years, then in the 1950's he and his father bought the Central Bar & Café. He then worked at Bianco's Plumbing and Heating for over 25 years and then worked for Tribal Construction until retiring.

He was a member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, KBIC, Ojibwa Seniors, and American Legion Post 144 where he was a continuous member for over 65 years.

Bill was a well-known baseball player when he was younger. He enjoyed traveling and going for coffee at the Nite Owl with his buddy Joe Bianco, and he loved animals.

Surviving are his children: Cheryl (Robert) Massie of Baraga, William J. St. George of L'Anse, Debra (James) Bennett of L'Anse, Fred (Beverly) St. George of L'Anse, Brenda (Roger) Turunen of Baraga, Michelle (Steve) Synkelma of Ironwood; grandchildren: Krissy, Denise, BJ, Mike, Philip, Danielle, Jimmy, Jesse, Tawny, Austin, Ava, John, Greg, Michelle, Jason, Brandon, Kendra; and several great grandchildren.

Preceding him in death are his parents; wife Dorothy; brothers: Maurice and Grant St. George; and sister Jean O'Brien.

Baraga Area Veterans conducted military rites under the direction of American Legion Post 444 at the conclusion of visitation held on Monday, November 25, 2013, at Jacobson Funeral Home. A funeral mass was held at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church with Fr. Corey Litzner officiating following visitation and military rites. Burial will be in the L'Anse Evergreen Cemetery. The Jacobson Funeral Home assisted the family.

Viola Mae (Teenie) Banuchie

(March 31, 1935-December 5, 2013)

Viola Mae (Teenie) Banuchie, age 78, of Ontonagon, MI, passed away on Thursday, December 5, 2013, at Marquette General Hospital with her family by her side. Vi was born March 31, 1935, in Baraga, MI, the daughter of Leo and Bertha (Nadeau) Durant. She was married to John Banuchie for 58 years and had five children, 13 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren, whom she loved with ALL her heart.

Vi was known for her keen sense of humor, love of traveling, sewing, weaving, and crocheting. She was an accomplished self-taught musician, playing guitar and piano. One of her favorite things to do was gather at the kitchen table to chat with visitors, play puzzles, do cross-words puzzles, and read romance novels.

Surviving are her children: John (Debbie) Banuchie of San Antonio, TX, Mary Banuchie of Traverse City, Brenda (Randy) Jackman of Ontonagon, Bruce Banuchie of Baraga, and Tina (Bruce) Fox of Charlotte, MI; brothers: Leo Durant, Jr. and Melvin Durant; sisters: Julia Cardinal and Catherine Sandquist all of Baraga; 12 grandchildren; and three great-granddaughters.

Preceding her in death are her parents; husband John Banuchie; brother Dominic Durant; sisters: Leona Bolo and Martha Roy; and grandson Paul Anttila.

Funeral Services were held on Monday, December 9, 2013, at the Ojibwa Senior Center, Ceremonial Room, 208 Main Street, Baraga, MI. A luncheon followed the ceremonies. The Jacobson Funeral Home assisted the family.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

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



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

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.

Applications must be received 30 days prior to all drawings for processing.

JANUARY 2014 Calendar Events

Dec.31-Jan.1: Gov't Offices Closed, New Years Holidays;

Jan 3: Constitutional Committee Meeting, 1 pm, Council Chambers;

Jan 4: Reg. Sat. Council Meeting, 9 am, Ojibwa Resort Conference Room;

Jan. 13: KBOCC spring semester begins;

Jan. 15: Veteran's Meeting, 7 pm;

Jan. 20: Gov't Offices Closed, Martin Luther King Day;

Feb. 1: Mid-winter powwow.

~ 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.

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.

New deductions, you may now qualify! Check it out!

OJIBWA LIBRARY NEWS

We have new chapter books for readers in grades four, five, and six. *Gooney The Fabulous*, *Gooney Bird on the Map*, *Gooney Bird is so Absurd*, *Gooney Bird Greene*, and *Gooney Bird and the Room Mother*. Gooney Bird is a girl in the second grade who often finds herself in trouble and not on purpose.

New audio books: *True Colors* by Kristin Colors, *13 1/2* by Nevada Barr, *Dark Summer* by Iris Johansen, *Now & Then* by Robert B. Parker, *The Hit* by David Baldacci, *The Highway* by CJ Box, *Toxic Bachelors* by Danielle Steel, *Seconds Away* by Harlan Coben and *The Final Cut* by Catherine Coulter.

The American Indian Library Association (AILA) has chosen the following titles as the Top 10 Novels: Sherman Alexie: *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian*, and *Reservation Blues*; Leslie Marmon Silko: *Ceremony*; Susan Power: *The Grass Dancer*; Louise Erdrich: *Love Medicine* and *The Round House*; Eric Gainsworth: *If I Ever Get Out of Here*; James Welch: *Winter in Blood* and *Fools Crow*; and Ella Deloria: *Water Lily*.

Congratulations to Suzie Elmlad, Marsha Pharr, Aiyana Loonsfoot, and Aleshanee Hutchison our winners in the Native American Heritage Month drawings for November.



February 1, 2014, is Bring Your Child to the Library day. This would be a great way to spend time with your children or grandchildren! We are open 10-3 on Saturday.

~ submitted by Mary Bergerson, Tribal Library Director

THE PEOPLE'S GARDEN



- **Plot based community garden** located in L'Anse near New Day (Brewery Road)
- **Open to everyone** preference will be given to tribal members and descendants
- **\$15 fee** helps with some seed purchase, soil prep and maintenance
- **Sign up required before February 18th**
- **Information about gardening for beginners!**

For more information, contact

Erin: ejohnston@kbic-nsn.gov
(906)524-5757 ext. 24

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Kit: claux@kbic-nsn.gov
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Diabetes Talking Circle

Special Presentation

LaTisha Coffin
from
Great Lakes Fish & Wildlife
will be presenting

Traditional Foods & Health Benefits for People with Diabetes

Wednesday, January 8, 2014
Ojibwa Senior Center, Baraga
5:00-7:00 p.m.

A traditional meal will be provided.

You must be registered for this event.
To register or for more information
contact Heather at 353-4546.

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Earn punches for your Diabetes Advantage Card!

Would You Like FREE Money?

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

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

Funds may be used toward home purchase (down payment or closing costs), education (books, laptop, and other supplies that are required of your courses and are not covered), and small business start-up or expansion.

All IDA funds are now open to Tribal Members and First Generation Descendants of KBIC. Home Purchase and Small Business Start-Up or Expansion may be utilized in the service areas of Baraga, Marquette and Ontonagon Counties. Education IDA's may be used throughout the entire Upper Peninsula.

If you are interested in this program and would like more information on income eligibility please contact:

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

NEWS FROM THE OJIBWA SENIOR CITIZENS

January:
The January Senior Meeting will be held on January 8, 2014, at 12:15 p.m. We are working on upcoming trips—come to the January 8th meeting for more information.

Pasty prep — January 22, 2014, 12:15 p.m. (right after lunch)

Pasty sale — January 23, 2014, 5:00 a.m. Volunteers are needed as soon as possible. We are done by 10:00 a.m. Please come and join us and have some fun!

February:
The February Senior Meeting will be on February 12, 2014, at 12:15 p.m.

There will be a Valentine's Day Bake Sale on February 14, 2014, 9:00 a.m. at the Pines.

Pasty prep — February 26, 2014.
Pasty sale — February 27, 2014.

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for your votes and continued support in the Primary and General Elections.

We wish you and your families a New Year of good health and happiness!

~ Fred Dakota, Elizabeth "Popcorn" Mayo, Mike LaFernier, Sr., and Toni Minton

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Catholic Community of Baraga County



**Holy Name of Jesus
Saint Kateri Tekakwitha**

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427 N. Superior Ave. • Baraga, MI 49908
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Saturday—10am-3pm

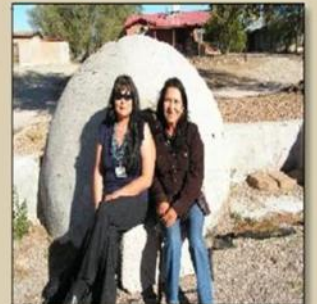
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UPCOMING EVENTS: DATA COLLECTION & More!

Now that the intervention is complete, we will collect more data to help tell us how well the program did and help improve it in the future. Starting this month, December, we will be contacting the same community persons that participated in our first baseline data collections (before the phases all began) to participate in more interviews. We will ONLY be interviewing community members we spoke to at baseline.

We are also hoping to begin the intervention in our other community partners soon. We are waiting for good news about funding that will allow us to spread our program to 2 other sites in New Mexico and Michigan.



Thank you for your continued support!

Happy Holidays!

The OPREVENT team, including:

Dr. Joel Gittelsohn, Jackie Swartz, Harrison Platero, Marla Pardilla, Brittany Jock, Preety Gadhoke, Karina Christensen, & Dorothy Chiu

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**Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
10th Winter Traditional Pow-Wow
Saturday, February 1, 2014
Niiwin Akeaa Community Center ♦ Baraga, MI**

Public Welcome

Host Drum
Four Thunders

Invited Drums
Beartown Singers
Summer Cloud
Woodland Singers

Master of Ceremonies
Stanley Spruce

Arena Director
George Gauthier

Assistant Arena Director
Kyle Gauthier

Veteran Honor Guard
Keweenaw Bay

Traditional Advisor
Harlan Downwind

Honoring : K.B.O.C.C.
11:00 AM

Pow-Wow

**Grand Entries: 1 PM & 6 PM
Pink Shawl Honor Dance: 4 PM**
Honoring Tracy Emery
Potluck Feast: 5:00 PM

Honoring
Miss Keweenaw Bay
Kristina Misegan

Tribal Elder
Philomena Ekdahl

Tribal Elder
Leo "Manny" Durant

Head Man Dancer
Paul Smith

Head Lady Dancer
Nancy Shalifoe

Head Veteran Dancer
Jim St. Arnold

Youth Head Man Dancer
Bryton Loonsfoot

Youth Head Lady Dancer
Aleah Maskew

Junior Head Boy Dancer
Assiniis Chosa

Junior Head Girl Dancer
Angel Loonsfoot

For information contact KBIC Cultural Committee
Cultural Center M-F 9AM-4PM 906-353-7020
Gerry: 906-353-6623 Ext. 4134 (day) ♦ Bev: 906-524-5188 (evening)
Doreen Blaker: 353-6623 Ext. 4565 (day)

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