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KEWEENAW BAY OJIBWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE 2014 HONORS AND COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

KBOCC Class of 2014 (left to right): Nancy Lamb, Zelina Huhta, Sarah Garver, and Stephanie Cree Kozich.

KBOCC held its Honors Convocation and Commencement Ceremony, Saturday, May 3, 2014, at the Niiwin Akeaa Center with four graduates receiving diplomas -- (Associate of Science, Environmental Science) Stephanie Cree Kozich; and (Associate of Arts, Liberal Studies) Sarah Garver, Zelina Huhta, and Nancy Lamb.

Timothy Shanahan, KBOCC Board of Regents Chairman, served as Master of Ceremonies. Woodlands Drum provided music for the processional, honor song, and recessional. The KBIC Honor Guard led the processional and posted the colors. Invocation was given by elder, Shirley McKasy. Debra Parrish, KBOCC President, presented the welcome for the ceremony, and Ogimaa Donald Shalifoe, Sr., gave the Tribal Council's address. WabaNungoQuay Alakayak awed all in attendance with her beautiful voice in a selection she made for the graduating class, "A New Soul" by Yael Naim.

Many awards were given to KBOCC students and faculty for their accomplishments during the 2013-2014 academic year as follows:

- Stephanie Cree Kozich, Valedictorian.
- Stephanie Cree Kozich received the Student of the Year Award.
- Sara Kagabintang received the Zoongide'ewin Award.
- Jesse St. George received the Outstanding Freshman Award.
- Terri Curtis received the Leadership Award.
- Tera Smith received the Excellence in Creative Writing Award.
- Stephanie Cree Kozich received the Outstanding Capstone Project.
- Dylan Friisvall and Stephanie Kozich received the Environmental Science Student of the Year.
- Gene Mensch was named the Faculty Member of the Year.
- Dean's List for Spring 2013: Leah Balowski, Margaret Boyer, Shannon DesRochers, Nancy Lamb, Denise Moschetto, Susan Newman, and Alicia Paquin.
- Dean's List for Summer 2013: Cassandra Ames and Melissa Gleason.
- Dean's List for Fall 2013: Kaylee Brunk, Terri Curtis, Teri DeCota, Jennifer Eberly, Sarah Garver, Dawn Gauthier, Beth Ann Gauthier, Zelina Huhta, Dana Jaukkuri, Valerie Jokela, Lindsey Loonsfoot, Connie McLain, Susan Newman, Ryan Owens, and Jesse St. George.
- Honors List for Spring 2013: Cassandra Ames, Georgenia Earring, Sarah Garver, Melissa Gleason, James Haight, Stephanie Kozich, Brittany Maki, and Angelique Pearce.
- Honors List for Summer 2013: Dawn Gauthier and Connie McLain.

- Honors List for Fall 2013: Martin Beck, Melinda Roberts, Helene Curtis, Jolene DeCota, Donald Denomie, Sr., Mary Kaye Durant, Aimee Emery, Juliet Goyen, Wesley Holappa, Nancy Lamb, and Casey Maki.

Tribal Council Members:

- Donald Shalifoe, Sr., Ogimaa
- Carole LaPointe, Vice-President
- Jean Jokinen, Secretary
- Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Asst. Secretary
- Eddy Edwards, Treasurer
- Warren C. Swartz, Jr.
- Susan J. LaFerner
- Jennifer Misegan
- Robert D. (RD) Curtis, Jr.
- Michael F. LaFerner, Sr.
- Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews
- Don Messer, Jr.



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- KBOCC Commencement
- May 10, 2014 Tribal Council Meeting
- Spring Fling Held
- KBIC Environmental Fair Held
- KBIC Headstart Graduation
- Five Retire from Ojibwa Enterprises
- Ojibwa Senior News
- Deepest Sympathy



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

(left to right) Sara Kagabintang with Dean of Students, Denise Cadeau, as she receives the Zoongide'ewin Award. The Zoongide'ewin Award recognizes a student who has demonstrated the qualities of courage and persistence in overcoming obstacles to his or her educational goals. Sara has overcome a range of obstacles including a childhood filled with difficult circumstances. She is a non-traditional student who took one course fall semester and went full time this spring semester. Her instructors describe her as a dedicated, motivated student who puts 110 percent into what she is doing.

MAY 10, 2014 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Regular Saturday Tribal Council Meeting was held on May 10, 2014, at the Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room in Baraga, Michigan. Ogimaa Donald Shalifoe, Sr. presided over the meeting with Carole LaPointe, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Eddy Edwards, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Susan J. LaFernier, Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Don Messer, Jr., Jennifer Misegan, and Warren C. Swartz, Jr. present. Jean Jokinen was absent.

Ogimaa Donald Shalifoe, Sr., shared numerous *Thank You* and *For Your Information* items addressed to Council. Treasurer Eddy Edwards gave the Treasurer's Report (page three) and Ogimaa Donald Shalifoe, Sr. gave the Ogimaa Report (page three). Department Head Reports for March 2014 were approved.

The 2nd Reading of Resolution KB-015-2014 was held. §3.1707 Alcoholic Beverages Prohibited On Baraga Powwow Grounds. Definition of Alcohol: For the purpose of this statute, alcoholic beverages include but are not limited to: Beer, Wine, Liquor, Mead, Saki, and any beverage that contains over 2 proof of alcoholic content that is meant for consumption. Prohibition, the possession, and consumption of alcoholic beverages are prohibited at the following location: The West Half of the West Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (W $\frac{1}{2}$ of the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$) AND the West Half of the East Half of the West Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (W $\frac{1}{2}$ of the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 27, T.51N., R.33W., Village of Baraga, Baraga Township, Baraga County Michigan. Commonly called the Baraga Powwow Grounds. Exception: 1) The alcohol prohibition does not apply to the transportation roads that go to and from the lighthouse and marina to US41. 2) The alcohol prohibition applies only to alcoholic beverages, not medicinal alcohol used to treat flesh wounds. Council heard comments from the audience. The Third Reading was scheduled for the June 7, 2014 meeting.

Ogimaa had scheduled an enrollment issue for discussion. The interested party was unable to attend the meeting. Diana Chaudier, Enrollment Director, did discuss the process in a denial of an enrollment determination. §17.707, Denial of Enrollment Application by the Board. Within thirty (30) days after the date, the Board makes a determination to deny an enrollment application, the Department shall send notice of such denial by certified mail to the applicant. §17.708, Contents of Denial Notice. The notice of the Board's denial of enrollment to the applicant shall include: 1) A statement informing the applicant that their application has been denied and the reasons for the denial; 2) any remedial action required to comply with the applicable standards; and 3) a statement that the applicant may seek a hearing before the Board within ninety (90) days of the date of the letter of denial. §17.1001, Formal Hearing Before the Board. The hearing is conducted by the Board pursuant to the requirements of this Title and shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Ordinance. §17.1002, Judicial Review. A decision by the Board in a hearing conducted pursuant to the Title shall be subject to administrative review on the record by the Tribal Court within forty-five (45) days. No jury trial shall be afforded.

Treasurer Eddy Edwards brought forward the donations for May 2014. **Motion by Eddy Edwards to approve the May 2014 donations in the amount of \$150.00 to Baraga Area Schools Educational Support Team for their VIKES Family Fun Walk/Run Fundraiser; \$500.00 to Baraga**

American Legion for Brass Grave Markers and American Flags; \$250.00 to Baraga SADD Chapter for their Alcohol Free Graduation Parties Incentives; \$1,630.00 to Cheryne Clements and Brigitte LaPointe-Tolonen for 2014 NPC, National Physique Committee, Junior National Body Building Championship being held in Roseville, Illinois; \$1,000.00 for Tom Chosa's request for the Baraga County Search and Rescue Department for a total of \$3,530.00; supported by Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews. Nine supported (Shalifoe, LaPointe, Loonsfoot, Edwards, Curtis, M. LaFernier, S. LaFernier, Matthews, Messer); two opposed (Misegan, Swartz); 0 abstained; one absent (Jokinen); motion carried.

Eddy Edwards brought forward a request to purchase a point of sale system for the casinos. The system will cover both of our casinos, will tie into our accounting, and will provide valuable inventory controls for alcohol, cigarettes, and other items sold at our bars. It will expedite the processing of ordering and tracking our inventory. Our Chief Financial Officer has been directly involved with the order to make sure it meets the criteria that our system requires. Both the General Managers and Francis LaPointe, CFO, have approved this proposal as being appropriate for the needs of our casinos. The cost is \$113,000 total for both properties with six terminals total, three in Baraga and three in Marquette, and can be added on to. **Motion by Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., to approve the Agilysys point of sale system; supported by Carole LaPointe. Eleven supported; 0 opposed; 0 abstained; one absent (Jokinen); motion carried.** Eddy Edwards will contact the Enrollment Director and schedule a referendum within the next two weeks.

Ogimaa brought forward a MIA travel request by Richard Geroux, of financial assistance to go to Minneapolis, Minnesota, to pick up a plaque for a long missing in action tribal member, Lawrence Chalifoux. **Motion by Susan J. LaFernier to approve \$406.00 (mileage) and \$454.00 (motel) for Richard Geroux MIA travel expense to Minneapolis; supported by Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews. Ten supported; 0 opposed; 0 abstained; two absent (Edwards, Jokinen); motion carried.**

Doug Smith, Manager of Lucky 7's, addressed the Council for a contract renewal. Additionally, his food license needs to be renewed by 05/15/2014. Eddy Edwards will work directly with the Lucky 7's Manager and the Tribal Attorney Office, and he will bring this matter back to Council. Mr. Smith will submit the food license application to the Attorney's office on Monday, so it can be brought to the next Council Meeting.

Evelyn Ravindran, Keweenaw Bay Tribal National Resources staff member, brought forth, on behalf of the KBTNRD, their information in developing an Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Program. As part of the program, they would like to have an agreement with the USDA Forest Service to help us prevent the spread of AIS through public education. These agreements would give us the means to hire an educator for eight months of the year and to purchase a boat washer. The Educator will work at multiple lakes throughout Baraga, Houghton, and Keweenaw Counties inspecting/washing boats and educating boaters, sailors, paddlers, and other interested parties about aquatic invasive species. **Motion by Carole LaPointe to approve the AIS agreement that will give us the educator and purchase a boat washer; supported by Don Messer, Jr. Eleven supported; 0 opposed; 0 abstained; one absent (Jokinen); motion carried.**

Jennifer Misegan brought forward a request for financial assistance with a Summer Reading Program at the Ojibwa Community Library. The program will focus on expanding literacy, drawing in reluctant readers through activities, and generating interest in the library and books in general. The program will consist of a weekly story-time and craft or experiment, a Summer Reading Challenge, and at least two events. It will be open to children and adults, and the theme will be "Fizz, Boom, Read." **Motion by Carole LaPointe to approve \$1500.00 for a Summer Reading Program; supported by Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. Eleven supported; 0 opposed; 0 abstained; one absent (Jokinen); motion carried.**

Carole LaPointe brought forward Resolution KB-026-2014, UM INMED Grant. The University of Minnesota Indians Into Medicine Program offers its activities to all tribes in a three state target area which includes: Wisconsin, Michigan, and Minnesota. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Council supports the Center of American Indian and Minority Health's application to the Indian Health Service in 2014 to continue INMED activities, supports the efforts of the Center of American Indian and Minority Health to guide, supports American Indian pre-health professions students, and recognizes their collaboration with American Indian Communities in creating appropriate and culturally sensitive learning activities. **Motion by Jennifer Misegan to approve Resolution KB-026-2104; supported by Don Messer, Jr. Eleven supported; 0 opposed; 0 abstained; one absent (Jokinen); motion carried.**

Council moved into closed session with tribal members. Upon returning to open session the following motions were made.

Motion by Carole LaPointe to approve the Letter of Intent not to exceed 2.6 million with no commitment at this time; supported by Don Messer, Jr. Seven supported (Shalifoe, LaPointe, Loonsfoot, Edwards Curtis, Matthews, Messer); two opposed (Misegan, Swartz); two abstained (M. LaFernier, S. LaFernier); one absent (Jokinen); motion carried.

Motion by Eddy Edwards to instruct the Honigman Law Firm regarding the oral arguments in the Mining Case versus the State of Michigan to instruct Honigman to have Connie Sue Martin be lead attorney during oral agreements; supported by Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. Ten supported (Shalifoe, LaPointe, Loonsfoot, Edwards, Curtis, M. LaFernier, S. LaFernier, Matthews, Messer, Swartz); 0 opposed; one abstained (Misegan); one absent (Jokinen); motion carried.

Motion by Carole LaPointe to approve Graybill and Mead, PLLC, on the purchase of property for Ojibwa Casino; supported by Eddy Edwards. Seven supported (Shalifoe, LaPointe, Loonsfoot, Edwards Curtis, Matthews, Messer); three opposed (M. LaFernier, Misegan, Swartz); one abstained (S. LaFernier); one absent (Jokinen); motion carried.

Motion by Jennifer Misegan to have a conference call with Dorsey and Whitney; supported by Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. Nine supported (Shalifoe, Loonsfoot, Curtis, M. LaFernier, S. LaFernier, Matthews, Messer, Misegan, Swartz); 0 opposed; two abstained (LaPointe, Edwards); one absent (Jokinen); motion carried.

Council adjourned with no further items on the agenda.

~ submitted by Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor



Deepest Sympathy

Sharon Rose Brunk
(June 3, 1961—April 30, 2014)

Sharon Rose Brunk, age 52 of Baraga, MI, passed away on Wednesday, April 30, 2014, at her home.

She was born June 3, 1961, in Wakefield, MI, the daughter of Albert Brunk, Sr. and Elizabeth "Betty" (Kenosha) Brunk.

Sharon received an Associate Degree from Northern Michigan University. She held numerous jobs within the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and also was very proud to have worked on the railroad. She was also on the Ojibwa Housing Board for a couple of years. She was active in the Baraga County Pool League and bowling league. Sharon was one of the original members of the Beartown Fire Fighters.

She loved her friends and family, had one of the biggest hearts, and would help anyone who needed it. She always gave even when she didn't have it. She will be missed by many.

Surviving are her mother Elizabeth "Betty" Brunk of Baraga; four brothers: Albert (Ann) Brunk of Baraga, Robert (Vanessa) Brunk of Watersmeet, David (Linda) Brunk of Mole Lake, WI, and Ron Brunk of Baraga; three sisters: Brenda Brunk, Nancy (Dave) Pawlowski, and Sally Brunk all of Baraga; numerous nephews, nieces, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father, Albert Brunk, Sr.

Visitation was held the evening of Friday, May 2, 2014, in the Ceremonial Room at the Ojibwa Senior Center. The wake continued until the time of service on Saturday, May 3, 2014. The family greeted guests at a feast which followed the service, held at the Ojibwa Senior Center. Burial will be in the Baraga Cemetery. The Jacobson Funeral Home assisted the family.

ATTENTION KBIC MEMBERS



KBIC Sex Offender Registry: **Community Education** **Meetings**

Ojibwa Casino Hotel Conference Room, 16449 Bear Town Rd., Baraga, MI 49908

**Tuesday, June 3rd, 2014,
9:30am – 12:30pm**

**Thursday, June 5th, 2014,
5:00pm – 8:00pm**

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community is updating the Tribal Code for Criminal Sexual Conduct and Sex Offender Registration.

Anyone with concerns regarding proposed changes to the Tribal Code is encouraged to attend one of these meetings for information about the proposed new code and its effect on the community.

For more information, please contact:
Chuck Miller – SORNA Coordinator,
KBIC Tribal Police at 353-6626
or e-mail cmiller@kbic-nsn.gov

OGIMAA REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2014

There has been a lot of activity in and out of our office for April 2014. Council met with DEQ to discuss proposed changes in the Ground Water Permit.

Our office met with representatives from the BIA to discuss funding for the upcoming fire season, as well as cooperation with local fire departments. This will have no effect on the current fire crews we now have.

A second referendum was held this month to put into effect monies approved by council to purchase new slot machines for the Marquette Casino. This was a resounding success.

Ogimaa's office has discussed with several departments about starting a mentoring program for our college interns to introduce them to the government work place. We have positive feedback on this matter. We, as a forward moving council, feel it is important to provide our young tribal members, who are furthering their education, the opportunity to experience the governmental workforce.

There have been five newly enrolled tribal members this month. The enrollment office has been working diligently to assist

tribal members with enrollment issues.

Ogimaa has taken a walk through the public works department. The organizational process of records retention has come a long way. The files along with the tool crib are organized and easily attainable.

We have met with the Community's Waste Management facility's department head this past month. The facility is coming along as scheduled and should be up and running as soon as late June.

This office, along with TERO and our personnel department, have been working closely with one another to reestablish contact with the Community to better facilitate the influx of tribal members into our workforce. We have been able thus far to place members where their skill level allows. As of 05/09/2014, the number of tribal member employees has risen to nearly 76% compared to 72% in December of 2013. This number will continue to grow as new mentoring programs continue, and educational programs are utilized more.

Miigwech,
Donald Shalfoe, Sr., Ogimaa

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2014

Treasurer, Eddy Edwards, gave a verbal report for the month of April 2014. (This verbal report was transcribed and edited by the Newsletter Editor with Mr. Edwards' final approval).

We have been working on our employee health benefits to try to mitigate the big increase in cost. We will be receiving bids from two outside firms: Consumer Mutual of Michigan, which was created after the Affordable Care Act was put into place, and Aetna.

The other big tasks we have been working on is the reinvigoration of our casino and a possible acquisition of the Baraga Lakeside Motel. Today, on the agenda, I have a Letter of Intent for the Council to look at and hopefully approve. The next step will be for us to sit down, put everything down on paper, do the due diligence before the potential acquisition, and bring that back for a final vote. When we bring the Letter of Intent up later in the meeting, it is not a final vote; it is just a step in the process. We have been meeting with the Casino Task Force, and the Casino has hired two teams of architects to do conceptual designs. The teams are comprised of outside specialists who specialize in casino design and local architects to help with the local foot work. One of these teams is OHM and Leo A Day Associates. Some of the posters present at today's meeting are rough drafts of potential conceptual designs of Leo A Day Associates. There will be multiple drafts coming forward to review. The other firm is U.P. Engineers partnered with the Cuningham Group. They are doing

a conceptual design and will present their first draft on May 20, 2014. If this new casino project moves forward, we will be in the position to acquire the motel and have a conceptual design ready to select. The idea is to have these two competing firms do designs and bring them forward, and then we will decide which firm to hire to do the full design if this project goes through.

I have been working with the radio station on new projects to try to expand the business of the radio station. Eagle Media is one idea that we have been working on to see if we can expand the services of Eagle Radio and get into marketing, design, ad placement, etc. We'd like to see if Eagle Radio could help out the casinos with their marketing efforts as the casinos are looking at outside agencies to help with their marketing needs. Last year, Bottom Line Marketing helped the casino all year. Currently we are receiving proposals from Red Circle Agency owned by the Mille Lac Band of Ojibwe, ROI out of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and U.P. Marketing. We are going to see how we can promote the casino, market it, and take advantage of some of the upgrades we have been doing. But we also want to see if we can fit Eagle Radio and Eagle Media in and try to create our own media company.

This concludes my report for the month of April. The rest of my report will be made available in closed session with Council and Tribal Members only.

Respectfully submitted,
Eddy Edwards, Treasurer

WORLD PREMIERE

"Mutt"

Starring

**SAMANTHA BACH MITCH BOLO
A.J. FARRELL DON STOLP, SR. KATIE ZUTTER**

Produced & Directed by **Rick Allen**

Featuring Music by
HANNAH BETHEL

CALUMET THEATRE

FRIDAY, JUNE 27th & SATURDAY 28th

7:30 P.M.

SCREENING IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE SHOW. TICKETS TO THE GALA DINNER WITH CAST AND CREW FRIDAY NIGHT AT 5:30 P.M. ARE \$15.00 EACH AND CAN BE ORDERED THROUGH THE CALUMET THEATRE BOX OFFICE (906) 337-2610.

Visit www.EarlySpring.net for Additional Screenings. "Mutt" is intended for Mature Audiences. Parental Discretion is advised.

JUNE 2014 Calendar Events

- **June 2:** Constitutional Committee Meeting, 10 am, Council Chambers;
 - **June 7:** Reg. Sat. Council Meeting, 9 am, Ojibwa Resort Conference Rm;
 - **June 18:** Veteran's Meeting, 7 pm;
 - **June 26:** Ojibwa Sr. Citizens' Pasty Sale;
 - **June 28:** Kids' Fishing Derby.
- ~ 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.



Our children are our most valuable resource.

Make a difference. Open your heart and home to a foster child.

Our community is in need of foster parents. All children deserve to have a safe and secure place to live. You could make a difference in a child's life by becoming a foster parent. To become a foster parent or to obtain more information contact:

**Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
Tribal Social Services
16429 Bear Town Road
Baraga, MI 49908
(906) 353-4201**



**Keweenaw Bay
Indian Community
Employment Opportunities**

- **Water Resources Technician—June 3, 2014**
- **Certified Police Officer—June 3, 2014**
- **Tribal Attorney, open until filled**
- **On-call positions:** Pharmacy Technician, Facility Attendant, Registered Nurse, Licensed Practical Nurse, Internal Sales Specialist, OJV Unit Manager, Pharmacist, Receptionist/Clerical Worker, Receptionist, Board Operator, Cashier, Account Executive/Sales, Pre-Primary Teaching Assistant, Community Service Supervisor, Unit Manager, Family Aide, Van Driver.

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

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

Attention KBIC Members Job Skills Assistance

The KBIC TERO Office is available to assist **KBIC Members** who are applying for Job Positions. TERO can help you complete your application to ensure consideration for employment.

For the best chance to make sure your application is considered, it must be filled out completely. Most employers will not consider an incomplete job application.

TERO will be available during regular business hours in the Tribal Center to assist **KBIC Tribal Members** in completing the application packet.

Please stop by or contact Melissa Koepf at (906) 353-4167 or e-mail melissa.koepf@kbic-nsn.gov.



**ATTENTION
KBIC
MEMBERS**

The 2nd Reading of the Proposed Amendment to the SORNA Ordinance 2014-05 Chapters 3.19 Criminal Sexual Conduct and 3.20 Sex Offender Registration of the Tribal Code will be held on Saturday, June 7th, 2014, in the Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room at 10:00 a.m.

The Tribal Council will receive verbal and written comments from Tribal members at the public hearing in accordance with the Legislative Process Public Hearing Procedure adopted by the Tribal Council.

Copies of the proposed Code 2014-05 Chapters 3.19 Criminal Sexual Conduct and 3.20 Sex Offender Registration are available at the Tribal Center, KBIC Donald LaPointe Medical Center, Pines Convenience Center, Ojibwa Senior Citizens Center, Tribal Court, Commodity Foods Center, Ojibwa Housing Office, and Ojibwa Community College. Copies are also distributed to all Departments within the Tribe.



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

All Tribal Veterans are Welcome!

NOTICE TO KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Tribal Council Secretary, Jean Jokinen, has been working on a project to educate community members on the KBIC Tribal Constitution. Mike Cardinal, Constitution Committee Chairman, and Jean have developed a pamphlet of the KBIC Constitution and By-Laws and will be distributing it to all Tribal members living within the Constitutional territory by mid-June. The Constitution Committee would like you to keep the following questions in mind when you review your pamphlet:

- Which sections would you like to see changed?
- Which sections would you like to keep?
- What governance responsibilities would you like to see achieved (Laws, Ordinances, etc.)?
- Of these responsibilities who should carry them out: Tribal Council or the Community at large?
- Should there be a separation of law making and business management?
- How would you like the election process to be handled?
- How should Council and management stability be carried out after the election (should there be elections every year, should new Council be seated immediately, etc.)?
- What is your vision for the Tribe's future and what should it look like?
- Do you want separation of powers between Council, Judges, and Administration?
- Do you want a code of ethics or conflict of interest rules?

Please submit your comments by email to: const-committee@kbic-nsn.gov, by mail to Mike Cardinal, Chairman, Constitution Committee, 16429 Beartown Road, Baraga, MI 49908, or by calling 906-353-4116. The Constitution Committee meets the first Monday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

**Historic Zeba Indian Mission
United Methodist Church
1832—Present**

Be watching for our Annual Camp Meetings this summer and worship outdoors on Sundays, 9:00 a.m.

19th Annual Vacation Bible School, June 23-26, 2014, at the Historic Campgrounds, Zeba.

Pastor: Rev. Stephen Rhoades

Church office 524-7939
Parsonage 524-7936
e-mail lumc@up.net



KBOCC Graduation continues:

- Scholastic Achievement List for Spring 2013: Jennifer Curtis, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Victoria Emery, Rachel King, Marie Kovach, Andrew Kozich, Jaimee Loonsfoot, Charlotte Loonsfoot, Gary Loonsfoot, Sr., Tabitha Miller, Amanda Nordstrom, Heather Ochoa, Jodene Rasanen, and Evelyn Ravindran.
- Scholastic Achievement List for Summer 2013: Jennifer Curtis, Adam Dakota, Jolene DeCota, Donald Denomie, Sr., James Fedie, Dylan Friisvall, DeAnna Hadden, Danielle Hueckstaedt, Brianna Koski, Stephanie Kozich, Kelly Larson, Charlotte Loonsfoot, Gabriel Mackey, Deena Misegan, Peter Morin, Michelle Moulden, Evelyn Ravindran, Melinda Roberts, Callie Urban, and Carli Younggren.
- Scholastic Achievement List for Fall 2013: Veronica Adams, Joanna Bemis, Cheryl Bogda, Ayla Curtis, Sue Ellen Elmlad, Sara Kagabitang, Andrew Kozich, Andrea McMahan, Amanda Nordstrom, Nancy Pawlowski, Jodene Rasanen, Evelyn Ravindran, Max Rivas, Betti Szaroletta, Isabelle Welsh, and Keri Williams.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Karen Andersen (above) gave the commencement address. "Welcome to the KBOCC 2014 graduation ceremony! I will be sharing with you some of my background, accomplishments, and obstacles I have faced as a student. It is my hope to be able to provide inspiration from my own experiences and to share with you the value of education. Everything begins with a thought, and when I was invited to give the commencement speech today, my thoughts went to a time when I was a young child of eight. My grandfather and I were on a drive when he pointed out to a field and said to me in his humble, kind manner, "Karen, there's a huge college going up there." I remember the concept sparked a sense of awe as I thought to myself that "I'd never get to go to college." For one thing, we didn't have any money, and for another our parents never encouraged education.

Just last year I graduated from the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College with a 4.0 grade point average and Valedictorian. Attending KBOCC provided me with opportunities one cannot get elsewhere. It was here that I learned about the Ojibwa culture, my own culture that had been hidden from me. I can't speak about KBOCC without mentioning my NASA sponsored internship experience. One of the requirements was to do research, and through the summer we worked collecting data on Plant Communities along the LVD Trail. The project was a success, and it earned me the Environmental Science award. The internship experience taught me to go the extra mile, to have courage, and to follow my heart. I remember too how a NASA scientist (high caliber) named Dr. Rock told me that I had really impressed him! (I was shocked and speechless!). - A MERE INTERN IMPRESSING HIM I THOUGHT? The great philosopher Socrates said it best when he said "to take charge and create the life you want while focusing on what is good

and true." Attending KBOCC was a positive and a personal milestone which has helped me do just that!

I earned a Bachelor's degree in Psychology back in '09 from Northern Michigan University and graduated Cum Laude and made the psychology department's honor society. When I first started classes at NMU, I thought it was a miracle. Why? Well, going back to that drive with my grandpa years ago thinking I would never go to college; and that field he pointed out was actually NMU! This brings me to a quote I found from Albert Einstein, "There are two ways to live your life - one is as though nothing is a miracle, the other is as though everything is a miracle. Currently I'm a graduate student at Western Michigan University studying Holistic Health, so I will be setting new goals as I believe the graduating class today will be doing as well. Graduates, the optimism you feel today, carry with you as you continue onward bringing all of your individual talents and unique contributions.

We know the pursuit of higher education can present many obstacles and for me, the biggest was overcoming myself from doubt and lack of confidence. Challenging courses can be intimidating and the work daunting and overwhelming. I found support from others and obtained tutoring whenever it was needed. Time management was a problem and lack of sleep; I worked full time and then drove 70 miles at night to get to classes on time. Figure out what works best for you and never give up.

Overcoming obstacles is worth the effort and the benefits are beyond any sacrifices you make such as: social growth, broadening world views, cultural understandings, sophistication, confidence, and increased job opportunities.

Here are some things that highly effective people do: they renew themselves (they don't get stuck in automatic thinking processes). They have a sense of commitment to growth, and they strive to build on integrity and maturity. They are pro-active and find inspiration through others.

I hope that sharing my experiences with you has helped to encourage you to continue the good work you've been doing. It's all up to you because you make your miracles. Reach out to others when you need to, and someone will be there for you. When you attain a goal, set another one, and dream another dream to follow because success is never final, and each moment is the beginning of the new.

Graduates, enjoy the wonderful moments today, you earned them! Excellent job and good luck on your journey."



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Stephanie Cree Kozich, Valedictorian, (above) addressed the 2014 class, "When I learned that I would have the opportunity to stand here and speak, I turned to Andrew and asked, 'What do you write in a speech?' He told me to use this time to tell about my struggles to get where I am standing today.

My plan when I was a little girl was to follow in my sister's footsteps and attend Michigan State. I had high hopes of becoming a scientist and spending the rest of

my life studying objects under a microscope. Well, as we all know, not all of us follow those dreams that we had when we were little.

I was a teen mom at 17, and I dropped out of high school in my senior year. At that time I thought this is just too hard, how can I go to school and take care of my daughter? I went on to have another child, my son Raymond, when I was 19. All the while, not many people knew except for my parents and sisters that I was also in a very abusive relationship. My parents have had to endure seeing the bruises I had on the outside of my body as well as the abuse that my emotions were enduring on the inside.

After overcoming a bad relationship and now having two beautiful children, I went back to school to finish. At 21 years of age, I finished my senior year and obtained a high school diploma. If I could go back in time and tell myself how much harder it was to go back to school with two small kids rather than just one, I would tell myself to 'suck it up and get through it!'

When I finally had my chances to go to college, I was 23. I just recently finished my first semester in college and planned to go back for the fall when I became a survivor of suicide, meaning someone very close to me decided to take their own life.

At that time I decided my kids needed their mother more than I need to go to college. I moved to Montana, while putting college on a back burner. With my six-year-old daughter and my four-year-old son, I began anew. I had a good job and being with my family again was wonderful. A month later, I lost my four-year-old son to an unknown illness.

My parents have always been by my side through all of the turmoil in my life, and they were right there with me, along with my sisters. While my son was sick, my dad stayed with me throughout the night, and my mom would stay with me during the day.

With facing the biggest heartbreak of my life, all I could think about was how did I look through my daughter's eyes. With that thought, I picked myself back up and quickly went right back to work and tried to struggle through a normal routine again with my angel. That was 16 years ago when I made that decision. I've never regretted getting right back into the swing of things, however, I never made it back to college. That is until a good friend showed up one summer in Montana with an opportunity I couldn't refuse.

Four years ago Andrew came to visit, and he told me all about this wonderful college that he had visited. He explained to me that everyone was so inviting and helpful, and I wouldn't have a problem fitting in. I moved to the U.P. three years ago and enrolled at KBOCC. Andrew was right about everything he told me with the exception of the snow.

Immediately, I fell in love with the school, and the best part was that I was finally going to live out my dream of attending college.

It was difficult, leaving my family behind to go someplace where that all I had was my husband, but we made it work. I spent many days and nights contemplating whether I should give up and move back home, but I carried on. And now I am standing before you today giving you this speech.

The point that I'm trying to make is that yes, we may face some difficulties in life that make you want to give up and not carry on, or maybe we think that our dream is too far out to reach, that its unattainable. I'm living proof, no matter how hard the situation is, you have an inner strength inside of you that you can use, and it will help you get through anything. All of us sitting here today have overcome some sort of obstacle to be here, however, we are here, and that in

itself shows great determination. My one wish for all of my fellow students is, please don't give up. If you want a college degree, go after it. It is attainable, and there are people willing and waiting to help you achieve that degree."



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Nancy Lamb, Associate of Arts, Liberal Studies



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Zelina Huhta, Associate of Arts, Liberal Studies



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Sarah Garver, Associate of Arts, Liberal Studies



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

(left to right) Jesse St. George with Dr. Lynn Aho, as he receives the Outstanding Freshman Award.

Each year's outstanding freshman is chosen by nominations from all the instructors. Some of the things his instructors said about him are: "Jesse is a warm and friendly person. You know that if you talk with him that your interaction with him is going to be positive. He always has a helping hand to lend, too. Jesse is the kind of guy who will help you to figure out how to do what you want on the computer, make sure you have good directions to get where you're going, open doors for people carrying things, help in class, and come looking for you to ask if you would like a copy of the pictures he took of the field trip you went on together. He has always been incredibly enthusiastic during PEAR (Program for the Enhancement of Academic Readiness) activities. He shows this by asking questions, talking about excit-

ing aspects of PEAR field trips, and making sure to take and share his field trip pictures. As a student he consistently attends his classes even when he has legitimate excuses not to. During this last semester he was in a lot of pain from a tooth fracture but attended classes consistently until he was able to get it fixed."

Jesse is a very bright student, who gets good grades as an Environmental Science Major. One instructor said, "He tackles challenges and figures out things that are difficult to understand," and "he stays on task and goes beyond the requirements." Another instructor who knew him as a high school student is impressed by the huge positive change in his approach to his studies. He has been an active participant in PEAR and has handed in all his PEAR assignments. He appears to be very motivated to succeed and does all of this while raising a large family.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

WabaNungoQuay Alakayak, performs a musical selection during the commencement ceremony.

GETTING READY FOR SPRING — SPRING FLING HELD

The Baraga County Spring Fling was held on Saturday, April 26, 2014 at the Niiwin Akeea Center, KBOCC Campus, Baraga, MI. The event's organizer, Heather Jahfetson, said, "We had another fantastic turn out this year with 260 registered participants. Each year it keeps getting bigger and bigger."

Copper County Great Start Collaborative partners with local family service providers to host the annual Spring Fling event. Providers this year include: Baraga County Memorial Hospital, Baraga Area Schools, L'Anse Area Schools, BHK Child Development, DIAL Help, Chassel Lions Club, CCGS, MSU Extension, Baraga GE Program, Kiwanis, KBIC PrePrimary Program, KBOCC, KBIC Language Nest, KBIC Tribal Police Department, KBIC Natural Resource Department, and KBIC Youth Program.

The three-hour event provided family fun where participants visited educational booths, played games, won prizes, and enjoyed the bounce house.

Below, (left to right) cousins Vanessa Lamson and Carmin Sakari get assistance at the Bear Clinic from Becky D'Agostino, RN



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Congratulations - Cousin's Graduate



Alexandra Leann Honey (left) and Rebecca Elizabeth Rasanen (right).

Alex is the daughter of Nancy (Rasanen) Honey. On May 2, she graduated from Michigan State University with a dual major. She received a bachelors of Arts Degree in Media Communication and Bachelors of Engineering Degree in Applied Engineering. Alex will be seeking employment for major network television in New York City.

Rebecca is the daughter of Carl Rasanen. On May 1, she graduated from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Athletic Medicine. Rebecca has accepted a Graduate Assistantship position at Ferris State University beginning this fall. She will also be continuing her education working towards a degree in Diagnostic Medical Sonography.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Above, (left to right) Chase Chaudier and Star Dunleavy spend some time at one of the activity tables. Below, Jace Chosa, gets his face painted as a dedicated red wings fan.



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OUR FUTURE—KBIC HEADSTART GRADUATION HELD



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KBIC Head Start Graduation was held on Friday, May 9, 2014, at the Niiwin Akeaa Center, Baraga, MI. The ceremony included four musical performances by the graduates: *Skid-A-Ma-Rink*, *Ambe Giwedaa*, *Off To Kindergarten*, and *Imbakade*. Each graduate received a diploma and special gifts from KBIC. Graduates are pictured above: (front row) left to right, Dayonna Picard, Taylianna Bryan, Maysen Thompson, Robert Mongozid, Joe Paquette, Tyson Olson, Leeland Meador, Gage Seppanen, and Quentin Supanich, (back row) left to right, Connor Dakota, Takoda Dunleavy, Bryson Garver, Silvana Klobucher, Aiyanna Gauthier, Layla Loonsfoot, Jadyn Chaudier, Brody Seppanen, Kayah Loonsfoot, Willow Rexford, Nizhoni Jacker, Noah Evans, Tori Ahola, Thomas Stiebe, and Bella Taisto.

Tribal Participants Rank High In Oshkosh



(left to right) Tyler Larson, Cheryne Clements, and Brigitte LaPointe-Tolonen at the Oshkosh Showdown.

Three KBIC members recently competed in the 2014 NPC (National Physique Committee) Junior National Bodybuilding Showdown held in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, on April 26, 2014. Tyler Larson competed in the Men's Physique Class C Division. Brigitte LaPointe-Tolonen competed in the Women's Figure and placed 4th in Class C Division. Cheryne Clements competed in the Women's bikini and placed 1st in Class C Division and was the Overall Winner. Since placing in the top 5, Cheryne and Brigitte qualify to compete at the 2014 NPC Junior National Bodybuilding Championship, to be held in Roseville, Illinois on June 13, 2014.

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.

KBIC ENVIRONMENTAL FAIR FOR LOCAL YOUTH

The KBNRD held the 6th annual Environmental Fair to celebrate Earth Day on April 23rd. The event provided environmental education to area school children, grades two — five. Attending the event were 286 kids from L'Anse, Sacred Heart, and Baraga area schools. There were displays from thirteen different organizations discussing topics such as storm water treatment, recycling, air pollution, mining, macroinvertebrates, native fish and invasive species, sustainable energy, forestry, and wildlife.



KBNRD Fish & Wildlife Biologist, Gene Mensch shows an invasive sea lamprey to a Fair participant. Photo Credit: KBNRD.

Earth Day is officially April 22nd and is a day to celebrate Mother Earth and draw attention to environmental issues. The first Earth Day was the brainstorm of Senator Gaylord Nelson, a U.S. Senator from Wisconsin, which began as an idea after witnessing the Cuyahoga River going up in flames in 1968 for the second time. The first Earth Day received support from both political parties - Republicans and Democrats, as well as rich and poor, tycoons and labor workers. It led to the formation of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that same year, as well as the passage of the Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, and the Endangered Species Act. Earth Day has been celebrated every year since 1970 and in 1990, the event went global. The event's purpose of encouraging social and political action by drawing attention to the environmental cause remains unchanged.

OJIBWA LIBRARY NEWS

The library has new books:

- *The Silver Lining: An Supportive and Insightful Guide to Breast Cancer* by Hollye Jacobs
- *The Monuments Men* by Robert M. Edsel
- *Sally's Baking Addiction* by Sally McKenney
- *Chestnut Street* by Maeve Binchy
- *The Wives of Los Alamos* by Tarashea Nesbit, a novel
- *The Divorce Papers*, a novel, by Susan Rieger
- *Vintage* by Susan Gloss, a novel

New movies:

- *Horton Hears a Who*
- *Flicka*
- *The Hobbit The Desolation of Smaug*
- *Dolphin Tale*
- *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs*
- *12 Years a Slave*
- *The Dallas Buyer's Club*
- *Nebraska*
- *Gravity*
- *Life of Pi*

2 New CDs:

- *Learn to Hear Powwow Songs*
- *Voices Across the Canyon*

New books for young readers:

- *Jonathan Rand's Michigan Chillers, four mysteries*
- *Jonathan Rand's American Chillers, four mysteries*
- *Four new Diary of Wimpy Kid stories*

New books for young adults:

- *The Divergent Series: Divergent, Insurgent and Allegiant* by Veronica Roth

~ submitted by **Mary Bergerson**,
Tribal Library Director

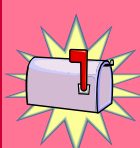
NEWS FROM THE OJIBWA SENIOR CITIZENS

June:

- June 11—12:15 p.m., Senior Meeting.
- June 21—Special pasty sale for Aura 100th Celebration. Start time will be posted at the Senior Center. We will only be making enough pasties for their event. Regular pasty sale is the next week.
- June 25—Pasty prep at 12:15 p.m. (right after lunch). We are done by 3:00 p.m. and volunteers are needed!
- June 26—Pasty sale at 5:00 a.m., or as early as you can get there. We are done making pasties by 10:00 a.m., with clean-up and bagging pasties to follow. Volunteers are needed and anyone who wishes to help with this senior fundraising event are welcome. Come join our fun!

July:

- July 9—12:15 p.m., Senior Meeting. Karen Lahti will be attending this meeting. The second deposit for those seniors going on the January 2015 cruise is due at this July 9th meeting.
- July 19—Special pasty sale for Aura Jamboree. Start time will be posted at the Senior Center.
- July 23 - pasty prep.
- July 24 - regular pasty sale.



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

Summer Reading Program

The Ojibwa Community Library will be holding a Summer Reading Program. The program will focus on expanding literacy, drawing in reluctant readers through activities, and generating interest in the library and books in general.

The Program will consist of a weekly Storytime and craft or experiment, a Summer Reading Challenge, and at least two events for children and their parents. The program is open to children and adults of all ages. The theme is "Fizz, Boom, Read", which has a science focus and was developed by the Collaborative Summer Library Program. This program is used around the country and will begin at our library on June 17.

Storytime will be held on Tuesday afternoons from 1:00 pm until 2:30 pm. The primary age for the Storytime will be ages 5 to 10, all children are welcome to attend; however, children younger than 5 will need to be accompanied by a parent or adult. Each week three books or stories will be read to the children and either a craft or a science experiment will follow.

The Summer Reading Challenge will last throughout the summer, ending August 15. It consists of four categories: **E** for children who cannot yet quite read for themselves; **J** for children who can read on their own, po-

tentially ages 6 to 12; **YA** for teens, and **A** for adults. Each registrant will receive a log sheet and will have to track the books that they read or have been read to them. Throughout the challenge small prizes will be awarded for each step achieved; the first prize is a one day swimming pass at the Ojibwa Motel. The second prize is a new book and the final prize is an ice cream cone at either the Baraga Drive In or the Frostie Freeze.

Children will also be rewarded for checking out and returning books to our library. Each time they return their books, the child will be able to pick out a prize from the "Treasure Chest".

Registration for the Summer Reading Challenge opens June 9 and runs throughout the week, ending on June 13. Storytime registration will only be held on June 10 from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm and parents are required to register their children. There will be an ice cream sundae bar that evening.

The Library staff is excited about the Program and is looking forward to sharing all that the Library has to offer with the Community. If anyone has any questions about the program, please stop by the library or contact Jennifer Misegan at 353-8163.



The Ojibwa Community Library Summer Reading Program



Registration for the **Summer Reading Challenge** opens **June 9** and runs throughout the week, ending on **June 13**. This challenge is for all ages, youth to adult. Small prizes will be awarded for books read throughout the challenge.

Storytime registration is **June 10 from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm** and parents are required to register their children. Storytime is primarily for ages 5 to 10. All children are welcome to attend, however; children younger than 5 will need to be accompanied by a parent or adult. There will be an ice cream sundae bar this evening.



HONOR FLIGHT COMPLETES MISSION VI

The Upper Peninsula Honor Flight has completed another highly successful mission of flying veterans to Washington D.C. to visit the monuments erected in their honor. For first time, Korean War era veterans were the majority of veterans on the flight which totaled 78 veterans plus guardians and support personnel. The veterans visited the World War II Memorial, Korean Memorial, Viet Nam Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, and Air Force Memorial as well as taking a bus tour of downtown Washington. A special feature for this Honor Flight was a show by the United States Air Force Honor Guard Drill Team at the Air Force Memorial and being greeted by the Marine Corps Brass Quintet at Reagan National Airport.

The Honor Flight takes World War II and Korean War era veterans to Washington at no expense to the veteran. They are accompanied by a guardian who pays their own expenses. The next flight is scheduled for September 4th. Application forms and more information are available at <http://www.upperpeninsulahonorflight.org/>.



Returning with the Honor Flight is Korean War Era Veteran Pete Shelafae who was accompanied by his son, Mike.



Seeking Princess Candidates

The KBIC PowWow Committee

is seeking essays from young women who are interested in representing the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community as Princess for 2014.

Essays may be typed or neatly handwritten, must be signed and include your address, telephone number, and e-mail.

Applications are available at the Tribal Center.

Applications must be submitted by

Tuesday, June 10th, 2014,
4 p.m.

Submit your essay and application to the Tribal Center, addressed to the *Pow Wow Committee*.



Eligible Young Women:

- Must complete application;
- Must be an enrolled KBIC member (enrollment card required);
- 13-18 years of age;
- Alcohol and drug free.
- A good role model (socially and academically);
- A traditional, jingle, or fancy shawl dancer;

The essay must be written by the candidate and contain each of the following:

- A biography about yourself;
- Your future plans;
- What our culture means to you;
- Why would you like to represent the tribe as its Princess;
- What you do/can do for the tribe (community involvement).



MARK YOUR CALENDERS!

36TH Annual Keweenaw Bay Traditional Pow-wow
July 25, 26, & 27, 2014

For more information call Gary Loonsfoot at (906) 353-4178 or e-mail: gloonsfoot@kbic-nsn.gov

Free Legal Help for Low-Income Native Americans

Michigan Indian Legal Services may be able to help you with your legal issue. MILS Attorneys can handle the following types of cases in Tribal Court:

- ◆ Child Welfare
- ◆ ICWA-MIFPA
- ◆ Eviction
- ◆ Appellate Cases*
- ◆ Guardianship*
- ◆ Other Matters

*Available in State Court Proceedings

To find out if we can help you with your legal issue, call us at (231) 947-0122 or toll free at (800) 968-6877. Our office is open Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. to Noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information, visit our website at www.mils3.org.

Michigan Indian Legal Services provides legal services to low income Indian individuals and tribes to further self sufficiency, overcome discrimination, assist tribal governments and preserve Indian families.



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KBIC Spring Cleanup 2014



Curbside Pickup

Who: KBIC Tribal households **within the L'Anse Reservation.** No businesses or non-Tribal households will be included.

Where: East (L'Anse) Side of Reservation
When: June 9th & 10th

Where: West (Baraga) Side of Reservation
When: June 11th & 12th

- Please place waste on the curbside for pickup by 7 am on the designated days for each side of Reservation; **no need to register.**
- Elders or Tribal Members with physical disabilities who are not able to move their waste to the curbside can call Dan @ 201-1726 to make special arrangements.
- Unacceptable items will be left at curbside
- If you have not been serviced by the last day of pickup, please call Dan @ 201-1726

Drop-Off Collection

Who: KBIC Tribal Members

When: June 13th 8 am – 3 pm

Where: KBIC Solid Waste Facility,
Ojibwa Industrial Park Road, Baraga

If you have questions, please call Debbie @
KBIC Public Works 353-2626.

PROHIBITED ITEMS:

- *Hazardous Waste
- *Fluorescent bulbs
- *Electronics/TV's
- *Explosives
- *Medical Waste
- *Radioactive Waste
- *Paint
- *Oil & Filters
- *Propane Tanks
- *Pesticides
- *Antifreeze/coolants
- *Solvents
- *Batteries
- *Construction Debris
- *Yard Waste
- *Tires

RESPECT OUR RESOURCES!

Public Service Announcement

Affordable Care Act educational program offered to business community

Michigan State University Extension is offering a training for the business community on the Affordable Care Act on June 9th, 2014 from 1 - 4 p.m. in the Community Room at the Peter White Library. MSU Extension Educator, Adam Kantovich, will cover the Affordable Care Act and how it affects small businesses, farms and individuals. There are many layers to the Affordable Care Act. This will be a broad overview of the basics within the three hour presentation. This presentation will include a hands-on activity to help participants determine whether they need to comply with the ACA. The cost is \$15.

More information and registration is at <http://events.anr.msu.edu/ACAMarquette>.

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 forty-three students were placed on the Honor Roll for the third marking period of the 2013-14 academic year:

Baraga — DySean Allen, Liliانا Messer, Steele Jondreau, Dana Kelly, Steven Maki, Presley Rasanen, Cheyenne Welsh, Opal Ellsworth, William Jondreau, Jr., Jenna Messer, Jailyн Shelifoe, Nathaniel Welsh, Aleah Maskew, Annaleese Rasanen, Brendan Varline, Frederick Dakota, Bailey Harden, Keegin Kahkonen, Angel Loonsfoot, Shawna Lussier, Bryton Loonsfoot, and Sheena Halverson.

L'Anse — Jade Curtis, Robert Jacobs, Christopher Genschow, Robert Genschow III, William Genschow, Alicia Stein, Kayla Dakota, Ti'ia Friisvall, Shay Ekdahl, Grayson Roe, Cody Clement, Karli Hoggard, Eva Lind, and James Veker.

Marquette — Vanessa Rabbaille-Kinney and Neebin Ashbrook-Pietila.

Sacred Heart — Rachael Velmer and Madison Smith.

Gwinn — Taylor Shelafoe, Kimber Shelafoe, and Lacie Stanton.

L'Anse-Baraga Community Schools — Lisa Waranka.

The following thirty-five students received awards for achieving Perfect Attendance:

Baraga — Robert Curtis, Octavia Geroux, Bailey Harden, Breanna Jondreau, Kamrin Kahkonen, Steven Maki, Lilianna Messer, Troy DeCota, William Jondreau, Jr., and John Messer III.

L'Anse — Elsie Madosh, Paige Zasadnyj, Keira Dakota, Chase Larson, Mariana Teikari, Cassandra Zasadnyj, Jade Curtis, Deija Dakota, Philip Edwards II, Christopher Genschow, Charles Spruce, Robert Genschow III, William Genschow, Kayla Dakota, Abbygail Spruce, Ti'ia Friisvall, and Cody Clement.

Gwinn — Kaitlyn Shelafoe, Destinee Stanton, Taylor Shelafoe, Kimber Shelafoe, and Lacie Stanton.

Ishpeming — Robert Webb-Grisham.

Negaunee — Brayden Velmer.

Croatian Chicken Dinner

Benefit for Andrew Schwartz, (seminarian)

June 14, 2014, 2-6 pm, St. Ann's Church, Baraga

Chicken 1/2 10.00 1/4 8.00

Takeout or eat in

Bake Sale & Raffle

Scholarship Program

MICHIGAN INDIAN ELDERS ASSOCIATION 2014 SCHOLARSHIP NOTICE.

The Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA) is pleased to announce that it will make available three (3) \$1000 scholarships and six (6) \$500 scholarships. The scholarships will be awarded to at least nine qualified students with the \$1000 scholarships being awarded to top 3 qualified students, as determined by committee review and lottery, if necessary. Each student must be currently enrolled in a course of study at, or have a letter of acceptance from, a public college or university or technical school and must meet the following qualifications.

QUALIFICATIONS – the student:

- Must be an enrolled member (copy of tribal card) or be a direct descendant of an enrolled member of one of the MIEA constituent Tribes/Bands (must be verified in writing by your tribal Enrollment Department).
- Must have successfully completed and passed all five General Education Development (G.E.D.) equivalency tests with a minimum score of 40 and an average score of 45 and must possess a G.E.D. certificate; or must have graduated from an accredited high school with a 3.00 grade point average; or if currently enrolled at a college, university or trade school, must have an accumulated grade point average of 3.00.
- Must, except for special and extenuating circumstances, attend college, university or trade school on a full-time basis.
- Must complete the provided application form and submit it with required supporting documentation and the mailing must be RECEIVED BY THE COORDINATOR not later than June 20, 2014. (PLEASE NOTE, incomplete or late applications will not be considered).

For more information see: <http://www.michiganindianelders.org/MIEA%20Students.htm>

2014 ANN MISEGAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The KBIC Education Department announces the availability of the 2014 Ann Misegan Memorial Scholarship applications. The scholarship amount is \$1,000, twice a year for up to six years, and will be awarded to a new student each fall. Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Enrolled Tribal member
- Attending an accredited college/university
- Enrolled as a full-time student
- Pursuing a degree in a Health Care field (nursing or dental program preference given)
- Resident of Baraga or Marquette County

Eligible students must complete an application, submit an essay detailing their interest in their chosen health 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 July 7, 2014, at 4 p.m.

TRIBAL ATTORNEY

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, located along the shoreline of Lake Superior in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, is seeking an individual to fill the position of **Tribal Attorney**. Candidates must possess the following:

- Juris Doctor from an accredited Law School
- Must be a member in good standing of the State Bar of Michigan, or commitment to secure membership
- Eligible for admission to practice before the Federal Bar, or commitment to secure such eligibility
- General knowledge of law with emphasis on applicable current case law, statutes and regulations relating to Indian tribes
- Knowledge of and experience with the operation of court systems
- Individuals with experience in Indian law and litigation desired
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Must work effectively with other people at a variety of ages and levels
- Competency in various computer programs
- Able to work independently to get a project completed

This position is located at the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Center and is an in-house position. Legal and/or Consulting firms need not apply. For more information, please visit our web site at <http://www.kbic-nsn.gov> or contact:

Hope E. Laramore, Personnel Director
Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
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Baraga, Michigan 49908
(906) 353-6623, ext. 4176
hope@kbic-nsn.gov



HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Head Start and Early Head Start will be accepting applications for the 2014-2015 school year. You may have an application mailed to you by calling 524-6626. Applications are also available at:

- KBIC Health Clinic
- KBIC Tribal Center
- Ojibwa Community College
- Head Start & Early Head Start Center

Reminder, all applications **MUST** be returned with a **proof of income**. All applications are due by **June 27, 2014**.

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:				<u>Use this amount</u>	
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:				<u>Use this amount</u>	
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.

ON TO NEW AND BETTER THINGS — FIVE RETIRE FROM OJIBWA ENTERPRISES



Dale Shalifoe and Sheryl Bullock.

Sheryl Bullock, Payroll Clerk, retired from the Ojibwa Casino Resort on March 14, 2014, after 20 years of service. Dale Shalifoe, General Manager, presented Sheryl with a plaque in recognition of her outstanding contributions and dedication to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and the Ojibwa Casinos. Sheryl's co-workers gathered at a special luncheon to extend her their best wishes for a long and satisfying retirement.



Dale Shalifoe presents Mark Anderson with his plaque of recognition for 15 years of service.



Dale Shalifoe presents Gerald Cadeau, Sr. with his plaque of recognition for 20 years of service.



Dale Shalifoe presents Gina LaBeau with her plaque of recognition for 30 years of service.

Mark Anderson, Gerald Cadeau, Sr., Betty Kauppila, and Gina LaBeau retired from the Ojibwa Casino Resort on April 28, 2014. Co-workers gathered at a special luncheon to extend them their best wishes for a long and satisfying retirement.



Dale Shalifoe presents Betty Kauppila with her plaque of recognition for 28 years of service.

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

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

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

Federal law, through the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, granted Tribes exclusive right to regulate gaming activity on Indian lands. Even if you or the members of your organization are not tribal members, the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Gaming Commission has the authority to regulate your raffle. It is unlawful to game without a license.

Please contact the KBIC Gaming Commission Office at (906) 353-4222 or stop by the office located at the Tribal Center for an application and a copy of the rules and regulations.

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



16429 Bear Town, Rd.
 Baraga, MI 49908



Tour Northern Michigan University With "Positively You" group

Please join us on June 30, 2014, as we will be going to NMU for a tour of the campus and meeting with staff and students. Leaving the Donald A. LaPointe Health Center at Noon.

Please bring money to eat as we will be stopping on our way home.

Please call Ann Marie Amsler 353-4506 or Mary Bergerson 353-8163 for questions and to sign-up!

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Baraga County Household Hazardous Waste & Electronic Waste Collection

2014



Saturday, June 7th from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Ojibwa Casino Parking Lot, M-38 Baraga

FREE! BARAGA COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY!

ACCEPTED:

Household Hazardous Waste	Electronics	Appliances NEW!
Antifreeze	CPUs, Laptops**	Washers & dryers
Artists paints	Monitors	Stoves
Automotive fluids	Keyboard, mice, cables	Dishwashers
Batteries (automotive & rechargeable)	Printers, faxes, copiers	Refrigerators
Cleaners & polishes	Scanners	Freezers
Compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs)	Cell phones	Dehumidifiers
Creosote	DVD/CD/VHS players	Air Conditioners
Flammables	Stereos	
Fire extinguishers	Microwaves	
Lead-based paint	Televisions	
Metallic mercury	Misc. electronics	
Motor oil & oil filters		
Moth repellents		
Nail polish & remover		
Oil-based paint, stain, & varnish		
Pesticides		
Photographic chemicals		
Pool chemicals		
Propane tanks (small)		
Solvents		
Transmission fluid		
Weed killers		
Wood preservatives		

** Certified Department of Defense (DOD) hard drive data wipe (Certificate of Removal) - \$10.00

NOT ACCEPTED:

- Wooden Speakers
- TV's with cracked/broken glass
- Monitors with cracked/broken glass
- Bare CRT tubes
- Asbestos
- Explosives
- Latex paints
- Non-household waste
- Radioactive material
- Standard & alkaline batteries
- Unidentifiable materials
- Unlabeled materials
- Vacuum cleaners

All containers must be labeled. If any container is in poor condition or is leaking, please place it in a sealed clear plastic bag. Do NOT mix chemicals or transfer chemicals into other containers.

NO SCHOOL, FARM, GOVERNMENT, OR BUSINESS WASTE WITHOUT APPROVAL!

Questions? Please call the KBIC Natural Resources Dept. @ (906) 524-5757 x. 20 or x. 14

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KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

427 N. Superior Ave. • Baraga, MI 49908
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- Community Education

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Ojibwa Community Library

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12th Annual KBIC Kids Fishing Derby

In Memory of: Gary Kirkish, Jim Corbett & William Kolehmainen

June 28, 2014

Honoring Fisherman Oscar Denomie

FOOD! Ojibwa Recreation Area **FISHING**
Off of US-41 Baraga
Sand Point Pond (near lighthouse)
9am-2pm

Registration begins at 9:00am
Registration ends at NOON!!
Derby starts at 10:00am
Ages 4-12

The first 400 kids will receive a coupon for a free fishing pole
Children must be accompanied by an adult.

GAMES! **FUN!**

CONTACT KBIC Natural Resources for more information:
(906) 524-5757 Ext 10 or 12
PLEASE HELP!

Volunteers, Displays, Donations, and Various Support Items Are Needed. Please consider contacting the KBNRD to lend a hand!