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Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Stands 500 Strong At Eagle Mine Court of Appeals Hearing



Baraga, MI -- About 500 members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) stood united concerning the importance of keeping their waters clean from the contamination associated with sulfide mining on June 3, 2014, at the Michigan Court of Appeals. Oral arguments were heard involving the Eagle Mine, Michigan's first permitted sulfide mine in the Upper Peninsula.

"This is the first time in our generation that the community as a whole came together to fight for true sovereignty and engage in spontaneous government participation. The goal of the new moving-forward Tribal Council is to bring transparency and involvement to the Anishinaabeg (the people)," said Donald Shalifoe, Sr., KBIC's Ojibmaa (Chief).

Many tribal members carpooled and traveled about eight hours to line up for the 10:00 a.m. Lansing hearing. KBIC's remarkable presence overwhelmed the Michigan Hall of Justice whose staff reported it was the largest turnout ever for a court hearing.

Tribal leaders and elders observed the hearing from within the court room, while hundreds watched and listened to the proceedings in an overflow video conferencing room. Traditional drumming and singing resounded outside the building following the hearing.

KBIC's Vice President Carole LaPointe remarked, "It was a very educational experience for our membership and youth."

The Anishinaabeg band has opposed the Eagle Mine development, located on Treaty of 1842 ceded homeland, since it was first permitted by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) in 2006.

Unsettled concerns involve the mining regulatory process; improper permits; in-

adequate assessment of impacts to the area environment, cultural resources and water quality, including groundwater contamination; and the potential for perpetual acid mine drainage upstream from Lake Superior.

Tribal member Jeffery Loman said, "The hearing today is another testimony to the fact that inadequate regulation and collusion between industry and government results in endless litigation."

One aspect of the evolving case questions what qualifies as a "place of worship" under Michigan's sulfide mining statute. An initial ruling by Michigan Administrative Law Judge Richard Patterson recommended mitigation of impacts to an Anishinaabeg sacred place, Migi zii wa sin (Eagle Rock), but the MDEQ made a final permit decision asserting only built structures are places of worship.

Discriminatory enforcement of Michigan law has led to substantial degradation to KBIC's sacred site. This includes obtrusive mine facilities and a decline access ramp into the base of Eagle Rock, non-stop noise and activity, and hindered traditional access and use. Spiritually significant high places like Eagle Rock are used in solitude by the Anishinaabeg for multi-day fastings, vision quests, and ceremonies.

Despite the passage of the American Indian Religious Freedom Act of 1978, Native people still struggle to protect their remaining sacred places in the face of extractive development agendas. "It is a shame that the United States of America, proudly founded upon values of religious freedom, has trouble guaranteeing this right to all of its nation's first people," said tribal member Jessica Koski.

KBIC anticipates a decision from the Michigan Court of Appeals within six months. The Eagle Mine's timeframe for

Tribal Council Members:

Donald Shalifoe, Sr., Ojibmaa

Carole LaPointe, Vice-President

Jean Jokinen, Secretary

Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Asst. Secretary

Eddy Edwards, Treasurer

Warren C. Swartz, Jr.

Susan J. LaFernier

Jennifer Misegan

Robert D. (RD) Curtis, Jr.

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Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews

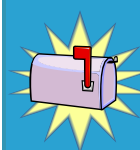
Don Messer, Jr.



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- Ojibwa Senior News
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production start-up is the end of 2014. "While the court deliberates, it is important to remember that regardless of the outcome, we are in the right for standing up for the Yellow Dog Plains. We hope the court understands their decision will have long lasting implications for this place, as well as other areas that are slated for mining," said Emily Whittaker of Big Bay, Michigan, who gathered alongside KBIC and other locally affected residents.

The Michigan Court of Appeals ruling will be an important precedent for additional sulfide mining proposals threatening Michigan's Upper Peninsula and waters of the Great Lakes.

JUNE 7, 2014 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Regular Saturday Tribal Council Meeting was held on June 7, 2014, at the Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room in Baraga, Michigan. Ogimaa Donald Shalifoe, Sr. presided over the meeting with Carole LaPointe, Jean Jokinen, 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.

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. said "I'll give the Ogimaa Report at the next meeting." Department Head Reports for April 2014 were approved.

Jerry Magnant (from the audience) shared a recent donation made by family friends, Betty and Ernie Brandon from Sawyer, Michigan. Mr. Magnant said, "Last year they were visiting around the time of the kid's fishing derby weekend, and they liked it so much and thought it was such a good idea of what the tribe does for their community that they donated 24 fishing poles for this year's fishing event." Council thanked them for this generous donation and asked for their address to send a proper Miigwech.

The 3rd Reading of Resolution KB-015-2014 was held. **Motion by Carole LaPointe to approve Ordinance §3.1707 to Prohibit Alcoholic Beverages and Drugs on Powwow Grounds; supported by Susan J. LaFernier. Six supported (Shalifoe, LaPointe, Curtis, M. LaFernier, S. LaFernier, Matthews); six opposed (Jokinen, Loonsfoot, Edwards, Messer, Misegan, Swartz); 0 abstained; 0 absent; motion defeated.**

The 2nd Reading of Resolution KB-05-2014 Sorna Chapters §3.19 Criminal Sexual Conduct and §3.20 Sex Offender Registration of the Tribal Code was held. Council heard comments from the audience. A Third Reading date will be announced at a later time.

Jean Jokinen, Secretary, brought forth an employee's request to schedule a (Governmental) Appeal of Termination Hearing for case #003-14. **Motion by Jennifer Misegan to schedule an Ap-**

peal of Termination Hearing case #003-14 at our next meeting; supported by Michael F. LaFernier, Sr. Eight supported (Loonsfoot, Curtis, M. LaFernier, S. LaFernier, Matthews, Messer, Misegan, Swartz); two opposed (Edwards, Jokinen); two abstained (Shalifoe, LaPointe); 0 absent; motion carried.

Bruce LaPointe requested approval for Resolution KB-028-2014 Transportation Program Agreement between the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, approving the Referenced Funding Agreement for Fiscal Year 2014, and approves the Direct (Retained) Services Agreement for Fiscal Year 2014. The amount for this Road Transportation Funding is in the amount of \$915,000.00. **Motion by Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. to approve Resolution #028-2014 Transportation Payment; Supported by Michael F. LaFernier, Sr. Twelve supported; 0 opposed; 0 abstained; 0 absent; motion carried.**

Bruce LaPointe brought forth the annual IHS Sanitation Deficiency System (SDS) Project List and Priority. IHS staff tours and reviews projects and assigns points; then Council rewards priorities as 1, 2, 3, and 4. **Motion by Jennifer Misegan to approve the IHS Sanitation Deficiency System Project List and Priority as presented; supported by Don Messer, Jr. Twelve supported; 0 opposed; 0 abstained; 0 absent; motion carried.**

Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. requested Council look at rescheduling the July 5, 2014 meeting and to make July 3, 2014, a holiday. **Motion by Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. to reschedule the Regular Saturday Council Meeting from July 5 to July 12 because of the holiday weekend; supported by Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews. Twelve supported; 0 opposed; 0 abstained; 0 absent; motion carried. Motion by Gary Loonsfoot, Sr. to table the request (to make July 3, 2014, a holiday), so we can review and refer back to the policies; supported by Susan J. LaFernier. Twelve supported; 0 opposed; 0 abstained; 0 absent; motion carried.**

Treasurer Eddy Edwards brought forward the donations for June 2014. **Mo-**

tion by Jennifer Misegan to approve \$800 each to Theodore "Austin" Ayres and Grayson Roe for their upcoming L'Anse International Trip to Europe for a total of \$1,600.00; supported by Eddy Edwards. Twelve supported; 0 opposed; 0 abstained; 0 absent; motion carried.

Council reviewed the 2% distributions for Baraga County and Marquette County. A Resolution will be brought forth at the next Council meeting.

Jennifer Misegan brought forth a request for financial assistance for an event, "Fostering Family Fun Day." This event will be hosted by the ICWA Committee and Tribal Social Services in an effort to bring families together and to provide some positive activities promoting healthy families. It will be held on August 16, 2014, at the Ojibwa Park. It will be a relaxing environment where KBIC Tribal families can enjoy spending time with one another. There will be a short program where we will discuss family ideals, healthy relationships, and the importance of culture in our families. We want to promote strong, safe, and healthy families. We also want to encourage foster parenting. At the NICWA Conference, we were reminded of the importance of prevention. It was stressed that \$1 spent on prevention, saves \$8 to \$9 later on. Our intention is to open this event up to our departments and invite them to provide information and games to our families. Some departments may only want to help financially and that will work as well. As our committee budget is very limited, we are requesting financial assistance to fund this event. **Motion by Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. to approve \$2,000.00 for the First Annual Fostering Family Fun Day; supported by Susan J. LaFernier. Twelve supported; 0 opposed; 0 abstained; 0 absent; motion carried.** Carole LaPointe authorized use of a \$2,000.00 Strengthening Families Grant through WUPSACA for this event as well.

Council moved into closed session prior to closing with KBIC members with two items on the agenda: Ojibwa Casino Resort Relocation Information and L'Anse Village Electric Plant Information.

~ submitted by Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor

"Zeba Hall" Community Center Ground Breaking



The Ojibwa Housing Authority allocated a \$200,000 match to the \$600,000 Indian Community Development Block Grant that the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community was awarded earlier this Fiscal Year. The grant will be used to build the new KBIC Community Center in Zeba. A ground breaking ceremony was held on June 2, 2014, at the former Zeba ball field site, the location for the new Community Building. Plans call for the building to be completed this fall.

Council/Community members: left to right, Vice President Carole LaPointe, Councilman Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Councilman Don Messer, Jr., Secretary Jean Jokinen, Councilwoman Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Ogimaa Donald Shalifoe, Sr., Betsy Ross, Gene Emery, and Gretchen Emery. Photo by L'Anse Sentinel.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2014

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

We had a Popular Referendum last month after the Council approved an expenditure for an Agilysys point of sale system that would cover both casinos. The Popular Referendum was held, and it was an unanimous vote of the 39 Tribal Members that were present.

The financials for the casinos came out for April. Marquette had barely a 1% increase in house profit for the month of April over last year. The house profit for Baraga saw a 40% increase in the month of April compared to last year.

Blue Cross Blue Shield has contacted us and wants to meet with and work with the tribe. They indicated that they had been prevented from meeting with the tribe for some reason in the past, and they want to meet and try to keep our account. We have agreed to meet with them. Myself and the Ogimaa have also met with VAST, a brokerage out of Marquette. This is a large firm that will be providing us with a quote from Consumer Mutual Insurance which was created out of the Affordable Care Act and received federal subsidies to go into business in Michigan as opportunities for insurance are very limited in Michigan. I've been told Michigan is probably the third worst in terms of com-

petition for health care, so this is why Consumer Mutual Insurance was created by a federal subsidy to provide more competition in the State of Michigan. We are going to look at that quote and what Blue Cross Blue Shield will offer to see what they can do to try to keep our account.

Another venture I've been working on with the Ogimaa and Trish Koski is to extend some of the Pines sales over to the L'Anse side. The Housing Authority has completed renovating the former Scoops building across from Lute's Corner Store. It was a little commercial first floor structure, and a doctor's office had been there previously. We are looking into extending a smoke shop there on the L'Anse side of the reservation to expand cigarette sales.

One of the issues we're having with the Agilysys point of sale system upgrade that was approved by Council and Popular Referendum is the company is trying to push back the schedule for implementation and upgrade back to October. We have told them that this is not acceptable. We are trying to work through this, so we can get the upgrade, the training, and get it moving. We'll see what happens there. We may need to get our attorney involved.

Another thing is our WICS, Written Internal Control Standards have been slow in getting upgraded, and the process that is required in the Gaming Ordinance is pretty cumbersome. I will be-

gin working with staff to introduce legislation to try to streamline that process, so we can get those written internal control standards in the Casino changed and improved to meet the changing times. It needs to get done and not be a three to five month process. There will also be some TICS coming from the Gaming Commission that we will seriously have to consider and how they apply to federal law. That will be brought forth at the next meeting.

We have been interviewing marketing firms. One is the Red Circle Agency, and the other is ROI, Return On Investments. They specialize in working with Indian Casinos and helping them develop their staff; their players club program which ours is called Eagle Club; helping them develop promotions; and the OASIS Casino management systems. We had good meetings with them, and we will look at trying to hire one of these companies on Monday after we check on some additional references. There will be a lot of opportunities to combine that outside agency with our OASIS and existing staff to take it to a new level as a part of being ready for our new casino and to increase our efficiency and the products that we offer at both of our casinos.

This concludes my report for the month of May.

Respectfully submitted,
Eddy Edwards, Treasurer

From the Office of the KBIC President: KBIC Manages Fishery in a Variety of Ways



Members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) have traditionally fished, both subsistently and commercially, throughout the area presently

known as the 1842 treaty ceded area within Michigan waters of Lake Superior for generations. This region includes Marquette Harbor and surrounding waters.

In recent times, two-three licensed small boat fishermen have, with strategic deployments of gillnets utilized the fisheries resources of the Marquette Harbor region, targeting Lake Trout, Lake Whitefish, and Lake Herring (aka Cisco). KBIC fishers follow guidelines and tribal code during these efforts, and commercial catches are closely tracked and monitored. In certain circumstances, the commercial extraction of valuable Lake Superior fisheries resources by KBIC membership reaffirms the right of tribal members to hunt, fish, trap, and gather ceded territory natural resources, a vital and greatly important aspect of the cultural and traditional practices of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians.

On occasion, tribal nets have been dislodged from set positions by ice flows, storms, or human disturbance. As a friendly reminder, it is unlawful to disturb and/or molest tribal nets deployed and intended to harvest commercially valuable fish species in Lake Superior. If you encounter a net that you feel is lost, unattended, or possibly has been at large for an extended duration (aka ghost net), you are encouraged to report said net to the following contacts: KBIC Natural Resources Department (KBNRD) at (906) 524-5757 x 10 or 12, or KBIC Law Enforcement Division at (906) 353-6626. Please do not disturb the net of interest. Instead, you are encouraged to geo-reference the location of the net (GPS), and/or call in your observation(s).

In addition to managing the KBIC Lake Superior Commercial Fishery, KBNRD manages all fisheries resources of Lake Superior in a variety of ways, including careful fisheries monitoring via standardized and comparable fisheries survey efforts, strategic and agreed upon fish stocking strategies, and environmental assessment efforts. All of these efforts are ultimately focused on gathering data that can be contributed to



KBNRD Fisheries Technician Shawn Seppanen applying a monetary reward tag to a retired hatchery brood Lake Trout before it is released into Marquette Harbor, September 2013.

the development and implementation of lake-wide best management practices for the precious resources of Lake Superior. To learn more of ongoing KBNRD management efforts, or to report information pertaining to suspect lost fishing nets, unattended fishing gear, or any other Lake Superior issues of concern, please contact us! Thank you!

KBIC Natural Resources Department (KBNRD)
(906) 524-5757, or visit the web at: <http://nrd.kbic-nsn.gov/>

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.



16429 Bear Town, Rd.
Baraga, MI 49908

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.

New Employees



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Janell Bianco has been hired as the Child Support/Friend of the Court Specialist. Janell said, "I graduated from Northern Michigan University on May 3, 2014, with my Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice and a minor in Native American Studies. I am the daughter of Jim Bianco of L'Anse and Jerri Lynn Duschaine of

Baraga. A few hobbies of mine include: fishing, hunting, camping, going to the beach, being a part of Off Road Racing with my boyfriend, Jordan Smith, and spending time with my family and friends."

Janell also interned with the KBIC Tribal Court's Probation Department during the summer of 2013.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Jennifer Heath has been hired as an Accounts Payable Clerk. Jennifer said, "I am currently a junior at Michigan Tech where I am working on a Bachelors' of Science in Accounting. I am the daughter of Judy Heath. My daughter, Jalisa, and I live in Baraga with our dog and four cats. I have

been employed with KBIC for 12 years. I worked 1½ years with Casino Housekeeping and 10½ years with Tribal Housekeeping. I was always cleaning the offices, and now I finally have my own office."



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Summer Youth Program is underway with orientation being held June 16, 2014. The 51 youth employees have been assigned job duties in the following departments: Keweenaw Bay Tribal Natural Resource Department, KBIC Tribal Police, Ojibwa BP, Department of Public Works, Tribal Forestry Department, Ojibwa Housing Authority, Pre-Primary Program, Personnel/TERO Department, Ojibwa Library, Eagle Radio, Commodity Foods, Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa College, and the Superior Watershed Program.

Pictured above in no particular order are: Cassidy Adams, Cassandra Alexander, Theodore Ayres, Ashley Beck, Cassidy Beck, Mathew Beck, Zachary Cardinal, Devin Chosa, Jayden Chosa, Fredrick Dakota, Brandon DeCota, Troy DeCota, Bailey Denomie, Haley Denomie, Donald "Keith" Denomie, Jr., David DesRochers, Gregory Dowd, Austin Durant, Isaac Ekdahl, Shay Ekdahl, Tristan Francois, Autumn Haajata, Sierra Heikkinen, Dillon Hueckstaedt, Ronald Hueckstaedt, Bruce LaPointe, Jr., Kiersten Loonsfoot, Sam Loonsfoot, Skye Loonsfoot, Edward Maki, Aleah Maskew, Lyndsey Mayo, Taylor Mayo, Kayla Messer, Makenzie Messer, Adebria Miron, Calix Miron, Zachary Owens, Jacob Picard, Toriana Rasanen, Davan Ravindran, Katrina Ravindran, Grayson Roe, Sean Spruce, Joshua Sutherland, Angel Tarnowski, Todd Teikari, Dana Thierry, Wyatt Walitalo, Nathaniel Welsh, and Sonja Welch.

NEWS FROM THE OJIBWA SENIOR CITIZENS

July:

- July 9—12:15 p.m., Senior Meeting. Karen Lahti will be present to give additional future trip ideas and will be collecting the second deposit for the January 2015 cruise. Deposit of \$300 per person is due. Also at this meeting, there will be a special election held for Assistant Secretary. Candidates running are Lois Bedell and Shirley McKasy. All seniors present are eligible to vote.
- July 19—Special pasty sale for Aura Jamboree. We will be starting at 12:00 p.m. with vegetable prep and making pasties. Volunteers are needed!
- July 23—Pasty prep at 12:15 p.m. (right after lunch). We are done by 3:00 p.m. and volunteers are needed!
- July 24—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 as early as possible!

August:

- August 27—pasty prep.
- August 28—regular pasty sale.

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KBOCC PEAR YOUTH SUMMER ACADEMY

The KBOCC Program for the Enhancement of Academic Readiness (PEAR) Summer Academy is in full swing this week. Over 20 middle school and high school students are enrolled for the Summer program. At PEAR, students learn valuable success strategies that will serve them well as they progress into high school, college, and beyond by attending eight different mini courses (including topics like Personal Finance, Alternative Energy, and ACT Preparation) and participating in twice-weekly field trips to local historical sites, museums, and universities. The Summer Academy began on June 9th and will continue until Saturday, June 28th. From June 29th until July 3rd, high school students will be able to attend an extended field trip to Chicago, where we will go on campus tours of colleges, visit attractions like the Botanic Gardens, Fermilab, and the Museum of Science and Industry, and spend a day at Six Flags Great America. PEAR will continue to offer after-school workshops, Saturday Camps, and tutoring services in the fall.



NAS 486 American Indian Education Law and Leadership Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver Brochure Project

One of the sessions from the NMU Service Leadership Project was about a project completed by the NAS American Indian Educational Law and Leadership group entitled, "The Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver Brochure Project." An informational brochure with a timeline of events creating the waiver was featured in the brochure. April Lindala, one of the students in the class, explained the need for "a comprehensive brochure describing the historical perspective of the tuition waiver and developing a timeline, developing a resource and reference list, and formatting and distributing the final brochure."

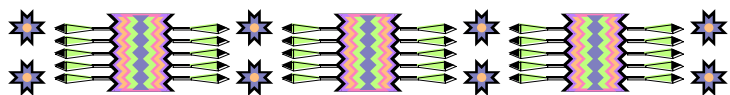
The latest changes are part of a long path of evolution for the waiver. To understand how the waiver came to fruition, one must understand the two historical paths: the first path being the treaty making era (1778-1871). The US Constitution established that the federal government, NOT the states, was responsible for relationships with the tribes. During this period, twenty-six (26) treaties were signed that contain educational provisions applicable to the Anishnaabe Three Fires Confederacy, and 16 of these treaties had specific provisions to the tribes in Michigan. The Treaty at Fort Meigs in 1817, established the University of Michigan, then the College of Detroit, and declared educational rights for "the children of the Chippewa, Ottawa, and Potawatomi", and the second path was the implementation of the treaty that authorized education guarantees in exchange for land use rights.

In 1871 Congress did away with treaty making with tribes. Eight years later, a federal boarding school program was implemented, with the goal of assimilating Indian children into the dominant society. These boarding schools were located away from the Indian communities and thought to be ideal for breaking the ties the children had to their families.



Left to right: David Haynes, NMU President; Aaron Payment, Chairman-Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians; William Mendoza, Executive Director of the White House Initiative on American Indian and Alaska Native Education; April Lindala, Director of the NMU Center for Native American Studies; Molly Meshigaud, Council Alternate Hannahville Indian Community; Carole LaPointe, Vice Chairwoman Keweenaw Bay Indian Community; and Dr. Martin Reinhardt, Assistant Professor of Native American Studies at NMU.

The most well-known federal boarding school in Michigan was located in Mt. Pleasant. It closed in 1934, after Michigan's governor, William Comstock, made a deal (Comstock Agreement) with the federal government to acquire the property in order to make a blue ribbon mental health facility. In exchange, Comstock agreed that the state would accept the responsibility of education for "all Indian residents" in Michigan without cost to the federal government. This was the beginning of the *second path* on which the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver is based. Despite the Comstock Agreement, no State funding for Indian Education occurred until 1972 (besides allowing Native American children to attend public schools). At this time, no direct educational services were provided while the state operated the Mt. Pleasant Regional Center on the land they received. A student at the University of Michigan filed a lawsuit for violation of the Treaty at Ft. Meigs by accepting land use rights without providing the educational guarantees. The case was eventually dropped, but this became the catalyst of creating the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver (MITW). State Representative Jackie Vaughn took interest in the case. He sponsored the bill that became *The Waiver of Tuition for North American Indians Act* (1976) PA 174. This was signed into law by Governor William Milliken. The MITW has since come under attack in 2010 which resulted in the Michigan Department of Civil Rights assuming administration of the program. The latest attempts to eliminate the waiver are from legislators who feel casino revenues should supplant state funding. NMU is working on elimination of federal financial aid requirements and full-time status requirements.



Deepest Sympathy

Lois Virginia Bogda
(March 8, 1941—June 20, 2014)

Lois Virginia Bogda, age 73 of L'Anse, Michigan, formerly of Milwaukee, WI, passed away peacefully surrounded by family and loved ones at her residence in Zeba, Michigan, on Monday June 2, 2014, following a courageous battle with cancer. She was born in L'Anse, Michigan, on March 8, 1941, the daughter of Harry Crebessa and Virginia Asher (Vanlinden). She attended school in L'Anse, Michigan, and received her GED in Milwaukee, WI. She studied at Milwaukee Area Technical College for Hotel Motel Management. She married Roger L. Bogda in Milwaukee, WI, on October 18, 1969, and they were married for 44 years. She worked at Briggs and Stratton as an assembler, and also had a career job at A.O. Smith Corporation as a production welder. Lois was a Breast Cancer survivor. She was the VFW Auxiliary President Post #2304. She was also the president of the AMVETS Auxiliary Post #27 and AMVETS State Officer in Milwaukee, WI. In 2000, Lois and her husband moved back to L'Anse, and she worked at the Baraga Home Helpers. She was a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and was an honored elder in 2006. She was also a member of the Zeba Methodist Church and the Ojibwa Senior Citizens where she enjoyed many laughs. Lois was one of a kind and will always be remembered that way. She enjoyed various activities, and some of her favorites were: bingo, casino hopping, cooking, taking care of her flowers, four wheeling, walks with her family, talking on the phone, dancing and listening to country music, NASCAR racing, but most of all Lois enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. Lois was a loving, compassionate, and kind person who always put a smile on someone's face. She had a smile that could light up a room; she was loved by all for her positive and uplifting love of life. Even though she suffered in pain for many years, she never showed it and always carried a smile and a joke to share with those she came in contact with.

Mrs. Bogda is survived by her loving husband, Roger L. Bogda; her children: Cheryl L. Bogda of L'Anse and Donald L. Bogda and friend Carmen of Green Bay, WI; grandchildren: Leona (Scott) Cardin of Waterford, WI, Melissa (Sean) Kruse of Woodridge, IL, Cheyenne Crebassa and friend Brandon of Colorado Springs, CO, Samantha (Ronnie) Chagnon of Colorado Springs, CO, Angelica Bogda and friend Mike of Baraga, MI, Roger (Boo) Crebessa of Woodridge, IL, Roger Bogda and friend Katie of Green Bay, WI, Sierra Curtis of L'Anse, MI, Jerry Crebessa Jr. of Arizona and Louis Curtis Jr. of L'Anse, MI; Great-grandchildren: Ella Cardin, Jordan Cardin, Angelica Crebessa, Matilda Chagnon, Blake Messer, and Aubree Messer; sisters: Cecilia Owens of Baraga, MI, Aurelia Hull of Grafton, WI, and Agnes Hueckstaedt of Baraga, MI; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Lois was preceded in death by her parents, son Jerome "Yogi" Crebessa, three sisters, two brothers, grandparents, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Funeral services for Mrs. Bogda were held on Monday, June 9, 2014, at the Reid Funeral Service and Chapel, L'Anse, with Reverend Steve Rhoades officiating. The family greeted friends at the funeral chapel on Sunday, June 8, 2014, from 6 until 8 p.m. and before the services on Monday, June 9, 2014. Following the funeral service, the family invited friends to join them for fellowship and a luncheon at the Ojibwa Senior Center, Baraga. Interment will take place in the L'Anse Evergreen Cemetery. The Reid Funeral Home assisted the family.

JULY 2014 Calendar Events

- **July 3 & 4:** Gov't offices closed—4th of July holiday;
- **July 7:** Constitutional Committee Meeting, 10 am, Council Chambers;
- **July 12:** Reg. Sat. Council Meeting, 9 am, Ojibwa Resort Conference Rm;
- **July 16:** Veteran's Meeting, 7 pm;
- **July 24:** Ojibwa Sr. Citizens' Pasty Sale;
- **July 25:** Gov't offices closed—KBIC 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.



Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Employment Opportunities

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

- **Tribal Attorney, open until filled**
- **On-call positions:** Pharmacy Technician, Facility Attendant, Registered Nurse, Licensed Practical Nurse, Internal Sales Specialist, OVW 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.

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.

Baraga Graduates



Devin Chosa is the daughter of Tom and Brandy Chosa of Baraga. During high school, she won several awards for her art, achieved perfect attendance, and worked on the Class of 2014 Senior Slideshow. Devin also received the Administrator's Award of Merit. She has worked for the Tribe's Summer Youth Program for three years where she worked with the Watershed Program, weeding and planting native plants at Sand Point. Devin's hobbies include traditional and digital art, four-wheeling, snowmobiling, spending time with friends, and listening to music. After graduation, she plans to attend college and major in Art.



Sheena Halverson is the daughter of Michelle Eilola and Paul Halverson. While in high school, she participated in Junior High cheerleading, band for six years, choir for three years, and made the honor roll. She has worked for the Tribe's Summer Youth Program. Sheena likes to design and make pow-wow regalia. She also enjoys beading, sewing, and singing with her father and family on the Four-Thunders Drum. After graduation, she plans to attend Main Street Cosmetology School in Ishpeming.



Congratulations to Freddy Dakota, recipient of the "Outstanding Student Award for Baraga High School."

Freddy received his award during the Baraga High School Graduation.



Frederick Dakota is the son of Brad and Cherie Dakota. He was a member of the high school bowling team for three years and cross country for two years. He also participated in the Local History Smackdown and was a High-Five mentor. Freddy won the Faculty Choice Outstanding Senior Award, has been on the honor roll numerous times, and has received perfect attendance. He is a member of the Youth Action Committee and a board member of the Baraga

County Community Foundation. His hobbies include making videos, playing soccer, and motorcycling. He plays in a young, local band called Treading Water. After graduation, Freddy plans to attend Northern Michigan University to major in Art and Design.

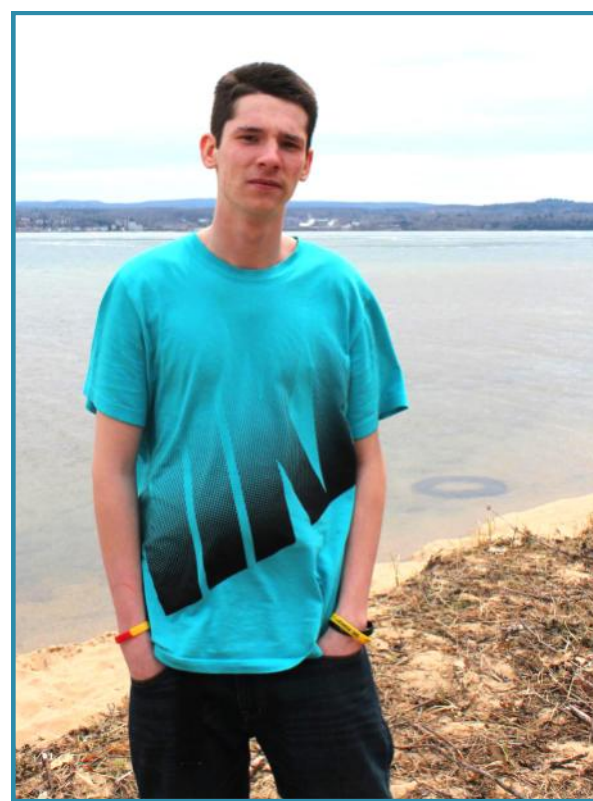


Desiree Jermac is the daughter of Bobbi Loonsfoot and Craig Jermac. While in high school, she has been on the honor roll and was a High-Five mentor during her junior year. She also participated in junior varsity/varsity cheerleading in the 9th and 10th grades. Desiree has been a member of the tribe's Youth Club and worked for the Summer Youth program. Her hobbies and interests include spending time with family, helping people, listening to music, writing, and walking. Her plans after graduation are to attend a community college for one year and then transfer to Grand Valley State University to receive a degree in psychology.



Toriana Rasanen is the daughter of James and Jodene Rasanen. While in high school, she was a member of the student council for two years, played Varsity Basketball for four years, Varsity Track for two years, and was a High-Five Mentor during her junior year. Tori enjoys sports, snowboarding, shopping, hunting, and fishing. After graduation, she plans to attend Northern Michigan University.

Community Schools



Bradley Berry is the son of Yvonne Hansen and Jim Berry. Brad does seasonal work for people in the L'Anse and Baraga areas. His hobbies include playing basketball, repairing cars, hunting, fishing, and making people laugh. After graduation, he plans to travel to Nevada to seek employment and eventually attend college.



Devin Curtis is the son of Helene Shalifoe and Paul Stafford. His hobbies include playing basketball, reading, horticulture, and listening to music. After graduation, he would like to attend either Northern Michigan University or Michigan Technological University.



Teresa Loonsfoot is the daughter of Olivia and Charles Loonsfoot. During her school years, Teresa played basketball. She worked for the tribe's Summer Youth Program, helping to set up for the Pow-wow. Her hobbies include singing, dancing, swimming, and playing basketball. After graduation, she plans to seek employment and possibly attend Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College.

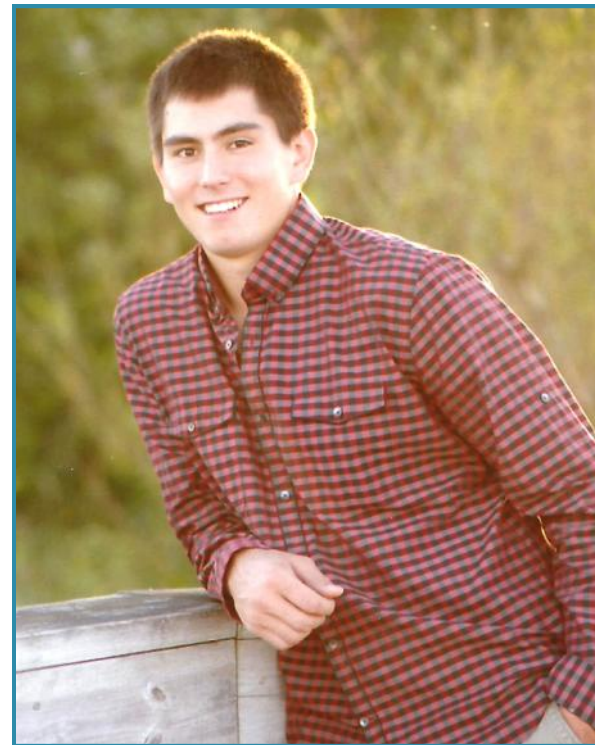


Seth Maki is the son of Frances Maki. He is currently employed as a caretaker for JS Home Helpers. His hobbies and interests are traveling, watching movies, using the internet, shopping, and helping disabled individuals. After graduation, he plans on staying at his present job and eventually moving to Houston, Texas, where he would like to get an apprenticeship to become a plumber.

L'Anse Graduates



Carisa LaFerner is the daughter of Melissa LaFerner and Jerry Fish. During high school, she was on the prom committee. She enjoys hunting, camping, four wheeling, listening to music, and gaming. Carisa achieved perfect attendance while in high school. After graduation she plans to stay in the area and attend Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College, majoring in Early Childhood Education.



James Veker is the son of Jack Veker and Rhonda Lavinge. While in high school James played football and basketball. He enjoys hunting, fishing, playing basketball, football, weightlifting, and being with friends. James was 1st Team All-West Pac for both basketball and football. He was also 1st Team All-UP Running Back for football, and 2nd Team All-UP for basketball. James has been on the honor roll numerous times throughout high school. He volunteered in the High-Five Mentoring Program. James worked for the Tribe's Summer Youth Program at the Ojibwa Campgrounds, the Fish Hatchery, and the Conservation Department. His plans after graduation are to attend Northern Michigan University and study Criminal Justice. He is also going to try to walk-on to either the football or basketball team.



Eva Lind is the granddaughter of Esther Lind. While in high school, Eva was a member of the Drama Club and SADD. She enjoys reading, playing video games, cooking, and spending time with family and friends. Eva was on the honor roll numerous times throughout high school, achieved perfect attendance, and Honors Convocation. Eva volunteered in the High-Five mentoring program. She was a camp counselor for the Tribe's Summer Youth Program. She plans to attend Northern Michigan University after graduating to become a speech pathologist.



Jacob Picard is the son of Rose Everson and Mike Messer, Sr. Jacob's hobbies include: bear hunting with hounds, fishing, mudding, snowbogg, snowboarding, and smelt dipping. Jacob made the honor roll during his Senior year. He volunteered at the KBIC Natural Resources Department while completing his work based learning course. He has worked for the Tribe's Summer Youth Program at the Ojibwa Campgrounds and Public Works Road Construction. Jacob plans to stay in the area and seek employment after graduation.

KBIC HONORS GRADUATING L'ANSE, BARAGA, AND COMMUNITY SCHOOL STUDENTS



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

The KBIC Education Committee honored the L'Anse, Baraga, and Community School Graduating Students at the Seniors Banquet held Friday, June 6, 2014.

Terri Denomie, KBIC Education Committee Chairman, welcomed students, their families, educational staff, and community members to the banquet and provided the open-

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Vicky Emery, Education Committee Member, presents scholarship winners with certificates. Left—Eva Lind. Right—Freddy Dakota.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

KBIC Honors Graduating Seniors continued:

ing prayer. Beartown Singers provided a welcome song and honor song. Lynn Haataja, Committee Member introduced the guest speaker, Debra Parrish, President of the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College.

Debra Parrish said, in part (content edited for length), "Life's journey brings many opportunities. I graduated from L'Anse High School in 1971. I attended NMU to obtain a Legal Secretary Degree. After which an opportunity opened up for me, and I became the secretary for KBIC's Attorney, Garfield Hood.

When the Ojibwa Community College first opened in 1975, this became an opportunity for many of us to go back to college. We had humble beginnings, but look where we are today. We teach courses in Native American Studies, Tribal History and Government, and Ojibwa Language and Culture. We are now expanding our programs and have just submitted our application to the Higher Learning Commission for our business program. We will soon be submitting our application for approval of the new location in L'Anse, the Wabanung Campus. Two additional programs will now be offered, Native American Studies and Fine Arts. We will be offering Vocational Education for Building Trades, Federal Certified Nurses' Aide, Culinary Arts, Automotive Technicians, and possibly a Corrections Officer Program. We will be working in conjunction with the University of Nevada, in Las Vegas, with a Public Health Curriculum, and with other tribal colleges with a Behavioral Health Program. We will also be providing study abroad. Graduates, these are some of the opportunities available to you right here at home.

We have recently installed our interactive video conferencing system in Harvey. This enables us to offer courses in Har-

vey from the Baraga or L'Anse campus or vice versa. The Tribal Government and Casino will be able to use this video conferencing system for meetings with employees in Harvey. We will also be offering our first on-line course in Early Childhood Education.

KBOCC students have many opportunities to travel and network with other tribal colleges and mainstream universities. Recently our students participated in the Student Conference in Billings, Montana, where they won first place in the Science Bowl. After defeating the larger tribal colleges and universities, one of our students remarked, 'We are the little college that could.' Those words remind us that we must never give up. I would like to congratulate each of our 2014 High School Graduates."

Lynn Misegan and Suzanne Kahkonen presented the graduates with certificates of achievement. Graduates received gifts from: Ogimaa Donald Shalifoe, Sr. on behalf of the KBIC Tribal Council; Charles Loonsfoot, Jr. and Dawn Alexander on behalf of the Education Committee; Gerry Mantila and Toni Minton on behalf of the Cultural Committee; and Sandy Pittsley, Ron Spruce, and Veronica Adams on behalf of the Ojibwa Senior Citizens.

The KBIC Education Committee awards two scholarships each year, one to a Baraga graduate and one to a L'Anse graduate. The seniors are sent applications and are asked to write essays about their accomplishments, community involvement, and future plans. The committee reviews all essays and applications and selects the winners. Each scholarship is for \$1000 and the check is sent to the student's college on their behalf. The 2014 winner for the KBIC Education Committee's \$1000 scholarship for Baraga is Freddy Dakota. The 2014 winner for the KBIC Education Committee's \$1000 scholarship for L'Anse is Eva Lind.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Front row (l to r) Eva Lind, Desiree Jermac, Toriana Rasanen, Sheena Halverson, Carisa LaFernier, and Teresa Loonsfoot. Back row (l to r) Seth Maki, Frederick Dakota, James Veker, Jacob Picard, and Devin Curtis. Missing from photo: Bradley Berry and Devin Chosa.

KBIC TRIBAL COURT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Clifford Durant, Jr. and April Dowd assist at the Indian Cemetery.

The KBIC Tribal Court offers probationers the opportunity to work off their fines and probation costs in lieu of payment when unemployed. The Community Service Program is a win-win situation; it gives the probationer the opportunity to put credit on their fines, a sense of self-accomplishment, and the ability to give back to the community in many different ways.

As incarceration is the Court's last resort, community service hours are used in sentencing in lieu of imprisonment in the county jail if possible. The Healing To Wellness Court clientele are required to perform a number of community service hours in each of the phases within their program as a part of the healing process. On occasion, community services workers have gained employment by different departments and businesses by proving they are hard workers and are dedicated to the task at hand.

Community service is not a new program; the Court has been utilizing this type of services for a number of years. Recently the Court has expanded the program and hired Probation Officer/Community Service Co-

Ojibwa Community Library Launches Summer Reading Program

The Library kicked off its first ever Summer Reading Program. Registration was opened up for their Summer Reading Challenge. The Library is challenging the Community to continue to read throughout the summer months. The Challenge is incentive based with different goals being set for different age groups. First prize is a swimming pass at the Ojibwa Motel, second prize is the selection of one of many new books, and third prize is an ice cream cone at the Baraga Drive In. As of press time, 89 participants had registered.

Storytime also began at the Library. This component of the Summer Reading Program is open to registered participants ages 5 to 10 years old and is based on the science theme of Fizz, Boom, Read! The first Storytime was held on June 17. Librarian, Jennifer Misegan, read two stories to the kids. Jason Ayres brought in his chicks and ducks. The kids got to hold them, pet them, and ask Jason a lot of questions about them. Their craft for the day was developing a flow chart on the life cycle of a chicken which was actually much cuter then it sounds.



The purpose of the program is to expand literacy, draw in new readers through activities, and generate interest in the library and books in general. Even though it's early in the program, the Library staff said it is working. "It's great to see the library so busy and so many children involved and checking out books," said Mary Bergerson, Library Director.



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 Koepp at (906) 353-4167 or e-mail melissa.koepp@kbic-nsn.gov.

COME CELEBRATE LAKE SUPERIOR DAY!

WHEN: Friday, July 18th, 2014

WHAT: Beach clean-up from Assinins to Pequaming

WHERE: Meet at the Sand Point Light House Day Use Area

TIME: 8:30am — Opening ceremony

9am-Noon — Beach clean-up

Noon-1pm — Lunch (provided)

Volunteers are encouraged to bring their own water and water bottles. Volunteers are invited to stay for a luncheon at the Sand Point Light House Day Use Area following the beach clean-up.

Optional afternoon Raptor Program with the Chocoy Raptor Center.

For more information, contact the KBIC Natural Resources Department at (906) 524-5757 ext. 24.

Call Lisa Denomie

"Let's Move" initiative is promoted at the KBIC Early Childhood Pre-Primary Education Program.

at 353-kids!



Openings currently available

M-F 6:30am-5pm.

Financial Assistance Available.

Before/After Head Start/Early Head Start

Ad by Jani Denomie

KBIC OVW Corner



The Ojibwa Casino employees have a Friday jeans fund in which they give a donation to wear jeans on Fridays. The employees elected the Niimigimiwang Transition House as the recipient of this fund in May which totaled \$639. Niimigimiwang earmarked these dollars for direct needs of program residents which are not covered by grants. Chi Miigwech to the employees of the Ojibwa Casino.



Hair braiding will be available again at the OVW PowWow booth this year. Everyone is invited to stop and see us at PowWow!

2014 ANN MISEGAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The KBIC Education Department announces the availability of the 2014 Ann Misenan 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.

Ever thought about being a foster parent? Didn't know where to start?

Please join the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Social Services and the Department of Humans Services for a question and answer session on becoming a foster parent.



**Wednesday, July 23, 2014
5:00-6:30pm
Ojibwa Senior Center
208 Main Street
Baraga, MI 49908**

For more information about the event call Isabelle at 353-4201 Refreshments will be served!

“Help to nurture & care for a local child in need. Apply to become foster parent!!”

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
Tribal Social Services
16429 Beartown Road
Baraga, MI 49908

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 dependant care deduction are allowed a deduction of actual dependant 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.

ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY DINNER HELD

The KBIC Health Department held a Mother's Day Dinner on May 12, 2014, at the Ojibwa Motel Chippewa Room of the Ojibwa Casino Resort in Baraga, Michigan. Mary Dee Shanahan, Community Health Representative, facilitated the presentation about yearly screenings for women. The Lucky Sevens restaurant catered the meal for 54 participants.



(l to r) above, Mindy Lantz and Elvera Lantz



left to right (sitting) Heather Wood-Paquet, Kathy Mayo, (standing) Mary Dee Shanahan, Mary Linden. All four provide health services through the KBIC's Department of Health and Human Services.

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!

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 KBOCC Environmental Science Department



Exploring the woods.



Testing pH.

Summer is field season for the KBOCC Environmental Science Department, and students are hard at work on a range of projects.

Students in Wetlands (ES242) are learning first-hand about the values of our area's wetland ecosystems which are commonly known as swamps, marshes, or bogs. Wetlands are a familiar sight in our area and provide many values to humans and wildlife. They help cleanse our water supplies, prevent floods, provide habitat, and are the home of sacred plants such as wild rice and northern white cedar. The course runs through July and includes many field activities for hands-on learning, where students will become familiar with the wide range of wetlands across the U.P.

Students in Plant Taxonomy (BI211) are learning how to identify various plants and plant communities of the U.P. In just a few short weeks, the students have identified over 75 plants (wildflowers,

shrubs, and trees) and have learned how to identify key characteristics of some of the most common plant families in our area. The class recently took a trip to Marquette County to explore the U.S. Forest Service Duke's Experimental Forest. Some of the noteworthy field trip finds included a patch of greater yellow lady's slippers, a moccasin flower (pink lady slipper), several species of violet, and some large American beech trees. Before the course ends in mid-July, students will have the opportunity to explore the far Western U.P. as well as some of the Keweenaw Peninsula's treasures, including Estivant Pines, Bete Grise, and Horseshoe Harbor.

Besides these two courses, several Environmental Science students are involved in research projects and internships through the college's partnership with the Tribal Natural Resource Department. Students are contributing to the KBIC community garden and greenhouse, are helping with a study of pollinators, and are assisting with a research project involving the invasive sea lamprey that threatens our valuable fisheries. Students also participated in an educational workshop to learn about invasive plants.

In all, these courses, internships, and research collaborations help prepare Environmental Science students for employment with Tribal, state, and federal environmental agencies and to become tomorrow's stewards of our rich natural resources.

KBIC Court Community Service Program continued:

ordinator, Ron Hueckstaedt, to oversee the program. Ron said, "Most recently we've cleaned up the Indian Cemetery and the Mission Cemetery prior to Memorial Day. We have workers assisting at the Fish Hatchery and with the Natural Resources Department's gardens. We send workers monthly to assist the Ojibwa Senior Citizens with their pasty making fundraising, and others assist at funeral luncheons, and others work at a number of other non-profit fundraising efforts. If you have a need for community service workers, please call the Court (906-353-4575) to see if your need fits the program guidelines."

WE WANT TO THANK THE KBIC MEMBERS FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO OUR FUTURE TOGETHER

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As of June 9th, Free Spirit Fitness will only be accessible with a swipe card. There will no longer be a code system. If your

membership is current, all you have to do is stop in the office to pick one up. If you need to update your membership, you will receive a swipe card at that time. 24-hour access is still available to you. The office is open M, W, and F from 8AM-9PM.

Please contact the community center offices at 353-4646 or 353-4644 for questions. Thank you!



**KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY
OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT
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427 N. Superior Ave. • Baraga, MI 49908
In Tribal Court Building

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• Email: ocss@kbic-nsn.gov

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- Community Education

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Ojibwa Community Library

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353-8163 oclib@up.net

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Friday—10am-4pm
Saturday—10am-3pm
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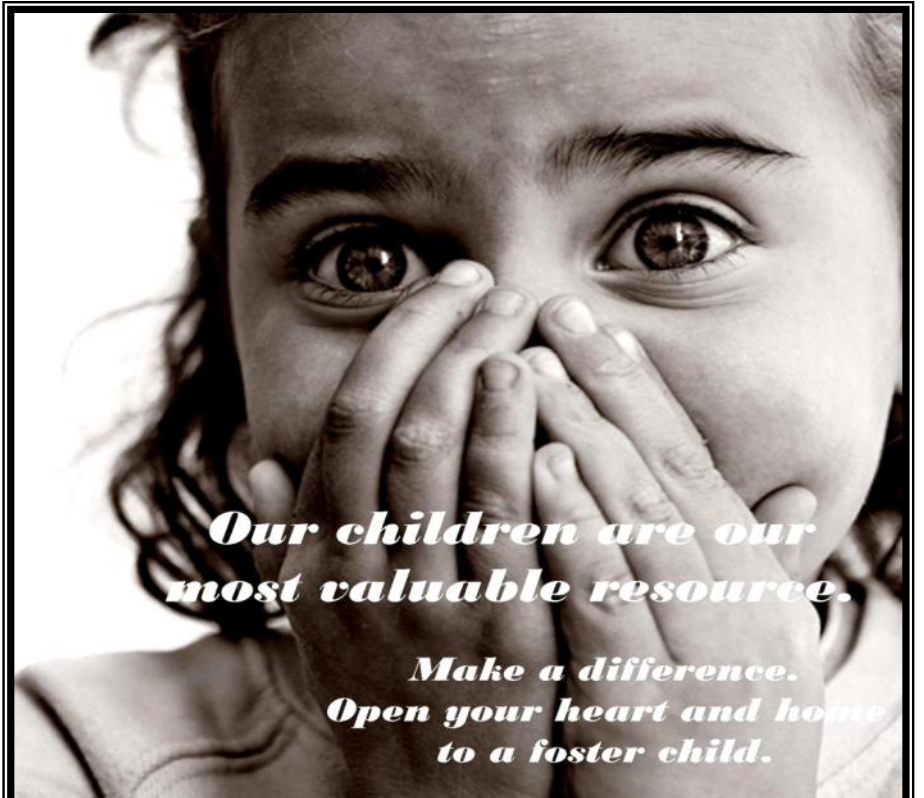
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Tribal Social Services
16429 Bear Town Road
Baraga, MI 49908
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OJIBWA CAMPGROUND - BARAGA, MICHIGAN
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COHOST - WHITEFISHBAY WHITEFISH BAY ONT

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