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ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS AND CHIEF JUDGE SWORN IN AT JANUARY'S SATURDAY'S COUNCIL MEETING



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Elected and re-elected Council Members show above as they take their oath of office. Left to right: Jennifer Misegan, Don Messer, Jr., Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr., and Susan J. LaFerner.

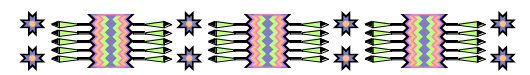


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President Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. swears in the reelected Chief Judge, Bradley T. Dakota.

Tribal Council Members:

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



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2013 KBIC Council (l to r) (seated): Jean Jokinen, Toni J. Minton, Susan J. LaFerner, Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Elizabeth D. "Popcorn" Mayo, Carole LaPointe, (standing) Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Don Messer, Jr., Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr., Robert D. "RD" Curtis, Jr., Frederick Dakota, Jennifer Misegan.

The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on January 4, 2013, at the Ojibwa Casino Conference Room, in Baraga, Michigan. President Warren C. Swartz, Jr. presided over the meeting with Elizabeth D. Mayo, Susan J. LaFerner, Jerry Lee Curtis, Toni Minton, Robert (RD) Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Eddy Edwards, Jean Jokinen, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Carole L. LaPointe, and Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews present.

President Warren C. Swartz, Jr. shared numerous *Thank You* and *For Your Information* items addressed to Council. President Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. gave the President's Report (page two), Secretary Susan J. LaFerner gave the Secretary's Report (page two), Treasurer Toni Minton gave the Treasurer's Report (page five), and CEO Larry Denomie gave the CEO Report (page four). Council passed the Department Head Reports for November 2012.

Toni Minton presented the donation list for January 2013. **Elizabeth D. Mayo motioned to approve \$500 for Special Olympic Matching Grant and \$500 for Native American Ministries of the Grand Rapids District for Native elder (senior) meals and the Gun Lake Tribe matches donations, for a total of \$1,000, supported by Susan J. LaFerner, eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**

Diana Chaudier, Election Board Chairperson, presented the December 15, 2012, General Election results for certification. Results for Tribal Council in the Baraga District were: Jerry Lee Curtis 162 votes, Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. 276, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr. 181, and Don Messer, Jr. 184. Results for Tribal Council in the L'Anse District were: Eddy Edwards 185, Susan J. LaFerner 256, David J. Haataja 143, and Jennifer Misegan 198. For Chief Judge: Bradley T. Dakota 356. A recount was held on Monday, December 17,

2012, for the Baraga District only, due to the fact there were three votes between two of the candidates. The recount verified the same outcome. Out of 681 registered voters (822 members are eligible to register), 429 (63%) voted in the General Election. **Elizabeth D. Mayo motioned to approve the December 15, 2012, General Election results, supported by Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**

President Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. recognized Jerry Lee Curtis and Eddy Edwards for their years of service as Council Members. Jerry Lee Curtis became a Council Member in 2007 and served two consecutive terms from 2007 through 2012. He served on the Executive Board as Assistant Secretary in 2012. Eddy Edwards served on the Council for one term from 2010 through 2012. He was voted to the Executive Board as Treasurer in 2010 which he held until he resigned that position in October of 2011. Both received parting gifts on behalf of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and the Tribal Council.

Eddy Edwards stated, "I was honored for this position and would like to thank the Community for allowing me to serve. Two things I am proud of is the Grandparent Visitation Statute which is of vital importance in recog-

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- January 4, 2013 Tribal Council Meeting
- KBIC Response To Governor Snyder's Opposition To The Marquette Gas Station
- KBOCC Update
- Ojibwa Senior Citizens News
- New Pharmacy Hours
- Retirees — Changes To Michigan Tax Laws
- New Employees
- Deepest Sympathy

nizing our elders in their rights as grandparents, and with Susan LaFernier's help, along with others, the statute protecting our unborn children."

Jerry Lee Curtis indicated, "It was an honor to have served, and it was a learning experience. Jennifer knows what it's about, and Don is going to learn quickly. I hope they do well. I think we are going in the right direction, and I don't mind taking a rest. Thank you."

President Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. conducted the oath of office for re-elected Chief Judge Bradley T. Dakota. Vice President Elizabeth "Popcorn" Mayo conducted the oath of office to the newly elected and re-elected Council Members: Jennifer Misegan, Don Messer, Jr., Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr., and Susan J. LaFernier.

Reorganization nominations were made and secret ballot vote totals follow: Two nominations for President: Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. (nine votes), Carole LaPointe (two votes), Frederick Dakota received one vote which was not counted as he was not a nominated candidate - Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. was named President. Two nominations for Vice President: Elizabeth D. Mayo (seven votes), Carole LaPointe

(five votes) - Elizabeth D. Mayo was named Vice President. Two nominations for Secretary: Susan J. LaFernier (ten votes), Carole LaPointe (two votes) - Susan J. LaFernier was named Secretary. Two nominations for Assistant Secretary: Toni Minton (nine votes), Carole LaPointe (three votes) - Toni Minton was named Assistant Secretary. Two nominations for Treasurer: Jennifer Misegan (seven votes), Carole LaPointe (five votes) - Jennifer Misegan was named Treasurer.

Motion by Toni Minton to utilize Superior National Bank and Wells Fargo for depository of funds, supported by Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., ten supported (Mayo, Minton, Misegan, R. Curtis, Dakota, Jokinen, M. LaFernier, LaPointe, Matthews, Messer), 0 opposed, one abstained (S. LaFernier), motion carried. Motion by Toni Minton to have the check signers remain the same as last year, one Executive Council Official and one other Council Member sign the checks, supported by Frederick Dakota, eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried. Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to keep the Tribal Court and Child Support Enforcement Program check signers to remain the

same as last year, (Court--Chief Tribal Judge, Associate Judge, Chief Court Clerk, twelve Council members, and Child Support Enforcement Program--Child Support Director, Child Support Specialist, Chief Tribal Judge, Associate Judge, Chief Court Clerk, twelve Council members), supported by Susan J. LaFernier, eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.

Jennifer Misegan resigned her position as Gaming Commissioner and suggested that the position be posted as soon as possible. The Ordinance states a Commissioner must not hold any elected position within the Community while at the same time serving as Commissioner. **Motion by Frederick Dakota to accept Jennifer Misegan's resignation from the Gaming Commission and to post the position as soon as possible, supported by Elizabeth D. Mayo, ten supported (Mayo, S. LaFernier, Minton, R. Curtis, Dakota, Jokinen, M. LaFernier, LaPointe, Matthews, Messer), 0 opposed, one abstained (Misegan), motion carried**

Council adjourned with no closed session matters.

~ submitted by Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2012

The following is a list of activities that occurred in the office of the President for the month of December 2012:

- I attended the Fourth Annual White House Tribal Nations Summit. We discussed a number of items and heard from cabinet members from the Secretary to the President. We discussed Nation to Nation relationships, law enforcement, healthcare, education, and youth, as well as, economic development, cultural protection resources, and the environment. After we heard from the President, we went into breakout sessions. I attended the break out session relating to cultural protection and the natural resources where I had the opportunity to talk to the Secretary of the EPA, Lisa Jackson. I spoke with her about our Community's concerns with Miigiziwasin and about how the Michigan Department of Environment Quality is not listening to us or allowing us to participate in a government to government consultation process. I told the EPA that I think it is not right, and the EPA has a responsibility to the tribes. When they delegate that authority to the State of Michigan those consultations should be included with it. Our

Community is concerned for the lack of consultation for some of the things that are happening on the reservation.

- I attended an Aanikoosking, Inc. meeting. We are continuing to look at our options, and there are some items that need to be done concerning the makeup of the board.
- I attended the Tribal Christmas Party.
- The Keweenaw Bay Tribal Council appointed Justice Mechlin to the Tribe's Appellate Court.
- The Governor received a 180-day extension on the two-part application for the Casino in Chocolate Township. He was scheduled to make a decision on December 21-22, 2012, and he indicated that he did not have enough time, and he wanted to thoroughly take a look at the situation before making a decision. Kevin Washburn, Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), called and indicated that he was going to approve the extension, and once I said that we were okay with the extension, he went ahead and approved the governor's request for the 180-day extension.
- I submitted Tribal Code's Titles IV

through VI to the BIA for review.

- I assigned the Attorney's office to review the Transitional Home policies and procedures.
- The Cobell settlement checks have been issued. If you are a part of the Cobell settlement and did not get a check issued, the tribe does not have the answer, but we certainly can inform you who to call.
- Yesterday afternoon, I was informed by Janice Halverson, CAP Director, that CITGO approved our LIHEAP funding.
- County Road 595 was not approved by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. County Road 595 was proposed by Kennecott for the mine and was a direct route from the mine site directly south to the mill in Humboldt Township. The MEQ said there were a number of environmental issues, and they were not comfortable issuing or approving the permit.

This concludes my report.

Respectfully submitted,

Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2012

Activities reported by the Secretary, Susan J. LaFernier, for the month of December 2012.

ANIN! We honor the greatness in you. Remember: "Indian Country Counts" and "Our People, Our Nations, Our Future."

We continue to recognize the richness of Native American contributions, accomplishments, and sacrifices to the political, cultural, and economic life of Michigan and the United States.

On December 3, 2012, I met at the Hatchery with the staff of our Natural Resource Department regarding comments on the proposed changes to the Michigan copper water quality (criteria) standards at 12 sites mainly in the Keweenaw Peninsula in preparation for the conference call the next day with Candace Bauer, EPA Region 5 Water Quality Branch. We also then participated in another conference call regarding this subject on December 17, 2012, with

Tinka Hyde, EPA Director of the Water Division, and the importance of Tribe receiving advance notice regarding proposed environmental changes, so we may comment and prepare more efficiently. We also will need to discuss these issues with the State of Michigan regarding their comment notices and government-to-government consultations.

Thanks to everyone for their work and time given for our 2012 Government

Employee Christmas Party held on December 8, 2012, at the Bingo Hall. The \$250.00 winners were: Amber Soli, James Denomie, Kelly Dowd, Cheryne Clements, and Stacey Rolof. Employees also received gift cards to Larry's Market and the Pines Convenience Center along with other prizes.

NATIVE VOTE 2013—every vote and voice counts. Remember we need to continue to get out and vote in all elections because your vote is a decision that makes a difference. Here are three challenges that you can do to make a big difference: 1.) Think of three people you care about and challenge them to reach out to three more people they care about to vote. 2.) Volunteer to make calls encouraging others to vote. 3.) Spread the word to vote on Election Days! Our goal for Keweenaw Bay is to have 100% of our registered/eligible members vote! Many thanks to everyone who voted in the KBIC General Election on Saturday, December 15, 2012. We wish Jerry Lee Curtis and Eddy Edwards good health and happiness in the New Year. Congratulations to Chris Swartz, and congratulations and welcome to Jennifer Misegan and Don Messer, Jr. to the Tribal Council. Also congratulations to Brad Dakota, Chief Judge.

The employee W.H.I.P.P. (Wellness, Health, Intervention, Prevention Program) Task Force and volunteers continue to have monthly meetings. It is never too late to encourage and begin positive lifestyle changes that will help us live longer, healthier, happier lives. Mino-Bimaadizin—"Live Well." Remember everyone should participate in at least 30 minutes of physical activity five times a week to stay fit. The employee "Maintain, Don't Gain" Challenge (over the holidays) began on November 9 through January 4, 2013, and the Walk & Talk Program continues during the winter months.

The Drug Tip Line number is 353-DRUG or 353-3784. The yellow banners are around the reservation with this drug tip line number displayed. The Drug Task Force holds monthly meetings, and their Mission Statement is: "To promote education through public awareness with the specific objective to eliminate the use of 'illegal drugs' for the betterment of the health, welfare, and safety of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and our neighboring Communities." Be watching for information regarding "The Medicine Abuse Project," which is a campaign to prevent half a million teenagers from abusing prescription medicine over five years.

As we ended another year in the chapters of our lives and now begin a new year journey.... continue to pray for each other, as well as honor and remember all of our veterans, service men and women, and their families. We pray that we and the world will be graced with the gifts of peace, love, and joy. Remember those who are ill, those with economic struggles, and all those who have lost loved ones during the past year. Thank you, God and Creator, for the great blessings of our land. "Who does the land belong to? Some to those who have walked on, a little to those still living, but most to those yet to be born." ~ unknown.

During December 2012, the Tribal Council held one Regular Tribal Council Meeting on December 1, 2012, at the Ojibwa Motel Conference Room. This meeting is covered in the January 2013 Newsletter. Tribal Council held two Special Council Meetings. Following are the unapproved motions from December.

At a council meeting held December 6, 2012, the following actions were taken:

- Approved to have our Natural Resource Department request/initiate a government-to-government consultation with the Army Corp of Engineers regarding the proposed water intake line in Lake Superior (for the proposed Orvana Copperwood Mine in Gogebic, MI by the Gogebic Water Range Authority);
- Approved to have staff present an (provider service) agreement from LaCourt Gas Company for consideration;
- Approved to release the Tribal Council meetings videos on our website and to work on a formal policy;
- Approved the Parks & Recreation Committee's request to change the road design back to a loop at the marina and along the beach;
- Approved the MOA amendments with the Northwest Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission and KBIC (hazardous household/business collections which extends the ending date to December 2015);
- Approved a temporary amendment to the Senior/Disabled Heating Assistance Program to provide the same electricity amount that was paid by the LIHEAP DAP Program for heating and amend the LIHEAP DAP Plan to include electricity costs and bring the income guidelines showing the changes from last year's plan to this year's plan for the next meeting;
- Approved the renewal services agreement with Earl Otchingwanigan beginning November 9, 2012–September 27, 2013 (language revitalization and preservation services);
- Approved EMT Training costs for Ashley Shelfoe and Zelina Huhta at \$1,300.00 each, and if they do not complete the training, they will have to reimburse the \$1,300.00;
- Approved Resolution KB 1913-2012 Tribal Attorney/Tribal Prosecuting Attorney Employment Agreement (with Lindy Grell);
- Approved the renewal of the Ojibwa BP Business License;
- Approved the new business license for the Baraga Telephone Company.

At a council meeting held December 13, 2012, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the November 12 and November 17, 2011 Tribal Council meeting minutes;
- Motion to adopt a resolution that the financing (for the five year Yellow Dog Plains water monitoring project) be requested from the B.I.A. for the entire cost that was presented prior. The motion was withdrawn until Council reviews the resolution at the next meeting;

- Approved to appoint Judge David Mechlin for a three year term for the Appellate Court;
- Approved Bruce LaPointe for the KB Ojibwa Community College slate for the Board of Regents;
- After a tie was broken by the President in favor, Council approved to offer two offices and a classroom (from the Pre-Primary Building) to KB Ojibwa Community College as a temporary solution for space needs (there will be no renovations);
- Approved proposed ordinance 2012-07 Title 20 Hazardous Substances Control;
- Approved proposed amendments to 2012-07: ordinance formatting changes; 20.203 Definitions L. Home Territory; 20.212 Cleanup standards which includes Appendix A Groundwater Cleanup Levels, B Soil Cleanup Levels, C Sediment Cleanup Levels; references to Appendices A-C and deletes D;
- Approved the Services Agreement with LaCourt Bottled Gas Company for one year;
- Approved to raise the income guidelines up to the max for eligibility to the LIHEAP Program and to direct staff to request additional monies if needed (if all eligible are not funded);
- Approved an amendment to the Senior/Disabled Heating Assistance Program to provide the same electricity amount that will be paid by the LIHEAP Program for heating;
- Approved to table a motion to approve the bids from Riverside Auto in Iron Mountain for three police trucks and three police cars until the next meeting (for information regarding our radio station);
- Approved a donation of \$250.00 for socks for the Veteran seniors at Jacobetti Veterans Home;
- Approved a donation of \$1,000.00 to St. Vincent DePaul's in L'Anse;
- Approved to promote Eleanor Nieskes to the interim position of Cleaning Supervisor, and if the current supervisor does not return, she will receive the position (promotion);
- Approved the job description for the Director of Cultural Resources at Grade 10 \$18.37 per hour;
- Approved the reclassification of Sarah Beaver as the OVW Unit Manager/Administrative Assistant.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan J. LaFerner, Secretary

ATTENTION

ATR clients who have completed their six-month follow-up and their phase 1, 2, or 3, must register for their next class. There will be an UPSET Speaker on March 11, 2013, 5 pm — 8 pm, at the Chippewa Conference Room, Baraga, MI. There will be nice prizes given away. To register call R.D. Curtis at 353-8121.

CEO REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2012

The month of December 2012 included the following activities and reportable items:

- The Annual Governmental Christmas Party took place on December 8, 2012. As expected and based on the changes made during the planning, this year's event, fewer employees, therefore fewer guests, attended. Employees had a choice to attend either the main party or a departmental party. A total of 106 employees attended which compares to 168 last year. Because of the decline in numbers there was a savings to the budget for the event as well. The initially planned \$40 Pines gift card which is issued to all employees, committee members, and Tribal entity employees, was increased to \$50. The change and related savings will also be put toward the annual summer picnic which will help cover expenses due to the higher number of attendees expected there.
- The proposed changes to the LIHEAP guidelines were officially approved by the agency. The first change increases the income; a guideline similar to last year's which for a single person goes from \$13,962 to \$22,756. The second change allows clients to use a percentage of their approved funding for electricity even though their main source for heating is a different form of fuel such as LP, Natural Gas, Fuel Oil, etc. Council has also amended the Senior and Disabled Heating Assistance Program to allow eligible members to have the amount that was approved through the LIHEAP program for their heating provider to be paid to their electricity provider.
- Janice Halverson, CAP Director, received an e-mail over the holiday break, requesting our application for the 2012-2013 CITGO-Venezuela Heating Oil Program. The application deadline was January 4, and the application was submitted. If funded, the program will pay to LIHEAP qualified members' heating vendors an amount yet to be determined, based on the funding that is awarded by CITGO.
- The THPO Director position, which has been reclassified as the Director of Cultural Resources, closed yesterday for applicants to apply. The slate of applicants will be presented at Council's January 10 meeting to select the interviewees. The position was held by Chris Chosa who resigned effective December 10.
- During the summer of 2008, Carole LaPointe, Dawn Richards, and Sarah Maki, attended a conference put on by Indian Health Service in regards to renegotiating Direct Contract Support Costs and the importance of the shortfall report that needed to be submitted annually. Sarah began the renegotiation of these costs in 2008 with Linda Bedeau from Indian Health Services. At that time, the Tribe was receiving \$92,000 in Direct Contract Support Costs and \$381,185 in Indirect Contract Support Costs. In our discussions with John Baker, after the Ramah deci-

sion, it was decided that these shortfalls would be worthwhile to pursue as a claim which began in 2009. An outside law firm was hired, along with experts in the field of Contract Support Costs, and the first claim for Contract Support Costs was filed September 30, 2010, for FY04. Since that time, the Tribe has expanded their claims and has now filed claims for FY05-09 and is looking into filing for FY00-03. Due to the renegotiation that was spearheaded by Sarah Maki back in 2008 between the Tribe and Indian Health Service, the Tribe now receives \$472,537 in Direct Contract Support Costs and \$617,684 in Indirect Contract Support Costs on a recurring and annual basis. This is an increase of \$380,537 per year that helps fund the Direct Contract Support Cost expenses that are incurred by our Health Department and Substance Abuse Programs. The Direct Contract Support expenses are largely made up of fringe benefits for the employees in both those departments. It's also an increase of \$236,499 per year to Indirect Contract Support Costs that help fund our Indirect Cost Pool which includes wages and fringe benefits for our departments including accounting, personnel, grants, IT, CEO, and Attorney. It also supports other costs such as the annual audit, insurances, etc. that are not attributable to one single function. Claims for each year are as follows:

FY2004-\$406,689
FY2005-\$575,326
FY2006-\$460,477
FY2007-\$364,843
FY2008-\$327,343
FY2009-\$481,717

- The total for those years is just over \$2.6 million. The Tribe's filing has made national news (see Turtle Talk and Falmouth Institute notices).
- The January 2013 Edition of the Tribe's newsletter, which is currently arriving at members' homes, includes a section titled "Governmental Annual Reports to the Membership." Directors of the Government were asked to supply a summary of their department's activities for the annual report. This is the first time for the annual report; comments, suggestions, and feedback are appreciated, so we can improve upon it for next year. A summary financial report will be included in a future edition once the annual audit is complete for FY12.
- The Tribe's forestry scholarship program is paying off. Jerry Jondreau, who has been a recipient of the scholarship since its inception in FY2009, has achieved his Bachelor's Degree in Forestry Management. The Tribe has been working on hiring a forester for many years, and a proposal to achieve that goal will be presented at the January 10 meeting.
- In a report from Aanikoosing, Inc. Board Chairman, Tony Rabbaille, a

formal declination of taking on the Tribe's Transfer Station project was included. With this action, a discussion in moving forward with formally organizing the operation under the government will need to take place. I have the topic scheduled for review and consideration at the January 10, 2012 meeting.

- I am in the process of finalizing plans to begin operating an internal mail courier service. We have acquired the former Even Start Program van and will utilize a currently employed individual which will not create additional costs for the Tribe. The service will provide daily pickup and drop off of mail to all of the Tribe's departments in the Baraga and L'Anse area. The service will nearly eliminate daily runs to the Tribal Center by employees at the outlying departments keeping them off the roads and at their work stations increasing productivity while limiting liability through potential accidents while on the highways. It will also provide cost savings in that local travel paid to employees using their personal vehicles to make mail runs to the Tribal Center will be nearly eliminated as well. The service is expected to begin mid-January following the department head meeting scheduled for January 15.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Larry J. Denomie, III, CEO

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LEGAL AID CLINIC

A legal aid clinic will be available to Tribal members on Thursday, February 7, 2013, from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the downstairs conference room of the Tribal Center. The clinic is provided by Michigan Indian Legal Services, for questions call 1-800-968-6877.

NOTICE

KBIC Pharmacy Hours have been changed to accommodate working patients as follows:

- Effective Tuesday, January 22, 2013, the KBIC Pharmacy will be closed from 12:30 - 1:30 for staff lunch hour

Patients who are working will be able to pick up their prescriptions before 12:30 p.m. daily.





**FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,
for immediate release, January 17, 2013**

**KBIC RESPONSE TO GOVERNOR SNYDER'S OPPOSITION
TO THE MARQUETTE GAS STATION**

We at the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community believe and we hope that the residents of Marquette understand that Governor Snyder's objection to this project has been prompted by existing gas station owners and operators. While this small group may oppose increased competition, local surveys show that residents of Marquette County overwhelmingly support this effort by KBIC to create jobs and provide services.

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community is very disappointed in the recent letter written to the Bureau of Indian Affairs on behalf of Governor Snyder's office regarding KBIC's proposed construction of a gas station in Marquette County. The State's objection appears to be solely for the benefit of a small number of gas station owners and operators who apparently want to insulate themselves from competition to the detriment of area residents. Sadly, Governor Snyder did not consult with KBIC before sending this letter to the federal government. From other news reports, it doesn't appear that he consulted with Marquette Township officials either.

Any perceived threat to local businesses is baseless. KBIC has been operating the Pines Convenience Center in Baraga for over 10 years, and other gas stations in the Baraga and L'Anse area remain open and competitive. KBIC is working for the mutual prosperity of our Tribal members in Baraga and Marquette as well as the great communities of the Upper Peninsula. KBIC's goal is to provide permanent jobs and services to the local community while generating the revenue to support essential pro-

grams and services for KBIC and the surrounding communities. With revenue from its business ventures, KBIC contributes millions to local communities in the U.P. and it plans to continue in this manner.

Governor Snyder's hasty pronouncement that KBIC will be acting unlawfully is not only premature but presumptuous. In his letter, Governor Snyder's attorney asserts that the proposed operation of a gas station by KBIC would be unlawful based upon a 1979 U.S. Supreme Court case. There are obvious differences between that case and the KBIC's operation of its proposed gas station. Most notably, that case involved the sale of cigarettes and Washington State's tax laws. In fact, in a previous tax dispute between KBIC and the State of Michigan, the Federal Court of Appeals found that the State of Michigan had misstated federal law in its efforts to tax KBIC.

The gas station project continues to move forward. Despite Governor Snyder's objection, KBIC fully expects the land to be placed into trust.

We want to thank the people of Marquette for their support in our efforts to bring jobs to the area. We hope your support pays off, and we can continue to partner with Marquette Township to create jobs and provide better service to this community. Please contact your state representatives and the Governor's office to let them know we want and need these jobs and services and to stop putting special interests in Lansing ahead of the interests of the people in the U.P.

**FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON
INDIAN RESERVATIONS (FDPIR)
NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS*
(Effective October 1, 2012)**

*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	\$ 931	+	\$149	=	\$1,080
2	\$1,261	+	\$149	=	\$1,410
3	\$1,591	+	\$149	=	\$1,740
4	\$1,921	+	\$160	=	\$2,081
5	\$2,251	+	\$187	=	\$2,438
6	\$2,581	+	\$214	=	\$2,795
7	\$2,911	+	\$214	=	\$3,125
8	\$3,241	+	\$214	=	\$3,455
Each additional member					+ \$330

Alaska:				Use this amount	
Household Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standard	SNAP Standard Deduction		FDPIR Net Monthly Income Standard	
1	\$1,165	+	\$256	=	\$1,421
2	\$1,577	+	\$256	=	\$1,833
3	\$1,990	+	\$256	=	\$2,246
4	\$2,402	+	\$256	=	\$2,658
5	\$2,815	+	\$256	=	\$3,071
6	\$3,227	+	\$268	=	\$3,495
7	\$3,640	+	\$268	=	\$3,908
8	\$4,052	+	\$268	=	\$4,320
Each additional member					+ \$413

FDPIR Income Deductions—see 7 CFR 253.6(f)

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.

Medicare Part B Medical Insurance and Part D Prescription Drug Coverage Premiums — Households that incur the cost of Medicare Part B medical insurance and/or Part D prescription drug coverage premiums are allowed a deduction for the monthly cost of the premiums.

FDPIR Resource Standards—see 7 CFR 253.6(d)

\$3,250 for households with at least one elderly or disabled member.

\$2,000 for households without any elderly or disabled members.

All Tribal Veterans' Meeting at the Light-house, Sand Point, will be held every third Wednesday of the month at 1900 hours. All Tribal Veterans Welcome!

TREASURER REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2012

Activities reported by the Treasurer, Toni Minton, for the month of December 2012.

The Council approved the following donations for December:

- \$ 500.00 American Cancer Society Matching Grant
- \$ 1,000.00 RICC Annual Christmas Party
- \$ 1,000.00 Ishpeming Salvation Army—Christmas Request
- \$ 350.00 Annual Baraga vs. L'Anse Basketball Alumni Event
- \$ 500.00 L'Anse Senior Lock-In Party 2013
- \$ 500.00 Baraga BASH Senior Lock-In Party 2013
- \$ 500.00 Marquette Senior Graduation Lock-In Party 2013
- \$ 2,500.00 Civil Air Patrol Search & Rescue in Baraga County
- \$ 1,345.00 Jacobetti Home for Veterans—Bingo System additional funds
- \$ 500.00 Baraga Fire Department—Annual Children's Christmas Party
- \$ 2,500.00 Marquette Senior Citizens Christmas Party
- \$ 7,848.75 Baraga Senior Citizens Christmas Party
- \$ 2,600.00 EMT Class Tuition for Zelina Huhta and Ashley Shalfoe
- \$ 250.00 Sock Collection for the Jacobetti Home for Veterans
- \$ 1,000.00 Saint Vincent DePaul in L'Anse

We have approximately \$20,000.00 remaining in our donation budget. It can be a difficult process deciding which requests to grant. There are many worthy causes, but unfortunately, we cannot donate to them all.

I would like to thank the Community and fellow Council Members for allowing me to serve as your Treasurer for the past year. Chi Miigwech!

Respectfully submitted,
Toni Minton, Treasurer

Deepest Sympathy

Susan Frances LaFernier
(July 9, 1924-January 11, 2013)

Susan Frances LaFernier, age 88, of Baraga, MI, passed away on Friday, January 11, 2013, at Bayside Village in L'Anse.

She was born on July 9, 1924, in Keweenaw Bay, MI, to John and Emma (St. Arnold) LaFernier. Susan was a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and the Ojibwa Senior Citizens.

She is preceded in death by her par-

ents; brothers: Edward and William LaFernier; sisters: Florence Lofquist, Annabelle Jacker, and Myrtle Gauthier. Surviving are many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held on Friday, January 25, 2013, at the Ojibwa Seniors Ceremonial Room, Baraga, MI, with Deacon John Cadeau officiating. Burial will be in the Assinins Cemetery in the spring. The Jacobson Funeral Home of L'Anse assisted the family.

2013 Healthy Heart Fair

Tuesday, February 12th

11:00 am - 1:30 pm

KBIC Community Gymnasium

(located at the Ojibwa Community College on Beartown Road)

Vendors

Prizes

Education

The KBOCC Student Government and the AISES groups will be having a Soup-Sandwich-Fruit Fundraiser For \$5.00/person

Screenings

If the Baraga Schools are closed due to inclement weather, this event will be cancelled.

This program is sponsored by:
KBIC Department of Health & Human Services and the WHIPP Task Force

Make It Count!
Champion your future!
Make It Last!



**Eat Healthy &
Be Active Daily**

G.E.D. Tutoring Available

The Tribal Council recently approved a G.E.D. Tutoring Program. Tribal members who reside in Baraga County can receive tutoring to prepare for the G.E.D. tests. For more information, contact the Education Office at 353-6623, Ext. 4117.



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.

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



New Employees



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Elizabeth Sherman has been hired as the Accounts Payable Clerk. Elizabeth is a KBIC member, born and raised in Zeba, and is the daughter of Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews and the late Loring Sherman. Elizabeth currently resides in L'Anse with her boyfriend, Jerry Jondreau, and their three daughters: Kirsten (12), Breanna (4), and Charlotte (3). As of December 2012, she received her Associates Degree in General Business from Gogebic Community College.

Elizabeth states, "For the past four years, I was the Administrative Assistant for the KBIC Even Start program. Unfortunately, the program had to end. I was saddened when I heard the Even Start programs would be ending. I am grateful for the families I got to work with and am thankful that I was able to help these families reach their goals.

Outside of work, and now that I am done with school, I enjoy spending time with my family doing things like fishing, taking walks in the woods and along the river banks, making maple syrup, and going to the wild rice camp every year in Watersmeet.

I would also like to mention how proud I am of my boyfriend Jerry for receiving his Bachelor's Degree in Forestry from Michigan Tech. The last few years have been very busy for our family, and I am glad we both received our degrees.

I really enjoy the fast paced environment in the Accounting Department and look forward to making a career out of my new position."



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Lindy Grell has been hired as the Tribal Attorney. Lindy has a Law Degree (J.D.) from the University of Kansas School of Law, Lawrence, Kansas, Class of 2000, with a Certificate in Tribal Law. She completed a summer internship in the legal department at GLIFWC as part of the Certificate in Tribal Law. She also has a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Lindy states, "I have worked with Indian tribes since the early days of Self-Determination. Tribes that I have worked with over the years include the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas, the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, and Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. Before law school, I worked with grant-writing, community planning, and Tribal programs.

Since law school, I worked for Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Tribal Court and as a private practice attorney in Brainerd, Minnesota, with a focus on family law.

Before law school, I was part of the planning of the Duluth, Minnesota, 1997 'Shared Horizons' commemoration of the 200th anniversary of Father Baraga's birth, and I learned about Father Baraga, his mission work, and the Ojibwe language documentation that he did. I have referred to Baraga's dictionary many times over the years while trying to learn Ojibwe.

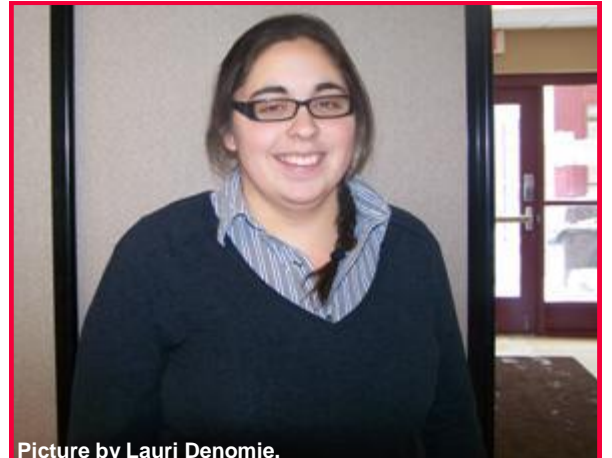
I have raised four really wonderful sons who mean the world to me. I taught all of them to drive, and am still sane. My oldest son is in the U.S. Navy, and I think about him everyday as he is serving his country and protecting our freedoms. All of my sons are amazing and in my thoughts daily. My sons are enrolled at Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and bring me venison, ducks, and fish.

I am a big fan of Kansas men's basketball, and I am proud to support the Kansas Jayhawks! Rock Chalk Jayhawk!

I have been adjusting to U.P. life. The cold and snow are familiar to me, but after the last 10 days of non-stop snow in the Houghton area, I'm convinced I have moved to the North Pole! I need taller boots!

My interests include: genealogy, music, going to concerts, and community activism.

I am happy to be serving as the new Tribal Attorney for KBIC and working with a tribe that asserts its sovereignty to the extent that KBIC does. Tribal sovereignty issues are what got me fired up enough to go to law school."



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Nikki Reenders-Arens has been hired as the Youth Programs Coordinator. Nikki is a KBIC member who was raised in the Hancock, Michigan area. She is a graduate of Michigan Technological University with degrees in English and Communication and Cultural and Media Studies. She also received a minor in Diversity Studies.

Nikki states, "My interests are in youth development and grant writing. My plans include pursuing a Master's Degree in Youth Development later this year. I hope to continue the work that Cheryne has established while expanding the involvement of youth, families, and the Communities of Baraga County. I am excited for the next year and look forward to meeting everyone."

The KBIC Youth Club needs a new logo!

We need a new logo for our website, flyers, t-shirts, and Facebook page! The following rules apply for entry into the logo contest:

- Submissions will be accepted from all KBIC Tribal members or descendants in grades K-12.
- Each person may only submit one entry.
- Designs must be original work, not used elsewhere.
- Entries may be any size or shape appropriate for a t-shirt front (no smaller than 6x6 and no larger than 12x12). Any appropriate medium may be used however, no paste-ups will be allowed.
- Designs should consist of at most four (4) colors. Clean, bright designs free of small detail reproduce the best on cloth.
- Designs should reflect native culture and our Community here at KBIC.
- Please DO NOT sign your entry. Write your name on the back of each entry and include a note with your name, address, and telephone number.
- All entries are due by February 18, 2013, 4 pm.
- The winning entry will be chosen by at the next Youth Club meeting on Wednesday, February 20, 2013.

Winner will be given the choice of an iPod Nano or a Nintendo Wii!



FEBRUARY 2013 Calendar Events

- Feb 1:** Constitutional Committee Meeting, 1 pm, Council Chambers;
Feb 2: Reg. Sat. Council Meeting, 9 am, Ojibwa Resort Conference Room;
Feb. 7: Legal Aid Clinic, 1:30 pm;
Feb. 12: Healthy Heart Fair, 11 am;
Feb. 14: Senior Citizens' Bake Sale, Pines, 10 am;
Feb 18: Tribal Gov't Offices closed, President's Day;
Feb. 20: Veteran's Meeting, 7 pm;
Feb. 28: Senior Citizens' Pasty Sale.

~ 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.

Why change is needed to our Constitution.

Native people have always ruled over their lives, territories, and the types of government their members wanted. This is known today as sovereignty. For the most part, we have lost most of our sovereignty through constant erosion from many different directions, yet today we are protected only because of treaties and the trust responsibilities of the Federal Government. However, we must protect ourselves and not rely on others.

Our Tribal governance today is based on the 1934 Indian Reorganization Act (IRA). It has been said that because of this Act, tribes have had additional protections of their sovereignty. The U.S. Supreme Court has used this Act as the basis for a decision that prevented non-Ira tribes from putting land in to trust by the federal government for their use. This same Act is also the basis for our Tribal Constitution and added protection for our tribe.

Why is change needed to our constitution? Our constitution is the basis for how our Tribal Government is mandated to operate and how the Federal Government keeps controls over our authority as a tribe. There are limits imposed by the Federal Government that we must comply with in accordance with the IRA requirements, but there are many things that we can change to meet our needs as a sovereign tribe.

There has to be changes to our internal and external market relations that will allow us to create wealth through trade and industry. As a sovereign tribe, we will have to respond vigorously to political and economic issues with federal, state, and local governments. We must also develop a system of checks and balances to ensure that power is not abused or monopolized.

This accounting of why we need change is a little simplistic, but it does get to the point as to why change is needed, and we should be developing our own change and not be waiting until it is needed. We also need the support of the membership to make these changes. There are openings on the Constitutional Committee as alternates. Two are needed at this time. Contact the Tribal President for details.

~ Submitted by Constitutional Committee

KBOCC UPDATE, 2013 SPRING SEMESTER

The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Accreditation conducted its visit in November at Ojibwa Community College for initial accreditation. Once the report is completed by the team, it will be sent to the college for corrections of fact. When the final report is prepared, it will be sent to the liaison for review. From there it will be submitted to the Institutional Actions Committee then to the HLC Board of Trustees for action in early summer.

Plans are ongoing for expansion of the college to the former hospital building in L'Anse. Once the environmental assessment is complete with no significant findings, the College will move forward with renovation of the facility. Opportunities for construction workers will (8) Ishwaaswi

be available in February and March. Maintenance worker positions have been posted and will be hired when the facility purchase is complete.

New adjunct faculty members this year include: Lynn Ketola, Native American Studies; Ellen Maurer, Early Childhood Education; Ken Marshall, Geographical Information Systems; Ray Molzon, Math; Sally Klaasen, Math; and Gene Mensch, Wildlife Biology. Megan Shanahan has been hired as the Curriculum Developer for the new Business program. Other position postings include: Information Technology Support Technician, Assistant to the Dean of Student Services, and the Native American Studies Department Chair will be posted soon.

Upcoming activities for students during the spring semester include travel to Washington D.C., February 4-7, and the AIHEC Student Conference which will be held in Green Bay, March 18-20.

For information, please call the main office at 353-4600 or visit the College website at www.kbocc.org.

OJIBWA SENIOR CITIZEN'S NEWS

February 13, 2013

- Fundraising Committee meeting at 10:30 am
- Regular Senior Meeting at 12:30 pm

February 14, 2013

- BAKE SALE at Pines Convenience Center, 10:00 am – until sold out. Bake goods need to be at the Pines by 9:00 am

February 27, 2013

- Pasty prep - NEED VOLUNTEERS at 12:30 pm (right after lunch)

February 28, 2013

- PASTY SALE - NEED VOLUNTEERS AT 5:00 am

March 13, 2013

- Fundraising Committee meeting at 10:30 am
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At the January 9, 2013 Senior Meeting, it was approved that those seniors who qualify for the Branson trip in September will be responsible for a \$75.00 deposit which is due by May 1, 2013. This \$75.00 deposit will be returned to each senior at the start of the Branson trip. The trip to Branson is scheduled for September 15-21, 2013. A sign-up sheet and additional information is available at the Senior Center.



PRIZE DRAWING FOR Community Participants in a KBIC Wildlife and Natural Resources Survey February 15 thru March 22, 2013



Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Natural Resource Department will be mailing a Wildlife and Natural Resource Survey to registered Tribal members of 18 years of age and older. Results from the survey will guide the development of a KBIC Tribal Wildlife Management Plan and gauge values associated with various environmental issues addressed through the Natural Resource Department. Specific topics in the survey include: **A) use and reliance of various natural resources, B) values and management options for specific wildlife species, C) culture and ojibwa-based value and, D) opinions about KBIC natural resource policies and codes of law.** The survey will take approximately 15 minutes of your time to complete.

Those who submit completed surveys will be eligible for valuable appreciation prizes including three top tier items of a crossbow, a 0.22 caliber fire-arm, and a \$100 gift certificate to Mitch's Trading Post. There will also be two gift certificates from *Equus Borealis* for a 1-hour foot massage and up to 12 Pines gift cards worth \$50 each. **Please note that the prize drawing is contingent upon approval from the Gaming Commission.**

Please take the time to provide comments and opinions regarding wildlife and natural resources. Your insights and opinions are valuable to us for guiding policies and projects and making sure that our priorities reflect those of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. Expect surveys to start arriving sometime mid-February, and thank you in advance for taking time to participate in this important comprehensive survey.



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

ATTENTION RETIREES — Changes to Michigan's Tax Laws Could Cost You

As of January 1, 2012, Michigan is taxing pension and retirement benefits at the standard rate of 4.35%. Some pension and retirement plan administrators are automatically withholding this tax from your distributions.

If you are a Tribal member whose income is exempt from state taxes, you MUST ACT to prevent the state from taking this tax out of your retirement distributions. Contact your tax advisor to find out if your distributions have been subject to state income tax withholding in the past, and if this new tax should apply to you.

There is a form (MI W-4P) to claim exemption from the tax. The form must be completed by you and filed with your retirement plan administrator. For a copy of the form go to www.michigan.gov/taxes, and click on the link under Highlights for "Withholding Information for Pension Recipients". This will take you to the page with the MI W-4P form and instructions. You should check Box 1 if you believe you will not have any balance due on a Michigan income tax return.

If you find out that this tax has already been taken out of your retirement distributions and you are exempt from Michigan income taxes, you may have to file a Michigan income tax return at the end of the year to get your money refunded. Please contact your tax advisor to find out how this new tax has affected you and how to protect your exempt income from future taxation.

EMJAY Participants: Phil Giuffre, our contact with the EMJAY Pension Plan, sent letters to all those recipients who were affected by the new tax laws, along with a copy of the MI W-4P form. Those who do not want this tax withheld from their distributions must complete the form by checking box 1, and return it to EMJAY in the enclosed envelope as soon as possible.

For more information please see the following excerpt from the 2012 Pension Withholding Guide below:

Effective January 1, 2012, Michigan's tax treatment of pension and retirement benefits changed and these benefits will be subject to income tax for many recipients. Michigan law now requires the administrators of pension and retirement benefits to withhold income tax on payments that will be subject to tax.

Under Michigan law, qualifying pension and retirement benefits include most payments that are reported on a 1099-R for federal tax purposes. This includes defined benefit pensions, IRA distributions, and most payments from defined contribution plans. Payments received before the recipient could retire under the provisions of the plan or benefits from 401(k), 457, or 403(b) plans attributable to employee contributions alone are not pension and retirement benefits under Michigan law and are subject to withholding.

Beginning in 2012, pension and retirement benefits will be taxed differently depending on the age of the recipient. For couples, age is determined using the age of the older spouse. Military pensions, Social Security benefits, and Railroad Retirement benefits continue to be exempt from tax.

For recipients born before 1946, the law remains the same as it was prior to 2012. Those born before 1946 may subtract all qualifying pension and retirement benefits received from public sources and may subtract private pension and retirement benefits up to \$47,309 if single or married filing separate, or \$94,618 if married filing a joint return. Withholding will only be necessary on taxable pension payments (private pension payments) that exceed the pension limits stated above for recipients born before 1946.

Recipients born during the period 1946 and 1952 will be able to deduct \$20,000 in pension and retirement benefits if single or married filing separate or \$40,000 if married filing a joint return. This exemption does not apply to payments from 457 plans, 401(k) plans, 403(b) plans or any other elective deferral plans if only the employee made contributions to the plan. If the benefit will be less than the deduction amounts, no withholding is required unless the recipient requests withholding by submitting an MI W-4P. If benefits are paid other than monthly, withholding is only due on the amount that exceeds the recipients' deduction amount. Recipients who indicate on the MI W-4P they are married (withhold as single) should have withholding computed as if they are single.

For recipients born after 1952, all pension and retirement benefits are taxable.

The entire 2012 Pension Withholding Guide is available at the following web address: http://www.michigan.gov/documents/taxes/2012_Pension_Withholding_Guide_365268_7.pdf. More information regarding Michigan tax laws can be found at: <http://www.michigan.gov/taxes>.

February is Healthy Heart Month

Heart disease is a serious health problem and the #1 killer for all Americans, including Native American and Alaska Native populations. Heart disease can lead to strokes and heart attacks. It develops over many years and starts as the blood vessels going to the heart become narrowed and clogged. There are things that make you more susceptible to heart disease like high blood pressure, high cholesterol, obesity, smoking, family history, and diabetes. Reducing your risk for heart disease starts with making small lifestyle changes.

Are you at risk for Heart Disease? Look at the risk factors listed below and check all that apply to you.

Risk factors you can change or do something about:

- Overweight/Obese
- High blood pressure
- High blood cholesterol
- Diabetes
- Low physical activity
- Smoking

Risk factors you cannot change:

- Family history
 - Father or brother with heart disease before age 55
 - Mother or sister with heart disease before age 65
- Age
 - 45 years or older for men
 - 55 years or older for women

The more risk factors you checked, the greater your risk of developing heart disease.

Healthy choices can reduce your risk of heart disease. Small lifestyle changes can have a big impact on your health. Losing weight can reduce your risk of developing heart disease and many other health problems. Eat smaller portions, reduce sodium intake, less saturated and trans fats, and limit beverages and foods high in sugar. Eat more fruits and vegetables. Get at least 30 minutes of moderate intensity physical activity most days of the week. It doesn't have to be all at once, you can reach the 30 minute goal by breaking it up into 10 minute increments throughout the day. If you smoke or use smokeless tobacco, quit. And be sure to have regular check-ups with your doctor.

Sometimes, even if we try our best to

prevent it, heart disease can result in heart attack or stroke. Knowing the signs and symptoms, and quickly responding could save your life or the life of someone you love.

Classic symptoms of a heart attack include: sudden chest pain accompanied by shortness of breath; pain in the neck, jaw, arms, or upper back; unexplained nausea or vomiting; cold sweats or clammy skin; and dizziness or lightheadedness. Women may experience fewer typical symptoms than men and often have pain in the upper back along with the other symptoms instead of chest pain. Heart attacks aren't always as dramatic as we see on TV and not everyone has the same symptoms. Warning signs of a heart attack can happen hours, days, even weeks in advance and often starts with recurrent chest pain that starts when you're physically active and stops when you rest.

When watching for the signs of a stroke it is very important to note the time that symptoms start, every minute counts. How long the signs have been present will help guide in the treatment decisions, and the sooner a person gets treatment the better the outcome. Signs of a stroke include trouble walking, loss of balance, or dizziness; trouble speaking or understanding like slurring words and confusion; sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes; paralysis or numbness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body, can't raise both arms or one side of your mouth droops when you smile; and sudden severe headache that may be accompanied by vomiting. Caring for your heart is one of the most important things you can do for your health. We can start to prevent heart disease, heart attacks, and strokes at any age. Visit us at the LaPointe Health & Education Center to find out how you can protect your own and your family's heart health.

~ Submitted by Heather Wood-Paquet, Health Promotions Educator, KBIC Department of Health & Human Services, Donald A. LaPointe Health & Education Center



Planning & Development Regional Commission

January 4, 2013

L'Anse Area Schools, Village, and Township Recreation Plan Available for Review

The Western Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Region (WUPPDR) recently completed updates to the combined L'Anse Area Schools, Village, and Township Five-Year Recreation Plan for 2013-2018.

The draft of the 2013-2018 Recreation Plan become available Friday, January 11, 2013, for a one-month public review and comment period prior to the plan's adoption. Copies of the draft will be available for review at the L'Anse Village Office, 101 N. Main St., and the L'Anse Public Library, 201 N. Fourth St. The plan draft is also be available for viewing online at www.wuppdr.org.

Comments must be made in writing and may be mailed to: WUPPDR, P.O. Box 365, Houghton, MI 49931. They may also be hand-delivered at WUPPDR's office at 393 East Lakeshore Drive in Houghton or emailed to Jerald Wuorenmaa, Planner, at jwuorenmaa@wuppdr.org. All comments must be received by WUPPDR by February 13, 2013, in order to be considered.

KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY

Tribal President's Office—Peggy Minton, Sec. 906-353-6623, ext. 4112.

Tribal CEO's Office—Kim Klopstein, Sec. 906-353-6623, ext. 4104.

Tribal Licensing Office—Jeanne Kauppila/Robin Roe, 906-353-6623, ext. 4114.

"IDLE NO MORE" CEROMONY HELD AT KBIC



Nearly 50 Community Members from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community participated in a Rally/Walk on January 11, 2013. The walk commenced at the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College for approximately 1.5 miles to the Ojibwa Senior Citizens' Center, both located in Baraga, Michigan, within the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Reservation. The walk was a stance to express their solidarity with the global movement for indigenous rights and environmental justice and in support of Attawapiskat Chief Theresa Spence, who has been on a hunger strike for more than one month to call attention to the Bill C-45 and for other problems between the First Nations people and the Canadian Government today, which is under Prime Minister Stephen Harper. The event included traditional dancing and concluded with a grand feast.

The Idle No More indigenous movement has gained supporters from around the world, many of whom held

ceremonies on Friday, January 11, 2013, in support of the date the First Nations (Aboriginal) leaders of Canada were scheduled to meet with Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Governor General David Johnston to discuss Bill C-45. It is said that the bill would significantly reduce the number of federally protected bodies of water and fisheries.

Charlotte Loonsfoot, one of the organizers of KBIC's Idle No More, says "Bill C-45 can also affect natural resources in the Great Lakes Basin and treaty rights of tribes living in the United States as well as those in Canada. We share Lake Superior with Canada, so what they do there affects us here in the UP, northern Wisconsin and northern Minnesota."

Members of other nearby Tribal communities, such as Watersmeet and the Sokaogon Chippewa of Mole Lake, Wisconsin, joined Keweenaw Bay in their Rally/Walk for this endeavor. For more detailed information regarding *Idle No More*, see www.idlenomore.com. Photo compliments of Keweenaw Now.

Upcoming Youth Program Events

- February 8th** – Youth Valentine's Day Dance in the Community Center Gym at 8pm
- February 9th** – Youth Club Activity in the Community Center Youth Room from 12-6pm
- February 15th** – "No School Youth Activity Day" for grades K-6 in Community Center from 12-5pm
- February 16th** – Taste of Baraga County Glide and Stride at L'Anse Golf Course from 12-3pm
- February 18th** – "No School Youth Activity Day" for grades K-6 in Community Center from 7:30am-5pm
- February 20th** – Youth Club Meeting in Community Center at 4:30pm
- February 23rd** – Youth Club Activity, MTU Basketball vs. LSSU from 12-5pm
- February 28th** – "No School Youth Activity Day" for grades K-6 in Community Center from 12-5pm

Please note, all activities are subject to change or cancellation. Please contact the Youth Office at 353-4643 for questions.

3rd Annual
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MID-WINTER POW WOW

FEBRUARY 16 & 17, 2013
WATERSMEET SCHOOL GYM
WATERSMEET, MICHIGAN

HOST DRUM
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INVITED DRUMS
 PIPESTONE · IRON BOY · WIND EAGLE
 LITTLE THUNDER · STRS ACROSS
 FOUR THUNDERS

HEAD FEMALE DANCER
 DIONE JACOBS · ONEIDA TRIBE

HEAD MALE DANCER
 FRANK YOUNG
 PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI

HEAD VETERAN DANCER
 WES MARTIN
 ONEIDA-MENOMINEE-OJIBWE

HEAD FEMALE WOMENS JINGLE SPECIAL

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 6-12 YRS AGE · 13-17 YRS AGE
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PLEASE CALL AHEAD TO RESERVE
 SPACE FOR VENDORS!!!

HOTEL (800)895-0205 INFO (906)358-0138
EVERYONE WELCOME! FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

WANTED

I am looking for some trappers who may be harvesting Pine Martens. There are some partners looking to evaluate what strain of Toxoplasma (a parasite contracted by eating rodents) the local martens are carrying. The marten researchers this past summer took samples and found our animals have a higher titre for this parasite than other locations, and they are trying to determine which strain it is.

They need fresh, NOT FROZEN, tongue and heart tissue. I will soon be able to provide specimen bags and postage-paid FedEx envelopes to mail the specimens. Please let me know if you or someone you know may be interested in helping out. Miigwech!

Pamela Nankervis, Wildlife Biologist
 KBIC Natural Resource Department
 906-524-5757 x19
 pnankervis@kbic-nsn.gov





**Niimi Gimiwang
OVV Programs and Services**

755 Michigan Ave., Baraga, MI 49908
Mailing address: 16429 Bear Town Rd., Baraga, MI 49908
Phone: 906-353-4598 Fax: 906-353 HELP (4357)



The KBIC OVV Transition House is open!

Services are available for persons affected by domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking and include:

- shelter care
- crisis intervention services
- advocacy
- support groups

The OVV helpline number is (906) 353-4599 and is staffed 24-hours/day.

One Billion Rising occurs on February 14, 2013, and is a worldwide event demanding the end to violence against women. Information about local events for One Billion Rising will be posted on the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community website under the Office of Violence Against Women Department, on the KBIC-OVV Facebook page, and flyers will be posted around the community.

This program is supported by the following U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women grants: 2009-TW-AX-0034, 2010-KT-AX-0001, 2011-TW-AX-0011. The opinions, findings, conclusions, and recommendations expressed in the publication/program/exhibition are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women.



Important Medical Billing Information

When you've been approved for payment from Contract Health Services (CHS), you should not be billed for medical services. Should you happen to receive any invoice, it is imperative that you drop it off at the CHS office to ensure timely payments can be made and prevent credit or collection issues. Call the CHS Clerk, Elvera Lantz, with any questions at 906-353-4537.

**Contract Health Services
Donald A. LaPointe Health Center
102 Superior Ave.
Baraga, MI 49908
906-353-4537**

Financial Aid

\$\$\$ Day \$\$\$

**Wednesday, February 20, 2013
3 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

Keweenaw Bay Tribal Center
16429 Bear Town Rd., Baraga, MI

Financial Aid Counselors will be available to assist you on an individual basis to complete 2013-14 financial aid applications. Please call 353-4117 to schedule an appointment.

Sponsored by Educational Talent Search and the KBIC Education Office.

Open to the public.



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 office hours in the Tribal Center (Monday-Friday) to assist **KBIC Tribal Members** in completing the application packet.

Please stop by or contact
Brigitte LaPointe @ 353-4167
OR
E-mail brigitte@kbic-nsn.gov



"Find a job you love and you'll never work a day in your life"

**ATTENTION: ALL TRIBAL
COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN**

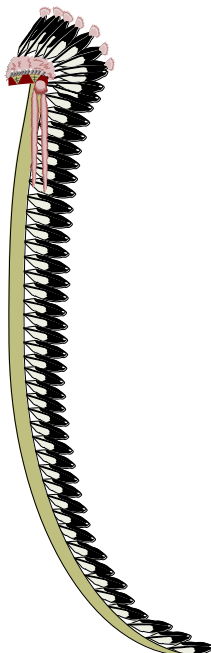
Applications for **Small Boat and Large Boat Commercial Fishing Licenses** for the **Year 2013-2014** Commercial Fishing Season are available at the License Department located in the KBIC Tribal Center. The new license year will begin May 1, 2013. Applications must be returned to the **Licensing/Motor Vehicle Office** by **Friday, February 8, 2013**. All applications for licenses will be reviewed and selected by the Tribal Council. The license fees are: \$75.00 for Small Boat-On Reservation; \$200.00 for Small Boat-Off Reservation; and \$500.00 for Large Boat-Off Reservation. All Tribal members who apply must have completed the required **U.S. Food and Drug Administration Hazard Analysis and critical Point (HACCP) training** and present a copy of the certificate with the application. A **Boat Safety Fishing Vessel Examination** with a certified official must be completed and that documentation must be provided with the application. The application also requests fishing vessel information including the vessel name, number & length.

For Boat Safety Inspections contact the Tribal Police/Conservation Department at (906) 353-6626 to make an appointment or contact the U.S. Coast Guard/Hancock at (906) 482-1520.

Do you have hazardous trees in your yard or on your property? Characteristics of hazardous trees include:

- Dead and broken branches
- Dry, brittle wood
- Cracks in tree
- Decay-moss, soft spots, mushrooms at base
- Leaning trees
- Trees with large branches that extend far out and could fall on people, vehicles, etc.

To have them removed or for any questions, call KBIC Fire Management at 524-4142 or 201-1706



PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

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



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

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

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

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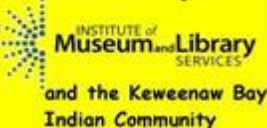
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Friday—closed
Saturday—10am—3pm

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Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

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Father John Longbuco
Father Antony Lukka

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Sunday Mass 12:00 p.m.

353-6565
saintann@up.net



**KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY
OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT
SERVICES**

427 N. Superior Ave. • Baraga, MI 49908
In Tribal Court Building
Phone: 906-353-4566 • Fax: 906-353-8132
• Email: ocss@kbic-nsn.gov

"Your Children...Our Priority"

We provide the following services:

- Establishment, Enforcement and Modification of Child Support Orders
- Paternity Establishment
- Location of Custodial and Non-Custodial Parents
- Community Education

[tp://www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/ocss.htm](http://www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/ocss.htm)

**Zeba Indian Mission
United Methodist Church**

"We welcome each of you to our worship services, at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday."



Pastor: Rev. Stephen Rhoades

Church office 524-7939
Parsonage 524-7936



Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Employment Opportunities

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



Continuous/On Call positions:

- * Board Operator
- * Tribal Attorney
- * Receptionist/Clerical Worker (on call)
- * Cashier
- * Registered Nurse (on call)
- * Licensed Practical Nurse (on call)
- * Account Executive/Sales
- * Pre-Primary Teaching Assistant
- * Community Service Supervisor (one call)
- * Unit Manager (New Day)
- * Family Aide
- * On-Call Van Driver
- * Unit Manager (OVW)

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

**IF ANYONE NEEDS WOOD
FOR FOUR DAY CEREMONY PURPOSES,
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COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (C.A.P.) OFFICE
Janice M. Halverson, CAP Administrator
16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49908
Telephone: (906) 353-6623 x4162 Fax: (906) 353-4141

ATTENTION:
FY 2013 LIHEAP FUNDING IS NOW AVAILABLE

LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Two (2) Part Program

1. Direct Assistance Program (DAP)
One time heating credit to heat vendor.
2. Emergency Crisis Intervention Program (ECIP)
Assistance with shut-off notices.

GROSS income is required for ALL household members over the age of 18, 30 days prior to requesting assistance or current taxes.

INCOME GUIDELINES

(60 percent of estimated state median income)

ANNUAL GROSS INCOME	HOUSEHOLD SIZE
\$22,756	1
\$29,758	2
\$36,760	3
\$43,762	4
\$50,764	5
\$57,766	6

In accordance with 45 CFR 96.85, 60 percent of each State's estimated median income — For a four-person family is multiplied by the following percentages to adjust for household size for LIHEAP: 52 percent for one person, 68 percent for two persons, 84 percent for three persons, 100 percent for four persons, 116 percent for five persons, 132 for six persons. For each additional member above six persons, add three percentage points to the percentage for a six-person household (132 percent), and multiply the new percentage by 60 percent of the State's estimated median income for a four-person household.