

WIKWEDONG DAZHI-OJIBWE

The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwe

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9TH WINTER TRADITIONAL POWWOW



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Honoring KBIC were: left to right, (back) Robert Rajacic, Head Male Dancer; Christine Awonohopay, Head Female Dancer; Donovin Awonohopay, Youth Head Male Dancer; Rodney Loonsfoot, Head Veteran Dancer; Sheila Halverson, Youth Head Female Dancer; Joseph Loonsfoot, Junior Head Boy Dancer; and Macee Tolonen, Junior Head Girl Dancer.

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.



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- February 2, 2013 Tribal Council Meeting
- 9th Winter Traditional Powwow
- First Motor Vehicle Title Printed
- Ojibwa Senior Citizens News
- KBIC DHHS Staff Train With IPC4
- KBOCC Students Visit Washington D.C.
- New Employees
- Ojibwemowin
- Deepest Sympathy

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community held their 9th Winter Traditional Powwow on Saturday, January 26, 2013, at the Niiwin Akeaa Community Center in Baraga, Michigan.

The day's events began with the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Cultural Committee hosting a recognition of *Honoring Our Judicial Leaders*. (See separate article).

Grand Entries were held at 1 pm and 6 pm with Rodney Loonsfoot, Head Veteran Dancer, leading the KBIC Veteran Honor Guard into the arena. Stanley Spruce served as Master of Ceremonies, George Gauthier as Arena Director, and Kyle Gauthier as Assistant Arena Director. Host Drum was the Woodland Singers, and invited drums were: Beartown Singers, Four Thunders, and Summer Cloud. Harlan Downwind was available as the Traditional Advisor. Also honored was Miss Keweenaw Bay, Samantha Tolonen, and Tribal Elders: Joyce Hebert and William "Bill" Swartz. A Pink Shawl Honor Dance was held honoring Myrtle Tolonen. The Community enjoyed a grand feast between grand entries.



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Shawl Dancer, Shayla Emblad.



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Jingle Dress Dancers: Shelia Halverson, Jeani Jaye Aho, Macee Tolonen, and Debbie Williamson.



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Junior Head Dancers: Macee Tolonen and Joseph Loonsfoot, Two-Stepping.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Shawl Dancers: (left) Jenna Mae Loonsfoot and (right) Aleah Ezma Maskew.



FEBRUARY 2, 2013 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on February 2, 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. LaFernier, Toni Minton, Jennifer Misegan, Robert (RD) Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Jean Jokinen, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Carole L. LaPointe, Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, and Don Messer, Jr. present.

President Warren C. Swartz, Jr. shared numerous *Thank You* and *For Your Information* items addressed to Council. Secretary Susan J. LaFernier gave the Secretary's Report (page two), Treasurer Jennifer Misegan gave the Treasurer's Report (page three), and CEO Larry Denomie gave the CEO Report (page four). Council passed the Department Head Reports for December 2012.

Under Old Business, Jim Kurtti, Director of Finnish American Heritage Center Finlandia University, gave an update on plans for FinnFest USA 2013.

The event will be held in Hancock, MI, June 19-23, 2013. The FinnFest USA 2013 Board of Trustees originally asked the KBIC Tribal Council to consider a lead gift of \$35,000 in September. This lead gift, along with others, will allow the Board to continue to implement plans and develop promotions at the pace needed. The FinnFest USA 2013 Board will also offer the KBIC Tribal Council a sponsorship donation for the Festival's signature event: the opening ceremony. **Motion by Jennifer Misegan to table the FinnFest USA 2013 donation request until the February 14, 2013 Finance Meeting, supported by Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**

Under New Business, Jennifer Misegan, Treasurer, presented the donation list for February 2013. No donations were approved at this time.

Motion by Carole LaPointe to approve Gary Francis Loonsfoot, Jr., Director of Cultural Resources as NAGPRA Representative Designee, Resolution KB-1920-2013, supported

by Don Messer, Jr., eight supported (Mayo, S. LaFernier, Minton, Misegan, Dakota, M. LaFernier, LaPointe, Messer), two opposed (Jokinen, R. Curtis), one absent (Matthews), 0 abstained, motion carried.

Motion by Jennifer Misegan to approve Resolution KB-1921-2013 MACPRA Representative Designee as Gary Francis Loonsfoot, Jr., supported by Susan J. LaFernier, eight supported (Mayo, S. LaFernier, Minton, Misegan, Dakota, M. LaFernier, LaPointe, Messer), two opposed (Jokinen, R. Curtis), one absent (Matthews) 0 abstained, motion carried.

President Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. announced that he had appointed Vice President Elizabeth D. Mayo to the vacant position on the KBIC Health Board last week. The appointment was made in compliance with the Board's by-laws following a resignation.

Council adjourned with no closed session matters.

~ submitted by Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR JANUARY 2013

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

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

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

Happy Winter Everyone! Let it "goon (goohn)" snow! Remember to attend the "Healthy Heart Fair" on February 12th, and remember your valentine on February 14th.

The Committee for Alternative & Renewable Energy (CARE) has been busy the past year reviewing proposals and suggestions for alternative energy. A study was completed, which included various locations on the Reservation, for the possibility of wind turbines to provide energy at our larger buildings/businesses and most recently solar power.

Now that the (revised) Enterprise Employment Manual has been approved by Council, an interested group of employees along with our CEO have begun the process of reviewing our Government Personnel Policy. Two meetings have been held, and they are scheduled to be held every week until completion.

It was my pleasure to present a brief history of our Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Court which was established in 1973 (40 years ago) at the "Honoring Our Judicial Leaders" on January 26, 2013, before the 9th Winter Traditional Powwow. Congratulations to our present Chief Judge Bradley T. Dakota and Associate Judge Violet Friisvall Ayres, Appellate Court Judge William Jondreau, and all of our past judges who have served our Community. Our congratulations also to our honored elders: Joyce Hebert and William "Bill" Swartz, and everyone who was honored

at the Pow-Wow. Also many thanks for a job well done to our Cultural Committee for the recognition they provide each year and for hosting the Pow-Wow.

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! We have 822 total eligible voters and 681 registered voters, 429 registered voters, or 63%, voted in the December election. Our goal for Keweenaw Bay is to have 100% of our registered/eligible members vote!

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 others and begin positive lifestyle changes that will help us live longer, healthier, happier lives. Mino-Bimaadizin—"Live Well." Remember everyone should participate in at least 30 minutes of physical activity five times a week to stay fit. The employee 12-week "Weight Loss Challenge — New Year, New You" began on January 17, 2013, and will end on April 11, 2013. The Walk & Talk Program also 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."

"The Medicine Abuse Project" 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 January 2013, the Tribal Council held one Regular Tribal Council Meeting on January 5, 2013, at the Ojibwa Motel Conference Room. This meeting is covered in the February 2013 Newsletter. Tribal Council held four Special Council Meetings. Following are the unapproved motions from January.

At a council meeting held January 10, 2013, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the bids from Riverside Auto for three police patrol cars and three police trucks;
- Approved the job description for the Solid Waste Facility Manager, to post the position, and the start-up costs budget (non-construction);
- Approved funding of \$5,230.00 (Education Budget) for continued GED preparation;
- Approved the KBIC Wolf Management Plan with the changes;
- Approved the match donation of \$600.00 for the Wildlife Management

- Survey incentives;
- Approved the Professional Services Agreement with Shirley Brozzo for youth literacy training pending the security background check (Library Enhancement Grant);
- Approved the nomination of Donald Messer, Jr. to fulfill the term of Eddy Edwards on the Aanikoosing, Inc. Board of Directors;
- Approved Resolution KB 1915-2013 "Honoring Our Children Initiative" (well-being of Tribal Children 0-8) I.T.C. grant for \$5,100.00 for two years;
- Approved the renewal Professional Services Agreement with Dale Schmeisser, R.D., Ph.D. for the WIC Program January-December 2013;
- Approved Resolution KB 1917-2013 "Idle No More" an effort to stand to defend the rights of all Indigenous Nations and people on Turtle Island;
- Approved a donation of \$100.00 for the "Idle No More" event at the Ojibwa Community College on January 11, 2013;
- Approved the closing of the Marquette Ojibwa Casino from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on January 22, 2013, to install the power to the new roof mount air conditioner;
- Approved the renewal Independent Contractor Agreement with Millenium Services, Inc. for one year;
- Defeated a motion to do background checks on everyone who works for the Tribe;
- Approved a donation of \$350.00 for David Madosh's trip to New York for an interview with the New York Times and T.V. show regarding the network of organ sharers/kidney chain and his organ donation;
- Approved the list of positions for background checks per the Personnel Policy;
- Approved that if people cannot pass the background check: their position will be modified, if possible to not have regular contact with children, or transfer the individual to a vacant position they qualify for which doesn't require a clearance;
- Approved the Tribal Forester position announcement and to post the position;
- Approved the in-house budget modification request for Fund 167 to

- \$152,658.00;
- Approved the Professional Services Agreement with GEI Consultants, Inc. for the Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) for the Pequaming Shores Property;
- Approved the Professional Services Agreement with John Donham and Dorsey & Whitney (expert witness contract support costs litigation);
- Approved to post for a full time Registered Nurse at the Department of Health & Human Services;
- Approved to interview the six Tribal members who applied for the Cultural Resources Director position;
- Approved the renewal Employment Agreement with Carole LaPointe, Health Administrator, for three years.

At a council meeting held January 17, 2013, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the Community Sugar Bush (100 trees) proposal at Laugh's Lake as an annual event;
- Approved the Project Agreement with the Baraga County Road Commission for the replacement of culverts located at Denomie Creek on the Golf Course Road;
- Approved the First Amendment to Project Agreement with the Baraga County Road Commission for the replacement of the bridge crossing the Falls River on the Golf Course Road;
- Approved Resolution KB 1918-2013 National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) membership renewal for \$7,500.00;
- Approved to waive the First Reading of proposed Ordinance 2013-02 Title 3-Criminal Penalties to add 3.611 Misuse of the Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN) or National Crime Information Center (NCIC) and to schedule the 2nd Reading for January 24, 2013;
- Approved the motor vehicle fee schedule (for titling);
- Approved to hire Liana Loonsfoot for the Cultural Resources Director position at \$24.00 per hour.

At a council meeting held January 24, 2013, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the Tribal Council meeting minutes for December 1, 3, 8, 15,

- 2011, and tabled the December 21, 2011 minutes;
- Approved to table Resolution KB 1914-2013 to amend Article VIII Section 1 of the Constitution for more review (Election Ordinance);
- Approved the renewal of the Tribal Environmental Agreement KBIC and the EPA Region 5 2013-2015;
- Approved the renewal business license for DaShack (Don/Jason Messer) pending the food report findings have been completed by the next inspection;
- Approved to waive the 1st Reading of proposed ordinance 2013-01 Title One General Provisions-Tribal Code (the 2nd Reading will be February 7, 2013);
- Approved a donation of \$25,000.00 to the Farm to Consumer Legal Defense Fund for the Ma Hog Farm;
- Defeated a motion to repost the Cultural Resources Director position (L. Loonsfoot did not accept the position);
- Approved to appoint Gary Loonsfoot, Jr. to the Cultural Resources Director position.

At a council meeting held January 31, 2013, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the Tribal Council meeting minutes for December 21, 2011, January 7 and 12, 2012;
- Approved proposed ordinance 2013-02 Title 3 of the Tribal Code to provide for criminal penalties for the misuse of the Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN) and the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) (new 3.611);
- Approved to table a donation request until other departments/businesses are asked for a donation for the Annual KBIC Environmental Fair to be held on April 24, 2013;
- Approved to offer the Tribal Forester position to Gerald Jondreau;
- Approved to post the Tribal Background Investigator position;
- Approved the Amendment to Services Agreement with Marla Bradley of North Country Web Design for the KBIC Natural Resources Department web site.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan J. LaFerner, Secretary

TREASURER REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2013

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

A finance meeting with the Chief Financial Officer has been set for February 14, 2013. At this meeting, we will review the financial statements of the Tribal Government and its departments as well as the statements for both casinos, the Pines, and Eagle Radio. If there are any other areas that the Council would like to review, please let either myself or Francis LaPointe know, so the information can be available.

The signatory cards for all accounts have been updated with both Superior National Bank and Wells Fargo. As of January 25, 2013, all Council members are eligible to sign checks.

I have been busy reviewing the Fiscal Year 2013 budgets as well as the financial statements that are available.

Serving as the Treasurer of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community is an honor and a responsibility that I take seriously. I am humbled to have been appointed to this position. I will work to maintain the financial integrity of our Tribe and to insure that we are financially sound.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Misegan, Treasurer

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!

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.

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.

CEO REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2013

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

- The Tribe's Even Start Program ended this past year and left a gap in providing GED programming. On January 10, funding was approved by Council to have programming available through the Tribe's Education Department. Amy St. Arnold will be contracting out services to continue providing tutoring and also covering costs of GED testing. Anyone wishing to access the program should contact Amy.
- A long-time goal of the Tribe is now realized. The Tribe has hired its own Tribal Forester to better manage the forestry activities. Jerry Jondreau, who has been a recipient of the Forestry Scholarship since 2009, has been hired and will begin working next week.
- In a related matter, we received notice from Gerald Parish which first indicates notice of approval of our Forestry Management Deduction Plan. It also provided information related to our informal request for additional BIA resources for KBIC's forestry management efforts. It appears unlikely we will see any additional funds, as there is a good possibility that cuts will be initiated at the BIA. However, it also indicated serious consideration is being given to better organize the workforce throughout the Midwest region to provide better efficiency for the Tribes served. We are hoping to see some changes through that planning. Mr. Parish indicated the next three-six months will provide a better feel, once funding issues at the national level are worked out. President Swartz and Sarah Maki, Asst. CEO, are attending the regional BIA Budgeting meeting next week and will hand deliver a formal request for additional resources.
- Funding has been approved by the USDA through the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) Education funds to establish a community garden. Staff at our NRD, along with community members will establish a garden near the Commodity Foods Warehouse in Zeba. If anyone is interested in volunteering to help with the project, they may contact our NRD or Darren Webb at our Commodity Foods program.
- The Bi-monthly Dept. Head meeting was held on January 15. Staff provided updates on activities within their departments, including Francis "Hosh" LaPointe, who indicated that all employees will be seeing a decrease in their paychecks. The Social Security Tax rate increased from 4.2% to 6.2% and is retroactive to the first payroll of the calendar year. Tom Chosa, IT Manager, indicated a new mail server was being installed and could result in intermittent e-mail issues. IT also has a new file server slated for installation in the near future. That project won't move forward until they have developed policies which will aid in keeping only those files which are absolutely nec-

essary on the drive. Nikki Arens, Youth Coordinator, organized activities for the half-day Baraga and L'Anse school closure days due to exams. Kids were able to be dropped off at the Community Center and her staff hosted fun activities. She is also working on plans for future planned school closures as well as summer break programming.

- The Tribe has hired a new Director of Cultural Resources (formerly known as the THPO Director). Gary Loonsfoot, Jr. has replaced Chris Chosa who resigned. Gary began working in the new role on January 28, 2013.
- We are in the process of finalizing plans to provide for KBIC Seniors Income Tax filings. Keith Rolof, who has completed the returns for the past several years, is unable to do so this year. Sally Snyder, who is the accountant for the Ojibwa Housing Authority and has prepared the returns in the past, has been authorized by Eddy Edwards, OHA Director, to do them this year. We will be finalizing the agreement next week, and seniors will be able to access the service immediately. Dave Firestone, Ojibwa Seniors Programming Director, will provide notices to make sure the word gets out.

NOTE: Council requested additional options be considered prior to finalizing an agreement with OHA which will be presented a future meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Larry J. Denomie, III, CEO

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MESSAGE TO TRIBAL MEMBERS, DECENDANTS AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS:

Want to get educated in Alcohol and Drug Use/Abuse?

Sign up for ATR (Access To Recovery Program) by calling the Outpatient Substance Abuse Program at (906) 353-8121 and asking for R.D. Get educated and receive incentives for participating.

NEWS FROM THE OJIBWA SENIOR CITIZENS

A note from Dave Firestone, Nutrition Director: Anyone who has borrowed medical equipment from the Senior Center and is not currently using, such as wheelchair, walkers, canes, crutches, etc. are asked to please return them to the Senior Center, so that other seniors can utilize this equipment. Also, if you have any medical equipment you wish to donate, please bring to the Senior Center.

March 13: 10:30 am, Fundraising Committee meeting - all seniors welcome; 12:30 pm, Ojibwa Senior Meeting - all seniors welcome.

March 27: Pasty prep at 12:15 pm (right after lunch).

March 28: PASTY DAY - 5:00 am start time.

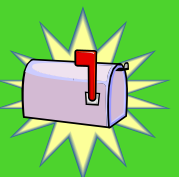
April 24: Pasty prep at 12:15 pm.

April 25: PASTY DAY - 5:00 am, SENIOR VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED AND WELCOMED.

CHI MIIGWECH to the Seniors who donated to the bake sale on Valentines Day at the Pines Convenience Center, and to those who purchased. It was a HUGE SUCCESS!!!

The Tribal Council has approved a method for KBIC seniors to have senior taxes done and paid for by the Tribe. They have established a voucher system, so seniors can have their taxes done/paid by Sally Snyder at Ojibwa Housing and at H&R Block in both L'Anse and Houghton. Seniors need to get a voucher from Dave Firestone at the Senior Center.

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



Keweenaw Bay Indian Community

COMMUNITY SUGAR BUSH



The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community would like to invite all community members to the 1st Annual Community Sugar Bush located at Laughs Lake in L'Anse, MI. All experience levels are welcome to join us in this opportunity to share knowledge, tradition, and the experience. Finished products will be distributed to participants based on time spent at the sugar bush. For more information or to sign up, please contact the KBIC Tribal Forester.

Organized by the KBIC Forestry Department in cooperation with the Natural Resource Department and the Department of Health and Human Services.

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HONORING OUR JUDICIAL LEADERS



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

(Left to right) Honorable Violet M. Friisvall Ayres, (current) Associate Judge; Honorable Bradley T. Dakota, (current) Chief Tribal Judge; Gretchen Emery (former) Associate Judge; and Honorable William Jondreau, Sr. (current) Appellate Associate Justice and (former) Associate Judge.

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Cultural Committee held a recognition, *Honoring Our Judicial Leaders*, on January 26, 2013, prior to the 1 pm Grand Entry of the 9th Annual Mid-Winter Powwow. Beartown Singers offered the opening song and a honor song. President Warren C. Swartz, Jr. welcomed the Community to the recognition gathering. An Ojibwe prayer was given by Rose Trudeau. Toni J. Minton, introduced the Guest Speaker, Susan J. LaFerner, Secretary of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Council, who gave the history of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Judicial System. Frederick Dakota, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Council Member, added remarks from his recollection of serving as the President of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community during the early years of the operations of the KBIC's judicial system. Judicial Leaders were introduced by Doreen Blaker, Cultural Committee Member, and gifts were presented to them by other members of the Cultural Committee.

Appointed Judge

Mary Jondreau, 10/13/1973

Chief Judge

Theodore R. Holappa, 1974-1985

Elaine Jondreau Maki, 1986-1989

Bradley T. Dakota, 1989-present

Associate Judge

Beatrice Mitchell Hugo, 1976-1983

Barbara M. Mantila, 1983-1989

Gretchen L. Emery, 1990-1992

William W. Jondreau, 1993-1999

Violet Friisvall Ayres, 2000-present

History of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Court, by Susan J. LaFerner, KBIC Tribal Council Secretary

The majority of this history of our Tribal Court is taken from the Tribal Council minutes, and this is a brief version that time permitted. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Court was established in 1973.

Over forty years ago our Tribe researched and discussed jurisdictional issues and the need for law and order services. During the April 17, 1971 Tribal Council meeting, Mr. Andrew Wisti was present to speak before the Council and audience at the Zeba Community Hall to explain the terms of the Supreme Court's ruling on the historic *Jondreau* Case. "It is very clear that the Treaty of 1842 is the law of the land. The Department of Natural Resources must abide by this decision. We can hunt on Reservation land and also on ceded lands. He also explained that we have responsibilities, we should proceed with caution, and rules and regulations will have to be set up. The Tribal Council has the right to make these laws, and all Indians must abide by them. There will be penalties that will be enforced. He suggested that the Council review other Tribe's rules and regulations." A motion was made to adopt the following Resolution: Be it resolved that the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Council adopt all Conservation laws, rules and regulations to apply to all members of the L'Anse Band of Chippewa Indians of Lake Superior until such time as the said Council forms our own Rules and Regulations. There was also a motion to give the Chairman the authority to appoint seven members to act as a Committee to decide what rules they should adopt. At the May 19, 1971 meeting after review: a motion was made to accept the Rules and Regulations of the Hunting and Fishing laws with the changes. Chairman Frederick Dakota was appointed as an interim if anyone fails to obey these laws. At the same meeting there was discussion and a motion to submit a proposal to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for dollars to train two employees for Game Wardens. They also discussed getting a car from the B.I.A. and that it would be a good idea to work with the local law officials.

Per the Federal Register, the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community is eligible to perform a full range of law enforcement activities. A

memorandum on April 3, 1972, outlines the Bureau of Indian Affairs proposed budget of \$32,000.00 for law enforcement activities on the KBIC Reservation during fiscal year 1974. On January 4, 1973, a resolution of the KBIC Tribal Council requested the Bureau of Indian Affairs to take the necessary steps to implement and operate the Reservation Police Force and Judicial System. May 9, 1973, the Community's application was submitted for law enforcement assistance from the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration. The grant was awarded for \$25,000.00 to develop a Law Enforcement and Court Project. Finally on August 9, 1973, there is a list of people who attended a meeting at the KBIC Tribal Center to discuss the implementation and operation of the Tribal Law Enforcement and Court System. An article appeared in the August 15, 1973 issue of the L'Anse Sentinel describing the important August 9th meeting and comments from the Agency Superintendent of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Mr. Reginald Miller regarding the assignment of a Special Officer to the Reservation which was held up at the Bureau's Washington D.C. level. It was mentioned that this entire process took over one and one half years. On August 18, 1973, a motion was made by Helene Welsh and seconded by Clyde Swartz to use the model code of Indian offenses and the Red Lake Juvenile Code until such time as the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Council adopted its own code.

At the Tribal Council's October 13, 1973 meeting, a report was given that Fred Dakota, Tribal Chairman, and Attorney Garfield Hood met with Ray Butler, Indian Services Program in Washington, D.C. and a representative from the Governor's office and were informed that the Tribe would be receiving a Bureau policeman. They stated they had received cooperation from Congressman Phillip Ruppe's office and Governor Milliken's representative. At this same Tribal Council meeting, a motion was made by Helene Welsh and seconded by Clyde Swartz to accept the Chairman's recommendation for the Judgeship appointment, and he appointed Mary Jondreau as the Judge to serve until the next Tribal Election, and she served for three months. At the December 8, 1973 Council meeting, a motion was made by Helene Welsh and seconded by Barbara Swartz to put the eight names on the ballot if they were willing to serve as Tribal Judge. At the January 12, 1974 Council meeting, it stated that Theodore R. Holappa received the majority of the votes at the December 29, 1973 election and was formally inducted into office as Tribal Judge. A letter was sent by Chairman Dakota to Mr. Reginald Miller, Superintendent, Great Lakes Agency B.I.A. in Ashland, Wisconsin, with the certification of election for Theodore R. Holappa, newly elected Tribal Judge.

On October 12, 1974, the Tribal Council minutes stated that the Tribal Code had been reviewed by the Secretary of the Interior and they recommended ten changes. A motion was made by Helene Welsh and seconded by Joan Bemis to adopt the changes as recommended by the Secretary of the Interior and letter from Commissioner Morris Thompson. It was suggested that Tribal Chairman Fred Dakota hand carry the Tribal Code to the Minneapolis Area Director.

I found it interesting that at the October 8, 1975 Council meeting, Theodore Holappa submitted his resignation as Tribal Judge because his Health Service/Clinic Director position demanded 100% of his time. A motion was made to refuse his resignation as Tribal Judge and passed. There was more discussion the next month, and it was suggested that Judge Holappa hold Night Court. After approval of five nominees for Associate Judge, Beatrice Hugo Mitchell was elected and sworn in on January 14, 1976, as the 1st Associate Judge by majority vote, and she served until January 22, 1983, when she walked on. Theodore Holappa was also elected by majority vote to the Tribal Council (L'Anse District) per the January 14, 1976 meeting minutes. Judge Theodore Holappa stated at the February 11, 1976 Council meeting that he would preside over his first trial in two weeks.

The Juvenile Code, Titles 5 and 6 were ready for Council approval on March 10, 1976. Also at the April 8, 1978 meeting, a motion was made to adopt the Bay Mills Domestic (Relations) Civil Code section on divorce with the exception of the last sentence of Section 1008. Theodore Holappa ran unopposed and was re-elected as Tribal Court Judge on January 19, 1977, and January 9, 1980. January 1983, after two elections were held, Theodore Holappa retained his judgeship. Also something to note, at the January 11, 1978 meeting, Council approved Ronald (Shine) Miller to receive Assistant Prosecuting Attorney training as he was interested in the position. On March 19, 1983, a motion was made adopting a resolution to amend the Tribal Code regarding the composition of Tribal Court to include requirements for an Associate Judge. On January 11, 1986, Elaine Jondreau Maki was sworn in as Chief Judge after the December election and served until February 27, 1989, when she walked on. Chief Judge Bradley T. Dakota was then elected and sworn in on April 8, 1989, and has continued to serve since. He was recently reelected running unopposed and sworn into office on January 5, 2013. It was a great honor for me to officially give the oath of office to Judge Dakota on January 6, 2007, and also to my cousin, Judge Violet Friisvall Ayres, as Associate Judge on January 5, 2008. It should also be noted that for many

New Employees



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Robin Roe has been hired as the Titling Clerk with the Tribe's Motor Vehicle Division. Robin is the daughter of Sandy and the (late) Jerry Swartz of L'Anse, and a 1986 graduate of L'Anse High School. She attended NMU for 1 1/2 years and after moving downstate, she attended Mid-Michigan Community College for a semester before returning to the area. Robin has been taking classes at KBOCC towards her Business Administration Degree. Robin resides in Baraga with her boyfriend Kerry Picciano and her two sons, Logan (17) and Grayson (14), and their miniature Dachshunds, Uno and Precious.

Robin states, "I am active with the L'Anse Lock-In Committee and enjoy watching my son Logan participate in both basketball and football, while Grayson plays in the band. I bowl for *Da Shack* on Wednesday evenings at the Whirligig."



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Liana Loonsfoot has been hired as the Survivor Advocate for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Office of Violence Against Women (OVW) Programs and Services. Liana states, "As a Survivor Advocate, my job is to provide outreach services to women, children, and men who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking. I have worked for over five years as an Advocate for women, children, and men who are fleeing violence and am excited to bring my passion and drive for this issue to my Tribal Community."

In the past couple of weeks, several people have asked me, "What exactly does an Advocate do?" As an Advocate, I am here to act as your guide, defender, supporter, or simply your teacher on issues pertaining to domestic and/or sexual violence. I can answer your questions whether they're about your current or past relationships, or perhaps you are concerned for a friend or neighbor? In pertaining to Sexual Assault, I can also help you to find the resources you need for getting help or in seeking legal intervention if you so choose. When it comes to Sexual Assault, many times people have never sought treatment or talked to anyone about the assault and may not know where to go for help. I am someone who can guide them in the right direction and provide them with the necessary resources they may need. It is up to the Survivor to decide his or her path in the recovery process, and it's my job to help them in any way I can."

Domestic violence is an issue for large numbers of Native women both on Tribal lands and outside of Indian Country.

- American Indian and Alaskan Native women are battered, raped, and stalked at far greater rates than any other group of women in the United States.
- The U.S. Department of Justice estimates that Native American women are stalked at a rate at least twice that of any other group in the nation, and three out of four American

Indian women have been victims of domestic violence.

- This disproportionate amount of violence destroys the quality of life of Native Americans and threatens the stability and security of their families, communities, and tribes. American Indians experience per capita rates of violence that are more than twice that of the U.S. resident population.
- One out of three American Indian and Alaskan Native women are raped in their lifetime, compared to about one in five women in the nation as a whole.
- 70% of American Indians who are the victims of violent crimes are victimized by a non-native individual.
- One in five violent victimizations against American Indians involved an offender who was an intimate or member of the victim's family (between 1992 and 2001).
- 25% of employed American Indian victims of violence said that the incident occurred in the workplace.
- 17% of American Indian women - at least twice that of other groups - are stalked each year.
- In one study of Tribal jurisdictions between 1996 and 2001, 70% of orders of protection filed by prosecutors on behalf of American Indian women were violated.
- 69% of American Indian children report exposure to violence in the home.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Tara Smith has been hired as the Front Desk Receptionist at the Tribal Center. Tara graduated early from the L'Anse/Baraga Community Schools, receiving her diploma in 2006, and attended Lake Superior State University. Prior to accepting this position, Tara worked as an on-call receptionist for KBIC and as an at-home caregiver for her Uncle Doug.

Tara states, "In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with my family (brothers, sister, cousins); reading/writing; watching movies; and drawing. I have always enjoyed working as a fill-in at the front desk at the Tribal Center, and I am grateful to have this opportunity to work the position full-time, which I hope will be for a long time."



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Jerry Jondreau has been hired as the KBIC Tribal Forester. He is the son of SMSgt. Robert Jondreau and the grandson of William "Boyzie" Jondreau and Mary Cardinal. Jerry states, "I am Crane Clan. I currently reside in L'Anse within the reservation boundary with my girlfriend Liz Sherman, her daughter Kirsten and our girls Breanna and Charlotte. Our family enjoys participating in cultural events and outdoor activities. We love the U.P."

Jerry worked with the KBIC Natural Resource Department for three years as a technician be-

fore he enrolled in the Forestry program at Michigan Tech. In December of 2012, he received a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Forestry in which he graduated with honors (Cum Laude).

"I am very excited about this opportunity to manage the Tribe's forests. I feel very strong about sustainably harvesting resources while incorporating our culture into the overall management plan. After all, we are a woodland people, and the forest has sustained us for many generations. We should reciprocate with careful and calculated management. I plan on investing a lot of time and effort in maintaining and enhancing our reservation. One of the largest threats impeding this objective is Climate Change. We are going to have to be vigilant and dynamic in our approach as a community to ensure that forest resources are ever present from now and into the seventh generation. Feel free to stop by my office and talk."

2013 HEALTHY HEART FAIR HELD



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Jerri Lynn Duschaine participates in the health screenings being offered. This booth was offering blood pressure readings.

KBIC's Department of Health and Human Services and W.H.I.P.P. Task Force held the 2013 Healthy Heart Fair on Tuesday, February 12, 2013, at the Niiwin Akeaa Center with over 200 community members attending. Participants gained knowledge of how to maintain a healthy lifestyle from a number of educational booths who distributed pamphlets and samples. Once again chair massages were made available for those who wished to relieve neck and back stresses. Free cholesterol testing was offered as well. Prize incentives were raffled to participants throughout the event.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

(Right) Effy Laturi participates in the cholesterol testing offered by the KBIC/DHHS being conducted by (left) Margaret Poisson, RN, of the KBIC Medical Clinic.

Booths and volunteers at this year's event were: Healthy Heart Fair Committee and Volunteers, American Red Cross, Back to Basics, Baraga County Home Care & Hospice, Baraga County Medical Equipment, Baraga County Memorial Hospital, Baraga/L'Anse Nurse Aid HOSA students, BCMH Fitness & Rehab Center, It Works! - Chassell, KBIC Community Health, KBIC Contract Health Services, KBIC Dental Center, KBIC Diabetes Team, KBIC Medical Center, KBIC Natural Resources Department, KBIC Nutrition Program, KBIC Office of Child Support Services, KBIC OVW, KBIC Public Health Preparedness, KBIC WIC Program, KBIC Youth Group, Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College, Laura Johnston, Linda Kinnunen Raw Foods, MSU Extension Office, Ojibwa Community Library, Ojibwa Senior Citizens, OPrevent, Portage Home Health & Hospice, Pre-Primary Program, Superior Family Chiropractic, Tribal Social Services, and the WHIPP Taskforce.

FIRST MOTOR VEHICLE TITLE PRINTED



(Left to right) Tribal member, Don Funke; Motor Vehicle Clerk, Robin Roe; and Enrollment/Motor Vehicle Director, Jennifer Misenan.

After years of work, the first Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Motor Vehicle Title has been printed. Certificates of Title can be issued to Tribal members who reside within the boundaries of the Reservation who are purchasing or transferring a motor vehicle.

The Tribe had initially formed a Titling Taskforce which worked on developing a draft Motor Vehicle Code. This Code was approved by the Tribal Council in January 2011. Many systems and procedures needed to be developed and put into place before the actual titles could be printed. It has taken countless hours by many dedicated employees and Council members working together to get it all up and running.

If any members have questions regarding Motor Vehicle Titling please call Robin at 353-4155 or Jennifer at 353-6623, ext. 4111.

PRESSBOX MEN TAKES 1ST PLACE IN Y101 BOWLING TOURNAMENT

The Ojibwa Pressbox sponsored their top five bowlers in each category in the 21st annual Eagle Radio/Old Milwaukee Y101 All-Star Bowling Tournament held January 25-27th at the Konteka in Ontonagon, MI. The Ojibwa Pressbox Men's team took first place in their division. Congratulations. Photos by Amber Geroux.



(Left to right) Steven Geroux, Chris Loonsfoot, Charlie Parrish, Paul Maki, Jr., and Brad Dakota.



(Left to right) Robin Roe, Olivia Loonsfoot, Jessica Smith, Henry VanderZanden, Kerry Varline.

DISTRICT SPELLING BEE ACHIEVERS

Six of the eight pictured below are tribal members who have excelled in the District Spelling Bee for grades 5-8 held at the Baraga Area Schools on February 6, 2013. The 1st place and runner-up winners advanced to the Regional Spelling Bee held at Houghton High School on February 20, 2013.



(Left to right) Cameron Goodreau (Baraga 5th Grade/Runner-up), Ethan Hansen (L'Anse 5th Grade/1st place), Jessica Wickstrom (L'Anse 6th Grade/Runner-up), Haley Nankervis (L'Anse 6th Grade/ 1st place), Sarah Dix (L'Anse 7th Grade/1st place), Grayson Roe (L'Anse 8th Grade/1st place), Gregory Dowd (L'Anse 7th Grade/ Runner-up), and Sydni Voakes (Baraga 8th grade/Runner-up). Photo by Marianne Morin-Wickstrom.

OJIBWA LIBRARY NEWS



The Northern Vegans of Marquette donated two Vegan Cookbooks, *Vegan Vittles* and *The Vegan Table*, to the Ojibwa Community Library. Pictured above are (left) Natasha Lantz, Marquette Food Co-op Community Liaison and (right) Mary Bergerson, Tribal Library Director.

YOUTH MAKE WINTER MOCCASINS

KBIC Youth Programs hosted a Youth Club Activity on Saturday, February 9, 2013, at the Niiwin Akeaa Commons Room. Youth were able to make their own winter moccasin boots. Youth Program staff and a Cultural Committee advisor were available to help participants design their own styles. Supplies were provided by the DOJ grant. Shown in the picture to the right are the first completed pair belonging to Vanessa Beaver. The next Winter Moccasins Activity Day will be March 9, 2013, 10 am—4 pm, ages 11-17.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

KBIC DHHS STAFF TRAIN WITH IPC4



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Improving Patient Care (IPC4) Collaborative brought the trainer to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Donald A. LaPointe Health and Education Center. February 5-7, 2013, DHHS utilized the IPC4 Collaborative to provide virtual training to their staff and the Community. IPC4 Collaborative is sponsored by the Indian Health Service to improve health and promote wellness for American Indians and Alaska Natives and supports the four IHS priorities. "It is a win-win situation. Our staff doesn't have to travel for training, saving dollars, and all of our staff receive gainful information," stated Carole LaPointe, Health Director, who serves as the IPC4 Team Executive Sponsor. "Additionally, community members and other KBIC departmental staff may participate to build upon existing relationships in order to develop plans to improve patient outcomes and health care processes."

Learning sessions are web-based, enabling intensive face-to-face meetings, bringing together teams from each organization and the expert faculty trainers to exchange ideas and share best practices. Each training seminar offers four or five learning sessions which are subsequently followed by breakout sessions. For more information, or if you would like to participate in the ICP4 Collaborative as a Community Member, call Carole at 353-4553, or visit the IHS website at www.ihs.gov.

9TH Winter Traditional Powwow/Honoring Our Judicial Leaders continued:

years the Tribal Council also acted as the Appellate Court and on September 6, 2008, Ordinance 2008-03 modified the provisions of the Tribal Code Title One relating to the establishment of an Appellate Division of the Tribal Court and the rules governing the procedure before the Appellate Division. It was approved by the United States Department of the Interior B.I.A. Michigan Agency Sault Ste. Marie on September 24, 2008. William Jondreau is currently one of our three appellate judges. We also commend our Court system on the implementation of "Healing to Wellness" Drug Court which had one graduate on February 28, 2012, and three will be graduating on January 31, 2013.

On behalf of the Tribal Council, I congratulate all of our Chief Judges, Associate Judges, Appellate Judge who have and are serving, and the staff of the Tribal Court for their many accomplishments.

HONORED ELDERS



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Honored Elders: William "Bill" Swartz, and Joyce Hebert.

After his retirement, he and Ann moved back to Pequaming in 1992. Bill enjoys gardening, fishing, hunting, reading, and playing cards. He is a member of the VFW American Legion and the Arvon Bunny Club. Bill has been a member of KBIC's Enrollment Board for 17 years.

Joyce M. Gauthier was born in Big Bay, Michigan, to Eva and James Gauthier. Joyce is 87 years young. She has one brother, Lyle Gauthier. Joyce married Leo Hebert of Ishpeming, Michigan, on April 6, 1943, and they were married for 65 years. Together they raised seven children: Leo, Ann, Blaine, Lyle, Joseph, Shanon, and Raema. Joyce has 25 grandchildren, 57 great grandchildren, and 48 great-great grandchildren.

Joyce was a homemaker taking care of her husband and children. She did work for a short time as a cook in a little restaurant in Idaho.

Joyce currently lives at Superior View Housing in Baraga, Michigan, where she has enjoyed sharing company with friends for the past five years. She has been reacquainting herself with traditional ways of life and culture. Joyce's ancestry is from her great grandmother, Anna Madosh Marksman, her father James Gauthier and his mother Sarah Marksman Gauthier.

Joyce leads a very active social life; playing bingo, shopping, crafting, embroidering, and attending powwows. It is hard to keep up with her! She also enjoys cooking and baking. She is a very independent lady and continues to live alone and take care of herself.

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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 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.

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.

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!!!

These funds are now available to KBIC tribal members currently residing in the entire Upper Peninsula! First degree KBIC descendants are now eligible to utilize IDA funds for education expenses.

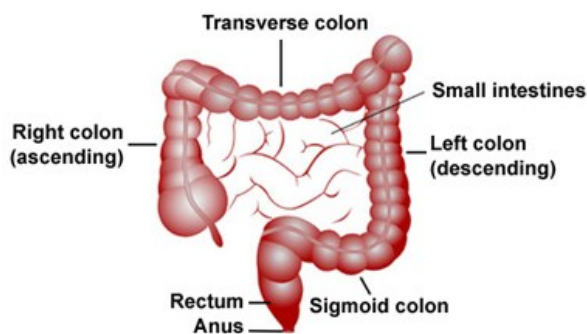
Funds may be used toward home purchase (down payment or closing costs), education (books, laptop, and other supplies that are **required** of your courses and are not covered), and small business start-up or expansion.

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

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

March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month..

Colorectal Cancer is cancer that occurs in the colon or rectum. The colon is the large intestine or large bowel. The rectum is the passageway connecting the colon to the anus. The rate of colon cancer among Native Americans in the Northern Plains is nearly double that of other Indian Health Service areas according to the CDC.



Signs and Symptoms

- A change in bowel habits such as diarrhea, constipation, or narrowing of the stool that lasts for more than a few days.
- A feeling that you need to have a bowel movement that doesn't go away after doing so.
- The sensation that the bowel doesn't completely empty.
- Rectal bleeding, dark stools, or blood in the stool (sometimes the stool will look normal).
- Cramping or stomach pain.
- Weakness and tiredness.
- Unexplained weight loss.

Many of these symptoms are more likely to be caused by something other than colorectal cancer. However, if you experience any of these symptoms, it is recommended that you consult a medical provider.

Risk Factors for Colorectal Cancer

- Being age 50 or older.
- Having a family history of colorectal cancer or polyps. If so, early screening is necessary.
- Having chronic inflammatory bowel disease such as ulcers (ulcer colitis) or swelling (Chron's disease).
- A family history of other cancers may also

raise one's risk for colon cancer.

Colorectal Cancer Five Life-Saving Facts:

- Colorectal Cancer (CRC) is the second leading cancer killer in the U.S.
- CRC has no symptoms at the early stages of development.
- CRC is preventable - even curable when detected early.
- If CRC is found early there is over a 90% chance of cure.
- Men and Women have an equal chance of developing CRC.

Prevention Methods

- Stay Active. Move your body.
- Maintain a healthy weight.
- Increase fruit and vegetable intake.
- Do not abuse tobacco products.
- Avoid exposure to tobacco smoke.
- Get screened.

Screening Methods

When colorectal cancer is found early, the chances of successful treatment are better. Testing can find polyps or growths before cancer develops.

- The fecal occult blood test is a test that is done at home. This test checks for hidden blood in stool sample, which can be a sign of cancer.
- Flexible sigmoidoscopy is a procedure using a thin bendable tube that can find cancer or polyps inside a rectum and lower (sigmoid) colon.
- Colonoscopy is a similar test except that the tube is longer and the doctor can see the entire colon.
- The double-contrast barium enema is an x-ray that lets the doctor see the colon.

These tests are the best way to prevent or detect colorectal cancer when it may be successfully treated. Finding small cancers early also reduces the chance of major surgery.

Set up an appointment with your Medical Provider today to discuss screening for Colorectal Cancer. Call the KBIC Medical Clinic at 353-8700.

Honoring Our Children Initiative

Are you a parent, grandparent, aunt, or uncle concerned about the future being laid out for your child? As tribal people, we value the support we receive from our family and community in raising our young children. Stop and take a moment to think about what you believe a happy healthy Anishinaabe child looks like. Are there barriers standing in the way of children in your community, preventing them from being that child you see in your heart and mind?

Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan and the W. K. Kellogg Foundation are partnering with all of Michigan's Tribal communities to define what we believe a healthy happy Anishinaabe child ages 0-8 should look like. We want to hear from each community to identify the problems that our young children are facing and take a look at the strengths and resources that each tribe contributes to addressing these needs. Through this process, we hope to engage Tribal leaders and citizens in creating a plan to improve the full range of factors important to the well-being of Tribal children, ages 0-8, including quality education, safe communities, and good health.

The work of gathering these ideas and concerns has already begun in some communities. Children are gifts from the creator. It is our job to work together to make sure they reach their full potential and help carry-on the legacy that our ancestors have given us. We honor our children best when we are dedicated to their proper care and respect their rights as Tribal citizens. To learn more about the Honoring Our Children Initiative and make sure your voice is heard, please contact:

Kathy Mayo, Community Health Director
Donald A. LaPointe Health & Education Center
Baraga MI 49908,
(906) 353-4519

or

Michelle Willis, Honoring Our Children Initiative Program Director
2956 Ashmun Street
Sault Ste Marie, MI 49783
(906) 632-6896

Join us on Facebook-search: "Honoring Our Children Initiative" or go to www.itcmi.org and look for the link.

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.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

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

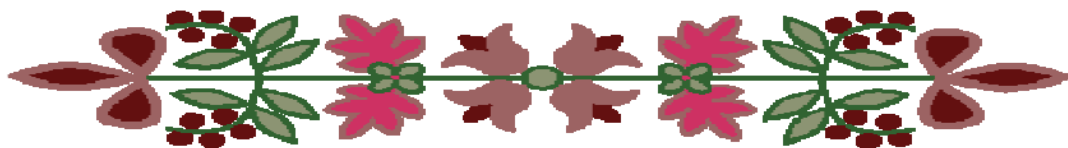
Federal law, through the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, granted Tribes exclusive right to regulate gaming activity on Indian lands. Even if you or the members of your organization are not tribal members, the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Gaming Commission has the authority to regulate your raffle. It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

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

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



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



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"The Peoples Garden"

Come join us for some rewarding work with our community garden. The Tribal Council approved an area near the KBNRD Walleye Ponds on Brewery Rd, L'Anse Mi.

Weather permitting, April we begin work with starting seeds, Please use contact information below to keep in touch with the progress.

Contacts :

Charlotte Loonsfoot -1(906)353-8152, loonsfoot292000@hotmail.com

A group on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/#1/groups/203253399778911/>

KBIC Natural Resources Department: Evelyn Ravindran (906)524-5757 ext.11, eravindran@kbic-nsn.gov

Sponsored by KBIC Natural Resources Committee: Charlotte Loonsfoot/Chairwoman, Rodney Loonsfoot/Co- Chairman, Molly Loonsfoot, Everet Ekdahl, Roger Dushene, and Lawrence Swartz.



PRIZE DRAWING FOR

Community Participants in a KBIC Wildlife and Natural Resources Survey February 28 thru March 30, 2013

Expect delivery of KBIC Natural Resources Wildlife and Natural Resource Survey next week!

Be sure to include your contact info on the prize drawing ticket with your completed survey to be eligible for valuable appreciation prizes:

- Crossbow;
- 0.22 caliber firearm;
- \$100 gift certificate to Mitch's Trading Post;
- Two gift certificates from *Equus Borealis* for a one hour foot massage;
- Up to 12 Pines gift cards worth \$50 each.



Healthy Heart Fair continues:



Picture by Lauri Denomie.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.



Jean Duschaine enjoys a neck/back massage from Christal Kempainen, Massage Therapist at Heavenly Escape in Alston, MI.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

A class of Pre-Primary children visit the Healthy Heart Fair with their teachers.

Upcoming Youth Program Events

- March 1st** "No School Activity Days" for grades K-6th at the Community Center from 7:30am - 5pm
- March 8th** Youth Club Activity MTU Hockey vs. Colorado College at 7:07 pm 
- March 9th** Youth Club Activity - Winter Moccasin Making at the Community Center from 10am-4pm
- March 11th** Rez Runners Meeting @ 7pm in Community Center Commons 
- March 19th** Youth Committee Meeting at Noon in the Community Center Commons
- March 20th** Youth Club Meeting in the Community Center from 4:30-6pm
- March 23rd** Youth Club Activity – Skiing 
- March 28th** "No School Activity Days" K-6th 12-5

Note: All activities subject to change or cancel. Contact Youth Office at 353-4643.

KBOCC STUDENTS VISIT WASHINGTON D.C.



(Left to right) Patrick Racette, Nancie Lamb, Margaret Boyer, Dylan Friisvall.

KBOCC students visited Washington D.C. from February 3 to February 8, for the annual winter meeting of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium and Capitol Hill visits. Attending with KBOCC President Debbie Parrish and Admissions Officer, Patrick Racette, were: Dylan Friisvall, Nancie Lamb, and Margaret Boyer. The AIHEC student leader's advocacy workshop met on Monday morning which was followed by a briefing session for the Capitol Hill meetings. Students had the opportunity to attend the AIHEC Student Congress meeting, Washington D.C. Night Tour, National Museum of the American Indian, and AIHEC's 40th Anniversary Reception.

On Tuesday, February 5th, KBOCC students and staff met with Congressman Dan Benishek and Ashton Strohkirch from Congressman Dave Camp's office. The focus of these meetings was to illustrate how the Tribal colleges and universities are good investments in the community and how they positively impact our local economies. Both Congressmen gave support for reauthorization of the Farm Bill which includes the addition of Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College as a 1994 Land Grant Institution. This will allow KBOCC to receive additional federal funding under the legislation.

On Wednesday, a meeting was held with Doug Messana and Ryan Evans from Senator Debbie Stabenow's office and Jackie Parker from Senator Carl Levin's office. Additional support was sought for a renewed Executive Order by President Obama for the Tribal colleges and universities as a measure of his commitment to Tribal sovereignty and self-determination. Previously, Presidents Clinton and Bush both signed Executive Orders for the Tribal institutions.

At the 40th Anniversary Reception, KBOCC student Margaret Boyer met with former Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell and his wife, Linda, to discuss opportunities at Tribal colleges. During their free time, students were able to engage in sightseeing and attend a New York Knicks and Washington Wizards basketball game.

~ submitted by Debbie Parrish, KBOCC President



(Left) Margaret Boyer sits in the chair at Arlington Cemetery. (Right) Patrick Racette demonstrates the size of this Great White shark jaws exhibit at the National Museum of Natural History.

MARCH 2013 Calendar Events

- Mar. 1:** Constitutional Committee Meeting, 1 pm, Council Chambers;
- Mar. 9:** Reg. Sat. Council Meeting, 9 am, Ojibwa Resort Conf. Rm;
- Mar. 20:** Veteran's Meeting, 7 pm;
- Mar. 28:** Senior Citizens' Pasty Sale.
- Mar. 29:** Tribal Gov't Offices closed, Good Friday.

~ 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.

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

One Billion Rising occurred 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-OVW Facebook page, and flyers will be posted around the community.

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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

Deepest Sympathy

Patricia Ann Herron
 (March 15, 1948-January 12, 2013)

Patricia Ann Herron, age 64, of 435 Stoneville Road, Ishpeming, MI, walked on, Saturday, January 12, 2013, at Marquette General Hospital.

She was born March 15, 1948, in Hancock, MI, a daughter of Thomas John and Cecelia Agnes (Attikons) Herron. Pat was raised in Houghton, MI, and was a graduate of the Houghton High School. She moved to Ithaca, New York, and entered college with the goal of becoming a social worker. A few years later, she returned home, moved to Marquette, MI, and was employed as a teacher's aide at the Vandenboom Elementary School and as a bus driver for Marq-Tran. She relocated for a time to Spokane, Washington, where she was employed as a school bus driver. Returning to the Upper Peninsula, Pat settled in White Pine, MI, until illness necessitated a move to the Mather Nursing Center in Ishpeming in November 2012.

Pat's interests included a love of driving and travel, playing board games and cards, and fishing. She was a devoted animal lover of cats and dogs, especially cats. Pat was a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. Pat is survived by her son, Robert L. "Rob" (Carol Fitzpatrick) Herron of Harvey; her grandchildren: Baylie Schmelzer, Jasmine and Kayla Herron; and a brother: Marty Herron of Marquette. Pat was preceded in death by her parents. No services had been scheduled at this time. The Fassbender Funeral Home assisted the family.

Robert L. Herron
 (August 2, 1969-February 15, 2013)

Robert Lawrence Herron, age 43, of 203 Hotel Place, Harvey, MI, walked on, Friday morning, February 15, 2013, at Marquette General Hospital. Rob was born August 2, 1969, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the son of Patricia Ann Herron.

He came to Marquette, MI, as a young child and graduated from the Marquette Senior High School. He later enrolled at Northern Michigan University's Jacobetti Skill Center pursuing a degree in culinary arts. For over 16 years, Rob was employed

at the Ojibwa Casino as a bartender-cook. He enjoyed all music, especially classic rock, was a great cook who loved to barbecue, and enjoyed spending time fishing. He was a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

Rob is survived by his children: Jasmine Herron and her mother, Angelique Robinson, Baylie Schmelzer and her mother, Jennifer Schmelzer, and Kayla Herron and her mother, Carol Contois; his uncle, Marty Herron of Marquette; and several cousins, among them, Dylan Herron of Ishpeming, Doris Herrera of Florida, and Tim Friisvall of L'Anse. Rob was preceded in death by his mother, Patricia Ann Herron on January 12, 2013. Traditional Native American ceremonies were held at the Ojibwa Community Center in Harvey, MI, on Saturday, February 16. The Fassbender Funeral Home assisted the family.

Jaden J. Forcia
 (February 14, 2013-February 14, 2013)

Jaden J. Forcia, of Baraga, MI, infant son of Jade Chaudier and Jaren Forcia passed away shortly after birth February 14, 2013, at Portage Health Center, Hancock, MI.

Jaden is survived by his loving parents Jade Chaudier and Jaren Forcia; grandparents: Aimee Emery, Durwyn Chaudier, Colleen Morin, and Leslie Forcia; great grandmother Fay Chaudier; great grandparents Delores and Clarence Forcia; aunts: Brooke Chaudier, and Miranda Forcia; uncles: D.J. Chaudier, Jesse Forcia, Jeremy Forcia, and Jason Forcia. Numerous great aunts and uncles, and cousins also survive.

Funeral services for little Jaden were held on Monday, February 18, 2013, in the Ceremonial Room at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens Center, Baraga. The Reid Funeral Home assisted the family.

POSTIVELY YOU Group invites young women ages 13-17 to attend on March 7, 2013, 3:30-5pm, at the Donald A. LaPointe Health Center 2nd Floor conference room. If you need transportation or if you have questions, please call Ann Marie T. Amsler, Clinical Social Worker, at 353-5222.

Ojibwemowin

Across:

- It is afternoon.
- Walk along the ice.
- S/he snowshoes.

Down:

- Deep snow.
- S/he skates.
- There is a lot of snow.
- Slip and fall on the ice.

Scramble:

o _ h _ a _ s _ i _ o _ s _ i _ — Slip and fall on ice.
 _ _ _ i _ _ _ s _ — S/he snowshoes.
 b a _ _ _ m _ _ _ d _ e — S/he skates.
 _ _ _ p a a _ o n _ _ _ a — Deep snow.
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 bimaadagaako
 goonikaa
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 Ishpaagonagaa
 ozhaashikoshin
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Ojibwa Community Library

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"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.

LEGAL AID CLINIC

A legal aid clinic will be available to Tribal members on Tuesday, March 5, 2013, from 9 a.m. to 12 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.

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ATTENTION:
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LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Two (2) Part Program

1. Direct Assistance Program (DAP)
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2. Emergency Crisis Intervention Program (ECIP)
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NEW 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 percent 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.

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