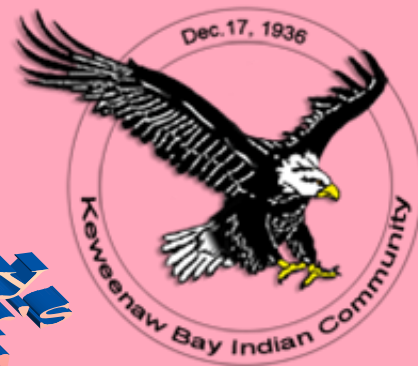


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## KEWEENAW BAY OJIBWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE 2013 HONORS AND COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY



Photo by Lauri Denomie.

KBOCC CLASS OF 2013 (left to right): Alicia Paquin, Gary Loonsfoot, Sr., Margaret Boyer, DeAnna Hadden, Shannon DesRochers, and Karen Andersen.

KBOCC held its Honors Convocation and Commencement Ceremony, Saturday, April 27, 2013, at the Niiwin Akeaa Center, with six graduates receiving diplomas -- (Associate of Science, Environmental Science) Karen Andersen, Shannon DesRochers, and DeAnna Hadden; and (Associate of Arts, Liberal Studies) Margaret Boyer, Gary Loonsfoot, Sr., and Alicia Paquin.

Timothy Shanahan, KBOCC Board of Regents Chairman, served as Master of Ceremonies. Four Thunders Drum provided music for the processional, honor song, and recessional. The KBIC Honor Guard led the processional and posted the colors. Invocation was given by elder, James St. Arnold. Debra Parrish, KBOCC President, presented the welcome for the ceremonies, and Council Member Robert R.D. Curtis gave the Tribal Council's address.

Many awards were given to KBOCC students and faculty for their accomplishments during the 2012-2013 academic year as follows:

- Co-Valedictorians: Margaret Boyer and Karen Andersen.
- Alicia Paquin received the Student of the Year Award.
- Margaret Boyer received the Zoongide'enini Award.
- Lindsey Loonsfoot received the Outstanding Freshman Award.
- Nancy Lamb and Alicia Paquin both received the Spirit Award this year.
- Margaret Boyer received the Helping Hands Award.
- Helene Curtis, Terri Curtis, Stephanie Kozich, Pam Loonsfoot, Tom Paquin, and Vicky Gauthier all received the Outstanding Volunteer Award.
- Alicia Paquin received the Writing Across the Curriculum Award.

- Shannon DesRochers received the Outstanding Capstone Project.
- Karen Andersen, DeAnna Hadden, and Gary Loonsfoot, Sr., were chosen to receive the Ojibwa Senior Citizens Award.
- Gene Mensch received the Environmental Science Excellence in Teaching.
- Peter Morin received the Environmental Science Student of the Year.
- Danielle Hueckstaedt received the Early Childhood Education Outstanding Student Award.
- Jesse Koenig received the Teacher of the Year Award, and Sally Klaasen was Faculty member of the Year. Both awards were chosen by students.
- Dean's List for Spring 2012: Shannon DesRochers, Dylan Friisvall, Jamie Gauthier, Virginia (Ginny Ann) Jermac, Deborah Kennedy, Catherine King, Ryan Koski, Stephanie Kozich, Sarah Newman, Susan Newman, Amelia Newman, Alicia Paquin, Breanna Pearson, and Margaret Schoolcraft.
- Dean's List for Summer 2012: Peter Morin.
- Dean's List for Fall 2012: Margaret Boyer, Donald Denomie, Shannon DesRochers, James Haight, Marie Kovach, Peter Morin, Denise Moschetto, and Alicia Paquin.
- Honors List for Spring 2012: Terri Curtis, Donald Denomie, Nancy Lamb, Brittany Maki, and Peggy Swartz.
- Honors List for Fall 2012: Terri Curtis, Sarah Garver, Rebecca Gauthier, Virginia (Ginny Ann) Jermac, Nancy Lamb, Susan Newman, and Gladys Rantanen.
- Scholastic Achievement List for Spring 2012: Veronica Adams, Karen Andersen, Agatha Cardinal, Jessica Carlson, Adam Dakota, Georgina Earring, Sarah Garver,

### Tribal Council Members:

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



### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

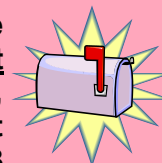
- May 4, 2013 Tribal Council Meeting
- KBOCC Graduation
- KBIC NRD Wildlife and Natural Resources Survey Winners/Website Launched
- 5th Annual KBIC Environmental Fair
- KBIC Green House Renovations
- Mother's Day Dinner Held
- Spring Cleaning on KBIC
- Ojibwa Senior Citizens News
- New Employees

Rebecca Gauthier, Andrew Kozich, Amy Manning, Carilyn McMahon, Tabitha Miller, Peter Morin, Nissa Morningstar, Amanda Nordstrom, Angela Pearson, Robin Roe, Diane Roy, Ashley Shalfoe, Kelly Shanahan, and Isabelle Welsh.

- Scholastic Achievement List for Summer 2012: Courtney Crittenden, Donald Denomie, Shannon DesRochers, and Dylan Friisvall.
- Scholastic Achievement List for Fall 2012: Karen Andersen, Clifford Andersen, Sue Ellen Carlson, Jennifer Curtis, Jamie Dantes, Autumn Goodbird, Scott Kemppainen, Rachel King, Lindsey Loonsfoot, Gary Loonsfoot, Sr., Gabriel Mackey, Treneice Marshall, Tara Rae Meleen, Tabitha Miller, Hannah Misegan, Sarah Newman, Evelyn Ravindran, Pamela Smith, Betti Szaroletta, and Cheryl Tollefson.

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## MAY 4, 2013 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on May 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, Jennifer Misegan, Robert (RD) Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Jean Jokinen, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Carole L. LaPointe, Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, and Don Messer, Jr. present. Not present: Toni Minton, Assistant Secretary.

President Warren C. Swartz, Jr. shared numerous *Thank You* and *For Your Information* items addressed to Council. President Warren C. Swartz, Jr. gave the President's Report (Page three), Secretary Susan J. LaFerner gave the Secretary's Report (page four), and Larry Denomie III gave the CEO's Report (page five). Council passed the Department Head Reports for March 2013.

President Swartz, on behalf of Charlotte Loonsfoot, indicated that she had traveled to Green Bay, Wisconsin to attend a Food Sovereignty Summit where she learned about vegetables and fruits, etc. and that we should grow more of our food and not be so dependent on processed foods. Charlotte had given a report to the Natural Resource Committee and could not be present for today's meeting for her travel report.

Evelyn Ravindran, Parks and Recreation Committee, addressed the Council on the Tribal Recreation Five Year Plan. Last month the Parks and Recreation Committee presented a draft to the Council for comments, and Evelyn is requesting direction on how Council would like to proceed on the plan. Council suggested meetings be held within the next 30 days for comments and for Evelyn to return to address the Council at the June meeting.

Evelyn Ravindran, Parks and Recreation Committee, also addressed Council on clarifications on the Parks and Recreation By-Laws. After some discussion a motion was made. **Motion by Susan J. LaFerner, to approve the additional changes to the Parks and Recreation Committee By-**

**laws, Article II, Purpose, "Department of Public Works" taking place of "maintenance"; Article III, Section III, "Department of Public Works" taking place of "maintenance"; Article V, Section VI, deleting "the Committee Chairperson shall only vote in the event of a tie"; and correct a typo in section VI changing "there" to "their"; and in Article II, Section I, adding "Departments and" Committees, supported by Jennifer Misegan, ten supported (Mayo, S. LaFerner, Misegan, Curtis, Dakota, Jokinen, M. LaFerner, LaPointe, Matthews, Messer), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Minton), motion carried.**

Ojibwa Housing Authority Board terms were addressed by Council. Council had selected Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Janice Shalifoe, Dominic Picciano, Gary Loonsfoot, Sr., and Roland Swartz to serve as the Ojibwa Housing Authority Board at a prior meeting. **Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to appoint Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. as the Chairman of the Ojibwa Housing Authority Board, supported by Jennifer Misegan, seven supported (Mayo, S. LaFerner, Misegan, Dakota, M. LaFerner, LaPointe, Messer), three opposed (Curtis, Jokinen, Matthews), 0 abstained, one absent (Minton), motion carried. Motion by Jean Jokinen to appoint Janice Shalifoe to a one-year term, Roland Swartz to a two-year term, Dominic Picciano to a three-year term, and Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. and Gary Loonsfoot, Sr. to four-year terms, supported by Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, four supported (Jokinen, LaPointe, Matthews, Messer), six opposed (Mayo, S. LaFerner, Misegan, Curtis, Dakota, M. LaFerner), 0 abstained, one absent (Minton), motion defeated.** A hat draw was conducted by Council with the following motions being made at the conclusion. **Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to conduct a Forensic Audit at the Ojibwa Housing Authority and to have a firm selected and approved by the Council and to have the Ojibwa Housing Authority pay for the Forensic**

**audit, supported by Don Messer, Jr., nine supported (Mayo, S. LaFerner, Misegan, Curtis, Dakota, M. LaFerner, LaPointe, Matthews, Messer), one opposed (Jokinen), 0 abstained, one absent (Minton), motion carried. Motion by Carole LaPointe to appoint to the Ojibwa Housing Board terms as: Gary Loonsfoot, Sr. for a one-year term, Janice Shalifoe for a two-year term, Roland Swartz for a three-year term, and Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., and Dominic Picciano for a four-year term, and selecting Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. as Chairman for this board, supported by Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., eight supported (Mayo, S. LaFerner, Misegan, Dakota, M. LaFerner, LaPointe, Matthews, Messer), one opposed (Jokinen), one abstained (Curtis), one absent (Minton), motion carried.**

President Swartz presented the donations for May 2013. After discussion it was determined that as of April 30, 2013, the Council's donation line item has been overspent in the amount of \$9,511.38. **Motion by Jennifer Misegan to approve a donation to the American Legion in the amount of \$500 for the American Flags and Brass Markers, supported by Susan J. LaFerner, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Minton), motion carried. Motion by Jean Jokinen to deny the remainder of the donation requests presented. Motion died for lack of support. Motion by Susan J. LaFerner to table the remaining donation requests for May 2013 until the Thursday, May 9, 2013 Council meeting, supported by Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., nine supported (Mayo, S. LaFerner, Misegan, Curtis, Dakota, M. LaFerner, LaPointe, Matthews, Messer), one opposed (Jokinen), 0 abstained, one absent (Minton), motion carried.**

Council moved into closed session with Anthony Rabitaille, Aanikoosing Inc. Chair, and the Dan McNeil Contract on the agenda, prior to adjournment.

~ submitted by Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor

## KBIC NRD Wildlife and Natural Resource Survey Prize Winners and NEW Website <http://nrd.kbic-nsn.gov>



Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Natural Resource Department mailed out 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 included: **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.** Approximately 250 members responded to the survey.

Thanks to generous donations of money from the Natural Resources Committee and the Tribal Council, appreciation prizes were available to win for anyone that completed the survey. Winners of the appreciation prizes were:

- **Crossbow** – Monica Kohn
- **0.22 Long Rifle** – Roger Duschene
- **\$100 Gift Certificate Mitch's Trading Post** – Doug Welsh
- **Equus Borealis foot massage** – 1) Betsy Ross and 2) Gary Hueckstaedt
- **\$50 Pine's Cards** – (11 total) James Bykkonen, Jeremy Hebert, Jacob Maki, Joseph White, Venus Ripley, Liz Julio, Chad Tollefson, Susie Crawford, Mariah Furaitar, Doreen Blaker, and Vicky Mleko

We are in the process of contacting winners so they can retrieve their prizes from the KBIC Natural Resources Department. Although the drawing has ended, if for some reason you did not receive a survey and would still like to participate, please call and we will mail one out. Call 524-5757 x19 with questions and/or to arrange pick up of your prize!

# Check it out!!!

The KBIC Natural Resources Department Website!!

It describes the numerous projects taking place in the department, provides a calendar of events, allows for feedback and more! Updated material will continue to be added so check in at:

# http://nrd.kbic-nsn.gov

**The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Head Start & Early Head Start will be accepting applications for the 2013-2014 school year. Applications are available at the KBIC Health Clinic, KBIC Tribal Center, Ojibwa Community College, and at the Head Start & Early Head Start Center. You may also have an application mailed to you by calling 524-6626. Reminder, all applications MUST be returned with a proof of income. All applications are due by July 12, 2013.**



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2013

The following is a list of activities that occurred in the office of the President for the month of March 2013:

- I signed a commitment letter between the Community and Dan Lauchie MacNeil for application fees for the Michigan bar exam; fees for the Michigan bar exam preparatory study course, and contribution for living expenses during preparation for Michigan bar exam.
- I voted for three nominees to be elected as Board of Directors for the Keweenaw Financial Corporation. They are James D. Fenton, Michael R. Hauswirth, and Susan J LaFernier.
- Council approved an increase to the grave marker benefit for Tribal members. An increase was approved for the grave markers and the veteran grave markers.
- Congress recently passed the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013. This new law includes significant provisions addressing tribal jurisdiction over non-Indian perpetrators of domestic violence. We think the more complicated provisions to implement will be getting an attorney for indigent defendants and expanding our jury pool to include non-tribal members if we take that route.
- We've updated the Sales and Use Tax Questionnaire for Tribal Business and Entity purchases. Hopefully the new questions and slightly different format will simplify the process.
- I was invited to attend the first quarterly meeting of the Citizens Advisory Panel (CAP) at the Best Western in Baraga. According to the letter from Steve Walsh, CEO Traxys Power Group, the panel will meet quarterly with plant management to discuss issues of concern to the community and to share information on the power plant's accomplishments and plans for continued progress in environmental and safety management. Attendance was by invitation only.
- I signed a press release on April 17, 2013, relating to the Community's work with U.S. Geological Survey to monitor the Yellow Dog Plains. This monitoring program of the Yellow Dog and Salmon Trout watersheds will be conducted over four years from 2013-16 and a report summarizing the results will be prepared and submitted to the Community in 2017.
- On behalf of the Community I attended the State/Tribal Summit in Fulton, MI.
  - Governor Snyder asked us to comment on three issues: the executive directive for Tribal consultation; Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act (MIFPA); and how tribes can help with transportation issues in the state.
    - We emphasized the importance of Tribal Consultation policy and improved communication for all state agencies in various initiatives that affect American Indians in the State of Michigan with the recognition of the uniqueness of each Tribe.
    - I informed the governor about the cooperation and good relationship we have here in Baraga County in relation to the numerous fish passages (culverts) we have worked on in addition to the road projects.
    - I informed the governor that we are opposed to aquaculture or fish farming here in Keweenaw Bay.
- Finally, I extended an invitation to Governor Snyder to visit the community and partake in some kind of fishing activity.
- At the United Tribes meeting we discussed the following:
  - We were given an update on Sandy Recovery Improvement Act of 2013, which included a provision amending the Stafford Act to provide federally recognized Indian Tribal governments the option to choose whether to make a request directly to the President for a federal emergency or major disaster declaration, or to seek assistance, as they do presently, under a declaration for a state.
  - We listened to Melissa Claramount who handed out a report from the Michigan Department of Civil Rights (MDCR) relating to the use of the Indian tuition waiver by KBIC members. From July 1, 2011 – April 9, 2013, MDCR reported that 195 applicants have been processed and 193 have been verified. Previously she announced that Northern Michigan University will no longer try to use successful academic progress in determining eligibility for the tuition waiver.
  - We discussed support for HR 1278 "The Nondisparagement of Native American Persons or Peoples in Trademark Registration Act of 2013". The bill would change the trademark law to disallow the use of "redskins" in a registered trademark in the United States.
    - After discussion Resolution #027-04-11-2013 was approved to support HR 1278.
- I signed the plan document relating to the Community's Health Reimbursement Arrangement Plan (HRA). The plan is a benefit program allowing participants to use benefit dollars that best suit their needs. The Community is able to offer this benefit plan on a tax-favored (pretax) basis.
- In a letter dated April 2, 2013, the State of Michigan notified the "Parties" of a proposal for regulatory change involving the harvest of wolves. We received the letter on April 8, 2013. The next day on April 9, 2013, our Senator Thomas Casperson introduced Senate Bill 288, and on the same day it was referred to his committee. This bill authorizes the natural resources commission to designate species (wolf, mourning dove, etc...) as game. Recently, at a Tribal/State summit meeting with Governor Snyder all 12 federally recognized tribes in Michigan stated that they were opposed to SB288 and asked the governor to **VETO** the bill if presented to him. The Tribes made it clear to the governor that we're opposed to the killing of our brother, the wolf.
- Yesterday I was notified the State of Michigan has filed a motion to dismiss the treaty-farming case filed by Brenda Turunen. We noticed they are asserting that the 1854 Treaty terminated all rights of occupancy that existed under the 1842 Treaty. We don't think much of the argument since the Sakaogan case was factually very different than Brenda's case.
- I signed on behalf of the Community the Keweenaw Invasive Species Management Area (KISMA). The purpose of the MOU is to document cooperation between the signatory parties to establish a cooperative effort to prevent and control non-native invasive species across jurisdictional boundaries in Baraga, Houghton, and Keweenaw Counties through the organization of the KISMA. We also requested financial assistance under the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Grants to Support Great Lakes Tribal Aquatic Invasive Species Management Plans.
- I signed a client placement letter between the Community and Martin/Fletcher relating to services at the clinic.
- VAWA and KBIC don't plan on participating in their pilot project. We would be giving non-Indians more protections than our own Tribal members.
- I signed the Hazardous Substances Control Ordinance. The main intent of this ordinance is to provide for the cleanup of hazardous substances sites, and to prevent the creation of future hazards due to improper disposal of hazardous substances on or into the air, land, surface water, and ground waters located within the Reservation environment.
- Met with Congressman Beneshik at a "meet and greet event" held in Marquette. After talking with him and telling him a lot of the Community's concerns, became aware that his main focus was trying to get the Community to change its stance with the mining at Eagle Rock. I told him that we could agree to disagree and continue to move forward.
- I also watched a Webinar with the Office of Environmental Justice; the discussion was based on what the new director could do for Indian Country.
- I continue to have communications with the Governor's office relating to our 2-part gaming application.

This concludes my report.

Respectfully submitted,

Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President



### NEWS FROM THE OJIBWA SENIOR CITIZENS

#### Pasty Sales:

June 26 — pasty prep starting after lunch (12:15 pm)

June 27 — pasty making starting at 5:00 am. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED AS EARLY AS YOU CAN MAKE IT!**

#### Upcoming Fundraising:

- June 19 — Table at the Waterfront Concert in conjunction with the Finn Fest activities. We will be have items from our gift shop for sale.

- July 19 — we will be making pasties for the Aura Jamboree. More information will be made available at a later date.

- July (date TBD) — pasty sale will be held during the powwow.

#### Additional Information:

The Senior Assistance Program applications are available by contacting Dave Firestone at 353-6109.

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



## SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR APRIL 2013

Activities reported by the Secretary, Susan J. LaFerner, for the month of April 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.

Congratulations once again to the two graduates who graduated at our 3rd Drug Court Graduation Ceremony held on April 9, 2013. (See May newsletter). Also congratulations to our dedicated employees at the Baraga Casino who were recognized and honored on April 10, 2013, and our Marquette Casino employees who were recognized and honored on April 19, 2013. Thank you for your many years of service to our businesses and Tribe. (See May newsletter).

On April 16, 2013, the Health Board and various staff at the Donald A. LaPointe Health Center attended a day long training regarding "Community Health Improvement Planning" to provide a vision for a healthy KBIC in the future, identify priority health issues in our community, and identify what changes need to be made in order to promote the health and wellbeing for everyone.

We continue to work on the Government Personnel Policy revisions, alternative and renewable energy options with the CARE Committee, as well as to review the previous proposed mining ordinance and other options for Council to consider. In the near future, there will be notice of public meetings that will be held regarding our Treatment as a State under the Clean Water Act (for regulatory authority over water quality standards on the Reservation) application to the EPA which has been worked on the last few years by our Natural Resources Department and Water Division. They have done a tremendous job in preparing the application. The Council appointed a six person Task Force on March 19, 2013, to oversee the application process and answer questions before and after the final application is submitted.

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" ended on April 11, 2013. The winners received gift cards to MC Sports and Dunhams. A new Tribe-to-Tribe walking challenge is beginning on May 6, 2013, and remember to register for the 2nd Annual Lumberjack Days 5K Liberty Run/Walk (3.1 miles) and the Youth (1 mile) Stars and Stripes Fun Run on July 4, 2013.

NATIVE VOTE 2013—every vote and voice counts. 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 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 In-

dian Community and our neighboring Communities."

Congratulations to all of our graduates and Happy Mother's Day on May 12, 2013. Remember to cherish your mothers, grandmothers, sisters, aunts, and friends every day. We are also grateful that our prayers were answered in keeping Floyd Forcia and J.D. Denomie safe from the perils of Lake Superior on April 23, 2013, at Lac LaBelle.

Remember to continue to pray for each other, to honor, and remember all of our veterans and service men and women and their families especially on Memorial Day, May 27, 2013. Remember to attend the special memorial services to remember all of our loved ones. We pray that we and the world will be graced with the gifts of peace, love, and joy. Also remember those who are ill, those with economic struggles, and all those who have lost loved ones during the past year.

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

During April 2013, the Tribal Council held one Regular Tribal Council Meeting on April 6, 2013, at the Ojibwa Motel Conference Room. This meeting is covered in the May 2013 Newsletter. Tribal Council held two Special Council Meetings. Following are the unapproved motions from April.

At a council meeting held April 11, 2013, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the May 10, 17, 2012 Tribal Council meeting minutes;
- Approved to appoint Al Rajacic as the Interim Drug Court Coordinator;
- Motion defeated to deny a travel donation request for Charlotte Loonsfoot for \$517.00 to attend a "Food Sovereignty" Summit in Green Bay, WI;
- Approved Charlotte Loonsfoot's travel donation request for \$517.00;
- Approved the KISMA (Keweenaw Invasive Species Management Area) MOU until 2017;
- Approved a new business license for Brandon Loonsfoot's "LaFamilia Restaurant" in Baraga;
- Approved a bid from Copper Country Ford for a 4x4 Crew Cab Truck for \$24,650.00 (Natural Resources Department Invasive Species Funding);
- Approved a bid from Michigan Sales in Marquette for a John Deere Gator 825 for \$10,863.70;
- Approved a bid from Ed's Sales for a 16' Jon Boat/Trailer (and accessories) for \$9,308.00;
- There was no support for a motion to deny an entertainment agreement;
- Approved the Diamond Talent Entertainment Agreement with "Hunks Male Revue Show" on November 15<sup>th</sup> for \$1,500.00 at the Pressbox;
- Approved the USDA FY 13 Supplemental Funding Request for \$36,806.00 to Paisano Paving, Inc. for the Commodity Foods parking lot improvements;
- Approved the 2013 Progress Ad with the Daily Mining Gazette for \$1,400.00, (back page Tribal Council/Departments/Businesses);
- Approved a donation from the Tribal Council budget up to \$1,000.00 for Tom Denomie's emergency medical travel funds (to visit daughter) to be administered by the CEO's office;

- Approved to appoint Nicole Arens as the Summer Youth Coordinator for the summer of 2013 with an increase in wage of \$1.50.

At a council meeting held April 18, 2013, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the software purchase for direct deposit for the senior pension payments (Accounting Department);
- Approved the purchase of a bar code scanner from Data Financial, Inc. for \$6,845.00 for the Marquette Casino;
- Approved the Subrecipient Agreement between KBIC and Aanikoosing, Inc. (to be able to transfer funds);
- Approved the renewal of the Vanilla Gorilla Productions (D.C. Creative Services Inc.) Services Agreement to promote the Radio stations
- Approved the renewal of the Services Agreement with Dale Schmeisser, R.D. Ph.D. for the Community's Diabetes Program April 1 to March 31, 2014;
- Approved the Memorandum of Cooperative Agreement between KBIC and I.T.C. with the W.K. Kellogg Foundation "Honoring Our Children" initiative for year 2;
- Approved the Services Agreement with the W.U.P. Health Department and KBIC for the Title XV Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening and/or Diagnostic Services for October 1 to September 30, 2013;
- Approved to appoint Susan J. LaFerner (only applicant) as an alternate to the Constitutional Committee;
- Approved to appoint Evelyn Ravindran (only applicant) to the Economic Development Committee;
- Approved to appoint Tara Smith to the Election Board (two applicants);
- Approved to appoint Robin Roe, Marilyn Loonsfoot, Bill Swartz, Glen Bressette, Sr., Bill Jondreau, and Loretta Hugo to the Enrollment Board (12 applicants) and to post for one Elder seat;
- Approved to appoint Philomena Ekdahl to the Health Board (three applicants);
- There was no support for a motion to appoint the Elders to the Hiring Committee;
- Approved to appoint Shawn Lussier, Amy St. Arnold, Matt Shalfoe, Wanda Seppanen, and Gerald Jondreau for three-year terms to the Hiring Committee (18 applicants)
- Approved to appoint Dale Goodreau (only applicant) to the Natural Resources Committee and to post for the two vacant seats;
- Approved the Tribal Council to act temporarily as the Ojibwa Housing Authority Board (32 applicants);
- Approved to appoint Evelyn Ravindran to the Parks and Recreation Committee (five applicants) and to do ballot votes for the remaining two seats
- Approved to appoint Gerald Jondreau and Tara Smith to the Parks and Recreation Committee;
- Approved to appoint Karen Anderson and Lily Leinonen to the Substance Abuse Board (three applicants)
- Approved to appoint Jeanne Kauppila to the Indian Child Welfare (Justice) Committee (only applicant) and to post for the remaining seat;
- Approved to appoint Bill Jondreau, Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., Marty Curtis, and Tara Smith to the Youth Committee (four applicants);
- Approved to appoint the five applicants that the THPO Director recommended



**Secretary Report continues:**

for the Pow-Wow Committee (14 applicants): Alden Connor, Dan Connor, Brigitte LaPointe, Elizabeth Sherman, Rodney Loonsfoot (no stipend) and Melissa Koepp;

- Approved to offer Nicole Arens an addi-

tional \$4.50 per hour increase for the Interim Summer Youth Coordinator position.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan J. LaFerner, Secretary

**Thank you** to all who donated and/or purchased at the Bake Sale or Spaghetti Luncheon fundraisers, or donated to the can drive, which were held recently to assist in keeping me near my daughter, Brandi, while she was in the ICU in Mesa, AZ. Your generosity helped me to stay with her for four-weeks. I am very appreciative for all everyone did during this time of need. Chi Miigwech! Tom Denomie, Sr.

**CEO REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2013**

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

- The initial review of KBIC’s Title 10, which regulates Hunting, Fishing, Trapping, and Gathering, is complete. Sarah Maki, Asst. CEO, has worked with the group involved with the review. The next step includes staff putting the changes into a format which can be easily identified. That document will then be presented to Council to begin the legislative process.
- Dr. Oh has submitted his official notice of retirement. His last day was May 3. Carole has secured a temporary replacement through the prior approved agreement with Martin Fletcher Locums. The engagement letter has been approved and Dr. Benson will begin on Monday, May 6.
- Nicole Arens is well under way with getting the Summer Youth Work program set up. Applications are available for youth ages 14-18 to pickup and complete. Four Summer Youth Supervisors will be hired this year to assist Nicole in running the program. There has been less interest from internal departments in taking on youth workers this year and based on a report prepared by Gerald Jondreau, the Ojibwa Campground will not be completely raked this year. Raking will only take place in key areas such as vendor alley, pathways to the showers/restrooms, and around the pavilions. Since a good portion of the workers’ time has been consumed with raking the entire campground in past years, this year the workers will be split into crews, will perform roadside cleanup, and will assist with cleaning and beautifying our businesses and our other properties.
- Nicole is also in the final planning stages of the Summer Youth Camp project. The camp project will serve Native children in K-6 grades with priority given to KBIC members following then with

descendents. Families, whose incomes are above the free and reduced lunch threshold, will qualify for the free camp program. The camp will limit participants to a total of 50 with half in grades K-2 and half in grades 3-6. Nicole has done an outstanding job putting this program together and is collaborating with our NRD, DHHS, GLIFWC, KBTPD, and other entities which will provide daily activities. Staffing will be provided by her current employees, a summer college intern, summer youth supervisors, summer youth workers, and employees from the entities providing activities. The camp is slated to begin June 10th and run through August 12th. The daily schedule runs from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Registration packets will be available May 15th – June 1st.

- Susan J. LaFerner, Gregg Nominelli, and I met briefly to discuss the formalization of the LLC processes. The topic came up because a KBIC member had inquired about forming his business under the Tribe’s Limited Liability Code. Susan did some research and found that a six-month hiatus was put on the initiation of the code and that it hadn’t been properly formatted. Work is being done to format it, and Gregg is working on developing the forms and instructions which will be used by members wishing to form using the code.
- We received notice from I.H.S. that they will no longer be able to perform food/safety inspections for members who have been issued a KBIC Business License. They will, however, continue to perform the inspections for KBIC’s facilities. They have offered to provide training to anyone we chose to conduct the inspections on the member licenses businesses. (Update: Notice received from IHS on 05/17/13, they will be providing inspection services for Tribally licensed food facilities on the reservation.)
- Payroll, which is processed for the en-

terprises, has long been waiting to have Direct Deposit available to them. I received a communication from Don Larson, Ojibwa Casino’s Controller, late last week indicating that all of the issues that had cropped up have been resolved, and they are now in a mandated National Automated Clearing House Association waiting period. Since the wait period surpasses the May 10 payday, direct deposit will occur for the May 24 payday. He indicated that approximately 43% of the employees have signed up for the service.

- The budgets potentially impacted by the federal sequestration have been adjusted. Sarah has worked with each of the departments to make the 6% adjustments as discussed during Council’s financial review meeting. There haven’t been any major impacts to programs or services offered by the departments; therefore, the members and families served by the programs will not be impacted.
- The approval of a software module in the Accounts Payable department will soon allow for Electronic Funds Transfers to be made instead of printing checks. This will provide vendors, such as members who currently receive regular payments from the Tribe, to have their payments electronically placed into their personal bank account. Francis LaPointe, CFO, is working on the project, and an expected start date has not been established. I will provide updates on this service as they become available.
- Council has approved an increase in the amount available to eligible members for grave markers. The amount available now is \$585 for a basic marker and \$665 for a bronze marker.

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

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Head Start held their Graduation Ceremony on Friday, May 3, 2013. The class sang for their audience: Boozhoo, Ambe Giiwedaa, Skid-A-Ma-Rink, and Imbakade. After proudly receiving their diplomas, they enjoyed a luncheon with their families and teachers. Photo: (back row, left to right) — Brooklyn Summers, Ellise Dove, Alayna Niemi, Jeanna Carlson, Aydn Rittuta, Thalia Williams, Breanna Jondreau, Daniel Connor, (front row, left to right) — Jace Chosa, Trinity Pelon, Chayse Thompson, Nevaeh Loonsfoot, Emma Cote, Marianah Ochoa, Cole Roy, Missing from photo: XhoOue Benson, Laila Dowd, and Elise Madosh.



Photo by Lauri Denomie.



## **KBOCC Class of 2013 continues:**



Photo by Lauri Denomie.

Margaret Boyer, Co-Valedictorian, (above) addressed the 2013 graduating class, "As Anishinaabe, education is sometimes hard to seek out. Some of us are old enough that we have residual effects from past generations being in residential schools, or as they are called here in the states, boarding schools. However, we do have a strong resiliency, and it is because of this that we strive to better ourselves. What better way to exceed ourselves than to get a proper education? Sometimes it takes many tries, and sometimes it is accomplished on the first attempt. But the key is not to give up. In this day and age, an education is mandatory in order to gain employment anywhere which is why an education is important.

As Anishinaabe we struggle to keep our culture alive in a world that is consumed with colonizing each and every ethnic group in this country. What better way is there to keep our culture alive and strong but by educating ourselves to be able to fight in order to keep it alive in their ball field? As Anishinaabe people we respect Mother Earth. We live in a world that has no respect for our Mother. Every day we hear of new ways that she is being raped, pillaged, and dumped on all in the name of 'growth.' For those who are graduating from the Environmental Science program, your goals in making this world a better environment for my grandchildren, are highly appreciated and valued. Miigwech!

As Anishinaabe we believe that our actions will be felt for seven generations. For those who are graduating from the Liberal Studies program, find that one thing that you are passionate about and work towards excelling at it and make the world a better place for your grandchildren.

KBOCC is a stepping stone for me and every graduate here. Whether we choose to carry on with another program here or if we choose to further our education elsewhere, this accomplishment is a step up into our future. Remember that our accomplishments, now and upcoming, will be felt seven generations from now, so be proud of our triumphs here at KBOCC and continue making this world a better place for all our relations. Go forth and prosper!"



Photo by Lauri Denomie.

Karen Andersen, Co-Valedictorian, (above) addressed the 2013 graduating class, "WE DID IT! 'With each new day comes new strength and new thoughts', (Eleanor Roosevelt). Our class leaves here with new strengths, and as we move forward in different directions, we take with us our memories and parts of each other. We leave without regret and with a sense of hope for brighter futures and empowerment from new found insights. We also leave with gratitude for those who have helped make a difference in our lives. We didn't give up when the going was tough, and we overcame many obstacles whether it was juggling time for course work, tending to our families, working, or stressing out for tests. Our minds have opened through our studies and will have far reaching impacts in our futures.

There is one thing that is inevitable, and that is change. And yes, we, ourselves, have changed. Our world is quickly changing with the enormous challenges of environmental threats, economic decline, and political unrest. Individually and collectively we have gained knowledge to help play a part in helping to make the world a better place.

The faculty, who through their wisdom and guidance, provided priceless inspiration, and when they may have thought we didn't notice their contributions, we noticed. For example, our Environ-  
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mental chairperson Andrew Kozich has been in the trenches with us in the fields and in the swamps. In the classroom, some may think he is this geeky, nerd scientist, but he shows his 'might' in intellect and personhood. He encourages discussion in his classes even when the discussions can turn into controversies. I remember when he took us out to test water samples, and how it evoked childhood wonder as we waited for the results in both us students as well as him. Under the leadership of Mary Deline and the Early Childhood Development Program, students are assured to leave fully trained to teach and properly care for our babies and toddlers. How vital is that! Jesse Koenig ever so eloquently teaches the depth, beauty, and connectivity of the written works in literature, and it is through the arts that we have come away 'looking through different lenses and having different thoughts' because we have learned that art is much more than what is seen. When it comes to math, who better than Sally Klaasen with her ability to teach math in ways you can understand and does so with immense patience. I think I speak for all of us when I say the Dean of Instruction; Lynn Aho is like the matriarch here. Her expertise in communications and dedication to the school is something you can count on. So for you upcoming students, we leave you in good hands. Thank you to the entire staff at K.B.O.C.C!

I also thank my fellow classmates whom I have come to know and respect. It has been a privilege to share in your accomplishments, opportunities, and challenges. Shannon, I know you will do great as you go on to MTU. You amazed me with your analytical thinking and have been a model for other students with your quiet determination. I still don't know how you do all that you do. Stephanie, when I look at your beautiful, articulate handwriting; I compare it to my own and wonder how on earth I am even able to read my notes. Alicia, when you received the AIHEC's Student of the Year award I was very happy for you; it was well deserved for writing the fantastic essay that you did. And Margaret, your organizing abilities, fundraising for student government, and everything else you have done was of great benefit to the school and students. I am truly proud of all my classmates for who you are and who you are becoming.

I would like to acknowledge Erin Johnston who encouraged me to enter the science program, when I thought I couldn't 'do science'. Through Erin's initiative, internships were granted that were sponsored by the NASA Space Program for two of us students. The internships put us in the company of some of our nation's top scientists. One of them was a geo-physicist, who by the way, stated she too started out at a community college. Now she is researching storms on the Sun-imagine! And imagine us that summer doing our research work in the field. Erin wasn't easy on us by no stretch, having to cite all those scientific names of plant species, while bugs flew all around and during mid-summer hot temperatures. I remember one day having a slug on my lunch box, me screaming, and my classmate trying to hide her laugh because she knew it was there and didn't tell me as she waited to see my reaction. All of our hard work paid off as our research was selected and displayed at the Smithsonian in D.C., and it brought the three of us a sense of pride. Erin, your foresight and support brought experiences I never dreamed I'd have, and these memories will last a lifetime.

Some final thoughts going forward, I want to thank my family and friends, my son who has believed in me since day one, and my sister Michelle for giving me her math book. And in honor of my late sister who instilled in me the value of education – sis, this degree is for you!

After today, there will be new challenges and experiences that await us; we'll encounter new people who bring their own thoughts and ideas; people who will also influence our lives. And for those who bring us inspiration, in return we too will inspire and become kinder as we continue to grow. We know not the outcomes of a world filled with uncertainties, but together we can handle it, and together we become better. Thank you all! CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!"

### **Healing To Wellness Women's Group Donates To Baraga County Shelter Home**



L to R: Lisa Chosa, Tiara Drift, and April Dowd.

On May 10, 2013, the Healing to Wellness Women's Group did a car wash to raise funds to help out the Baraga County Shelter Home. The primary participants were April Dowd, Lisa Chosa, Tiara Drift, Tara Smith, and Carrie Paquette. The women worked outside from 11 am until after 5 pm in chilly temperatures and gusty winds washing cars, and

they raised over \$200 for the Shelter Home. One of the values that the Healing to Wellness Court tries to instill in participants is the importance and value of giving back to others in need.

~ Photo and article submitted by Mark Panasiewicz



**MOTHER'S DINNER HELD**

Fifty women from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community attended a Mother's Dinner held on Monday, May 13, 2013, at the Ojibwa Motel Chippewa Rooms. Women were educated by the KBIC Community Health staff as to why family history is important for your health. Everyone's family history of disease is different. Key features of a family history that may increase risk are: Diseases that occur at an earlier age than expected (10 to 20 years before most people get the disease); Disease in more than one close relative; Disease that does not usually affect a certain gender (for example, breast cancer in a male); and certain combinations of diseases within a family (for example, breast and ovarian cancer, or heart disease and diabetes). If your family has one or more of these features, your family history may hold important clues about your risk for disease.

The women enjoyed a delicious Mother's Day Dinner served by the Lucky Seven's staff, and got a chance to win some nice prizes.

The event was sponsored by KBIC Community Health, the American Cancer Society, and Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan.



Photo by Lauri Denomie.

Above: (l to r) (seated), Pearl Thoreson, Sandy Swartz, (back) Jennifer Almlie, Joanne Swartz Clements, Robin Roe.

Below: (l to r) (seated), Shani Shelifoe, Ginger Shelifoe, (back) Jeanne Emery Kauppila, Tashina Emery.



Photo by Lauri Denomie.

**"LAFFIN' IN RECOVERY"  
COMEDY SHOW**



**"OCC" Ojibwa Community College Gymnasium**  
111 Beartown Rd. Baraga, MI

**Tuesday - July 16th, 2013 @ 7pm**

**Celebrating Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Substance Abuse Programs**



**18 AND OVER**

Doors open one hour before showtimes  
Concession Stand available



Support in part by the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan with Access to Recovery (ATR) Anishnaabek Healing Circle Grant (1 H79T1023118) funds from the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA) U>S> Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)

**SPRING CLEANING ON THE KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY**



Photo by Tom Paquin.

The Culture Nite Group organized a clean up of the parks and project roadsides on both sides of the reservation, on Sunday, May 19th. Shown above after the Zeba side was finished are (left to right) Brandon Loonsfoot, Heather Asher, David Kauppila, April Dowd, Ralph Bemis, Annie Bowman, Aiyana Loonsfoot, Jammie Loonsfoot, Bryton Loonsfoot, Alicia Paquin, Tira Drift, Brett Loonsfoot, Tiana Drift, Helene Shallifoe, Travis Rajacic, and Tara Smith.

The group were joined by many other community members as they continued on their mission to clean the Baraga side. Many thanks to all who participated.



Photo by Julie Raby.

Doing their part, the Denomie family and friends cleaned the road side of the Mission Road, big turn north to U.S. 41, on Sunday, May 19th. Shown above: (kneeling, l to r), Steven Denomie, Mike Denomie, Chance Pascoe, Shellie Denomie, Terri Denomie, Brooklyn Summers, Lauri Denomie, Diane Denomie, (back, l to r), Tom Denomie, Floyd Forcia, Tyler Denomie, Larry Denomie, Jack Veker, Bob Denomie, and J.D. Denomie.



# 11th Annual KBIC Kids Fishing Derby

*In Memory of Todd L. Warner*

## June 29, 2013

**FOOD!** Ojibwa Recreation Area  
Off of US-41 Baraga  
Sand Point Pond (near lighthouse)  
9am-1pm

**FISHING!**

Registration begins at 9am  
Ages 4-12  
Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**GAMES!** **FUN!**

CONTACT KBIC Natural Resources for more information: (906) 524-5757 ext 10 or 12

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

### 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.

| Household Size         | 48 Contiguous United States:     |                         | Use this amount                   |           |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|
|                        | 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   |

| Household Size         | Alaska:                          |                         | Use this amount                   |           |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|
|                        | 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.**



#### JUNE 2013 Calendar Events

- June 1:** Reg. Sat. Council Meeting, 9 am, Ojibwa Resort Conf. Rm;
- June 7:** Constitutional Committee Meeting, 1 pm, Council Chambers;
- June 8:** Household Hazardous and Electronic Waste Collection; Marquette Native American Flea Market;
- June 16:** Happy Father's Day;
- June 19:** Veteran's Meeting, 7 pm;
- June 27:** Senior Citizens' Pasty Sale;
- June 29:** Kids' Fishing Derby.

~ submitted by newsletter editor

Events occurring throughout KBIC are welcome to be listed on the Calendar of Events. Contact newsletter@kbic.nsn.gov to list your events. Some events are more detailed FYI within the newsletter. For up-to-date event listings, visit [www.ojibwa.com](http://www.ojibwa.com) and click on calendar. For Youth events, see @ [www.ojibwa.com](http://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.

### Baraga County

## Household Hazardous Waste & Electronic Waste Collection

# 2013



Saturday, June 8th from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Ojibwa Casino Parking Lot, M-38 Baraga

**FREE! BARAGA COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY!**

#### ACCEPTED:

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

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

#### NOT ACCEPTED:

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

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

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

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

Made possible by the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative





# KBIC/DHHS COMMUNITY HEALTH COLUMN

## JUNE IS DENTAL HEALTH MONTH at the KBIC Department of Health and Human Services



Good oral health is a life-long endeavor. Starting in pregnancy taking care of your mouth is important for you and your baby. Brushing, flossing, eating healthy foods, and getting dental checkups and treatment will help keep you and your baby healthy.

After your baby is born clean his/her gums after every feeding, even before the first teeth come in. Wipe the gums with a clean, damp cloth. When your baby has teeth, begin brushing two times each day using a small smear of toothpaste. Do not put your baby to bed with a

bottle. Start weaning your child from the bottle by six to nine months. By one year of age your child should be drinking from a cup. Your child's first dental visit should be by 12 months.

Baby teeth are important: they help with chewing, speaking, promoting self-esteem, and maintaining space for adult teeth. Dental cavities are the most common chronic disease of children. When you eat sugary foods, bacteria in the mouth turns the sugar into acid. The acid eats holes in the teeth and makes cavities. Regular pop and many juices are high in sugar. Diet or "sugar-free" is high in acid. Sugar and acid are bad for your teeth. Because soft drinks are no longer an occasional treat they have become a leading cause of tooth decay. Promote drinking water instead of pop. It has no sugar, no acid, and no calories.

As we age, our dental health is just as important as when we are younger. Adults are still at risk for tooth decay plus periodontal (gum) disease. Adults are often on multiple medications that can cause a dry mouth. People with a dry mouth are prone to tooth decay. Saliva is important for chewing and buffering the teeth from acids. People will need to drink liquids often to lessen the dryness. Do not drink a lot of pop or juice or use sugar in coffee or tea. Drink plain water to moisten the mouth.

Periodontal (gum) disease is an infection of the gum and bone that hold your teeth in place. According to the American Academy of Periodontology, gum disease is the primary cause of tooth loss in adults age 35 and over. Periodontal disease often is linked to the control of diabetes. For example, patients with inadequate blood sugar control appear to develop gum disease more often and more severely, and they lose more teeth than do people who have good control of their diabetes. Gum disease may make it more difficult for diabetics to control their blood sugar.

Your mouth is the gateway to your body. Maintaining good oral health habits is important because unhealthy bacteria in the mouth

not only can harm your teeth and gums but also, may be associated with serious medical conditions.

Brush and clean between your teeth with floss or inter-dental cleaners daily, eat nutritious foods, avoid sugary soft drinks, and visit your dental professional regularly to learn what your particular dental health needs are and how you can keep your smile for your lifetime.

~ Submitted by Debra Herrala, RDH, KBIC, Department of Health and Human Services

## Be part of Cancer Research Today for a Cancer-Free Tomorrow! Cancer Prevention Study-3



We all want to know we have made a difference in the life of another. Once again, our community has a unique opportunity to make an impact on the lives of many.

Cancer Prevention Study-3 (CPS-3) of the American Cancer Society will be enrolling participants at the Houghton High School Track on June 28, 2013, from 5:00 PM—9:00 PM,

during the Relay for Life. As part of enrollment, individuals who choose to participate will simply fill out a comprehensive survey packet about health history, provide a small blood sample (to be collected by trained phlebotomists), and provide a waist measure.

Enrollment will take approximately 20-30 minutes. From that point forward, study participants will be followed over time to update information, via periodic mailed surveys.

Your involvement in CPS-3 will help American Cancer Society researchers understand the causes of, and ultimately determine ways to prevent, cancer. If you are willing to make a long-term commitment to the study (which involves completing follow-up surveys periodically over the next 20-30 years), are between the ages of 30 and 65 years old and have never been diagnosed with cancer, then you will want to participate in this study.

If you don't meet the eligibility requirements, your significant participation comes from telling everyone you know about the opportunity to help prevent cancer.

Visit [www.cancer.org/cps3](http://www.cancer.org/cps3), or e-mail [cps3.houghton@gmail.com](mailto:cps3.houghton@gmail.com) or call 1-888-604-5888 for additional information on the difference you can make to save lives in the fight against cancer.

## Natural Resources Department gets Ozone Monitoring for summer months

By: Lauren Nenadovich, Air Quality Specialist



Ozone Analyzer and Calibrator

After attending a GIS for Air Quality course this past winter, it came to my attention that ozone levels at the nearest monitoring locations were close to the maximum allowable limits. Ozone in the upper atmosphere is good and protects us from harmful UV radiation. However, ozone at ground level is harmful and can contribute to serious health effects. Ozone is one of the six criteria air pollutants. It is primarily formed when volatile organic compounds and nitrogen dioxide, produced by industry and combustion sources, come together and there is a presence of heat and sunlight. Since heat and sunlight

contribute to higher ozone levels, the summer months can have especially high levels. High concentrations of ozone can occur in rural areas that are located within wind patterns of industrialized areas.

The Natural Resources Department has been loaned the ozone monitoring equipment by the Tribal Air Monitoring Support Center (TAMS), which is a collaboration between the US EPA and the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP). The TAMS center sent a professional to the Natural Resources Department to aid in the installation and training on the ozone equipment. The data collected from the ozone monitoring project will be very valuable,

not only by showing what ozone levels are like in the area but also in being able to request a more permanent air monitoring site.

The air quality page on the Natural Resources Department's new website ([www.nrd.kbic-nsn.gov](http://www.nrd.kbic-nsn.gov)) now has an air quality complaint/inquiry submission section. If you have any questions regarding the ozone project, please feel free to use the website or contact me at [lauren@kbic-nsn.gov](mailto:lauren@kbic-nsn.gov) or 906-524-5757 x.28.



Ozone air intake and ventilation

## CAREER FAIR

Are you looking for more than a job?  
Do you want a career??

Then you **must** attend this Career Fair!

Come and listen to a variety of Tradesmen explain what their trade and apprenticeship programs have to offer you.

You may find just what you are looking for in the construction industry!

Wednesday, JUNE 26th  
@ 10 AM -- KBOCC

Please contact the KBIC TERO office for more information and To sign up!  
Brigitte LaPointe, TERO  
906-353-4167  
[brigitte@kbic-nsn.gov](mailto:brigitte@kbic-nsn.gov)





# New Employees



Gail Ploe, CADC-M, has begun employment with KBIC as a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor at the Donald LaPointe Medical Facility. Gail was previously employed at the Western U.P. Health Department for 17 years prior to accepting her new position where she will be counseling Tribal members in substance abuse treatment, prevention, smoking cessation, and health education. Gail is a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor and Certified Prevention Specialist. She graduated from Calumet High School and Ferris State University, with an Associate's degree in Journalism. She then attended Oakland University to study Communications and is currently finishing a

Bachelor's degree in Health Services Administration.

Gail lives in Houghton with her husband Doug and two pooches. They have raised their children. Their oldest son, Trevor, and his wife, Tina, live near Detroit with their two little ones. Another son, Justin, and a daughter, Erin, both live in Houghton and are both students at MTU. Gail states, "I love spending time with family and friends, reading, cooking, garage sale and thrift store shopping, traveling, hiking, and camping.

I'm really excited about my new position as an Addictions Counselor at KBIC, and I'm happy to be a part of the substance abuse treatment team here. I have always had a lot of compassion and respect for people struggling with addiction; being able to be, even a small part of their recovery, is an honor. I'm looking forward to working with all the folks in this community who have come together to deal with the drug problem."



Photo by Lauri Denomie.

Ron Hueckstaedt, Jr. has been hired as the Background Investigator for KBIC. Ron, a KBIC member, has previously worked at the Ojibwa Casino for over ten years in security and surveillance, including the last seven years as a security supervisor. He moved to Baraga in 1998 from the Milwaukee area, with his five children. Ron III and Amanda currently reside with him today. Ron is very active in the community. He is a

volunteer firefighter with the Baraga Village and is a volunteer EMT with Bay Ambulance. Ron states, "In my free time, I like to just sit back and relax, and in the winter I do a lot of hunting.

As the Tribe's Background Investigator, I hope to perform my job duties in a timely and efficient manner so that we are able to fill job openings quickly."

## Late Summer Courses Explore Native Art, Culture, Health, and More

Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College's late summer schedule, which starts June 17, features three special topics courses designed to fulfill community interests.

**Advanced Ojibwa Beadwork** taught by JoAnne Racette, is an often-requested continuation of AR105 Ojibwa Beadwork, which is a pre-requisite for the advanced course.

In **Medicinal Plants: Uses and Preparation** students will explore the medicinal uses of plants, indigenous medicinal knowledge, and the issues surrounding medicinal plants. Class activities include identifying medicinal plants that grow in our area, describing the properties and uses of medicinal plants, and using a variety of methods to make herbal preparations for personal use. Instructor Treneice Marshall says that this summer's course will have a different focus from last fall's *Medicinal Plants: Beyond Ecology* and will be suitable for both new students and those who enjoyed the fall class and want to learn more.

**Perspectives on Native American Health** will use a cultural framework to explore health issues facing Native American communities and how communities can promote better health. Students will examine health issues of concern from both individual and community perspectives. The instructor, Raeanne Madison, is a member of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, Bois Forte Band of Chippewa Indians, and a registered EMT first responder. She is a graduate of

Michigan Technological University and, as a student there, co-founded the university's Pregnant and Parenting Students Network. She is currently completing a Master's degree in Public Health at the University of Michigan. **Perspectives on Native American Health** fulfills general education requirements in social science and Native American awareness.

In addition to the special course, late summer classes include two general education standbys that meet degree requirements while exploring wide-ranging topics. **Introduction to Humanities** is a survey of philosophy, art, music, literature, and drama, which may focus on a specific time, place, or theme. The instructor, Timo Koskinen, regularly teaches at Finlandia University, and is the author of *Bone Soup and a Lapland Wizard* as well as many shorter works. The course fulfills general education requirements in humanities. **Introduction to Sociology**, taught by Frank "Tadd" Taddeucci, introduces the study of human interaction, social structures, and social process. The course meets general education requirements in social science.

Late summer courses start June 17 and run through August 9. Registration is open now through the start of classes. For days, times, and other information please see the college website, [www.kbocc.org](http://www.kbocc.org), or visit the office during business hours. For admissions information, call 353-4640.

## EDUCATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM AWARDS STUDENTS

The Keweenaw Bay Education Committee offers the Education Incentive Program to local KBIC Tribal students. Monetary incentives are awarded at the end of each of the four marking periods of the academic year. Students must be enrolled KBIC members, reside in Baraga, Houghton, Ontonagon, or Marquette counties and must attend a public or private school. A student's Honor Roll status is defined according to the requirements of their school district.

The following forty-five students were placed on the Honor Roll for the third marking period of the 2012-13 academic year:

**Baraga** - Bryton Loonsfoot, Annaleese Rasanen, Gabrielle Mayo, Brooke Chaudier, Virginia Shelifoe, Steele Jondreau, Dana Kelly, Steven Maki, Bailey Harden, Presley Rasanen, Keegin Kahkonen, John Messer III, Cheyenne Welsh, Opal Ellsworth, Jailyn Shelifoe, William Jondreau Jr., Jordan Chosa, Angel Loonsfoot, Shawna Lussier, Kayla Szarolletta, and Jenna Messer.

**L'Anse** - Charles Spruce, Christopher Genschow, Robert Genschow III, William Genschow, Alicia Stein, Kayla Dakota, Abbygail Spruce, Ti'ia Friisvall, Shay Ekdahl, Grayson Roe, Austin Ayres, Cody Clement, Karli Hoggard, Eva Lind, Logan Roe, and Michaela Velmer.

**Sacred Heart** - Rachael Velmer and Tristan Francois.

**L'Anse-Baraga Community Schools** - Lisa Waranka and Tonni Williamson-Edwards.

**Marquette** - Johnathan Shelafoe, Aiyana Aldred, Autumn Ashbrook -Pietila and Shane Duquette.

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

**Baraga** - Opal Ellsworth, Richard Geroux, Bailey Harden, Steele Jondreau, William Jondreau Jr., Kamrin Kahkonen, Keegin Kahkonen, Steven Maki, Jenna Messer, Kylie Michaelson, Presley Rasanen, Logan Shalifoe, Jailyn Shalifoe, Troy DeCota, Preston Ellsworth, Gabrielle Mayo, and Annaleese Rasanen.

**L'Anse** - Jaycee Maki, Paige Zasadnyj, Cassandra Zasadnyj, Jade Curtis, Philip Edwards II, Daniel Curtis, Shay Ekdahl, Grayson Roe, and Cody Clement.

**Sacred Heart** - Zachary Velmer and Rachael Velmer.

**Marquette** - Brayden Velmer and Johnathan Shelafoe.

## Native American Flea Market

**WANTED:** Flea Market Vendors


**DATE:** June 8, 2013, 9 am—3 pm

**LOCATION:** Los Tres Amigos property on U.S. 41 by Gander Mountain, Marquette, MI.

Vendor space will cost \$5.00 with donations to go to children's activities. You must provide your own tables.

For more information contact Myrna at 249-4383 or Patricia at 228-8360.




**Niimi Gimiwang**  
**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)

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**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.

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.



## MICHIGAN INDIAN ELDERS ASSOCIATION



### MICHIGAN INDIAN ELDERS ASSOCIATION 2013 SCHOLARSHIP NOTICE:

The Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA) is pleased to announce that it will make available a minimum of six (6) \$500 scholarships and one (1) \$1000 scholarship. The scholarships will be awarded to at least five qualified students with the \$1000 scholarship being awarded to the most qualified student, as determined by committee review and lottery, if necessary. Each student must be currently enrolled in a course of study at, or have a letter of acceptance from, a public college, university, or technical school and must meet the following qualifications.

#### **QUALIFICATIONS – the student:**

- **Must be an enrolled member (copy of tribal card) or be a direct descendant of an enrolled member of one of the MIEA constituent Tribes/Bands (must be verified in writing by your tribal Enrollment Department).**
- **Must have successfully completed and passed all five General Education Development (G.E.D.) equivalency tests with a minimum score of 40 and an average score of 45 and must possess a G.E.D. certificate; or must have graduated from an accredited high school with a 3.00 grade point average; or if currently enrolled at a college, university or trade school, must have an accumulated grade point average of 3.00.**
- **Must, except for special and extenuating circumstances, attend college, university, or trade school on a full-time basis.**
- **Must complete the provided application form and submit it with required supporting documentation, and the mailing must be RECEIVED BY THE COORDINATOR no later than June 20, 2013. (PLEASE NOTE, incomplete or late applications will not be considered).**

An application form can be downloaded from visiting <http://www.michiganindianelders.org/MIEA%20Students.htm> or from the Tribal Education Department of each of the constituent Tribes/Bands.

Current Constituent Tribes/Bands are: Bay Mills Indian Community, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Hannahville Band of Potawatomi Indians, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians, Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Potawatomi Indians—Gun Lake Tribe, Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Happy Father's Day!



### 2013 ANN MISEGAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The KBIC Education Department announces the availability of the 2013 Ann Misenan Memorial Scholarship applications. The scholarship amount is \$1,000, twice a year for up to six years, and will be awarded to a new student each fall. Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Enrolled Tribal member
- Attending an accredited college/university
- Enrolled as a full-time student
- Pursuing a degree in a Health Care field
- Resident of Baraga or Marquette County

Eligible students must complete an application, submit an essay detailing their interest in their chosen health field, and submit a copy of their official transcripts (high school or college).

For more information and to request an application, contact Amy St. Arnold, Education Director at 906-353-6623, ext. 4117 or at [amy@KBIC-nsn.gov](mailto:amy@KBIC-nsn.gov). The application deadline is August 2, 2013, at 4 p.m.

### 5<sup>th</sup> Annual KBIC Environmental Fair



Western UP Center for Science, Mathematics, and Environmental Education — MTU student display.

The KBIC Natural Resources Department held the fifth annual Environmental Fair to celebrate Earth Day on April 24<sup>th</sup>. The event provided environmental education to area schools and community members. Attending the event were approximately 330 kids from L'Anse, Sacred Heart, Baraga, and Arvon schools.

Several organizations attended the event to provide educational information and hands-on learning experiences including: Baraga-Houghton-Keweenaw Counties 4-H Program, MSU Extension – Firewise, Plum Creek, Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission, Superior Watershed Partnership, Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College, Western Upper Peninsula Center for Science, Mathematics and Environmental Education, KBIC Tribal Historic Preservation Office, KBIC Forestry Department, and Smokey the Bear. The KBIC Natural Resources Department provided several displays and activities related to water quality, fisheries management, wildlife health & safety, solid waste, hazardous waste, composting, air quality, local foods, and invasive species.

According to participants and teachers attending the event it was a huge success. The Natural Resources Department plans to conduct the Environmental Fair annually around Earth Day.



Western UP Center for Science, Mathematics, and Environmental Education — MTU student display.



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TRIBAL MEMBERS  
AND DESCENDANTS  
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Registration begins May 15th and ends on June 1st. Registration packets are available in the youth office. Proof of tribal membership or descendency is required.

Camp Hours:  
Monday-Thursday 8:00am—5:00pm

For more information, please call the youth office at 353-4643.

KBIC YOUTH PROGRAMS  
16429 Bear Town Road  
Baraga, MI 49908  
nicolareans@kbic-nsn.gov

\*Registration is on a first come, first serve basis based on income eligibility. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

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Saturday—10am—3pm

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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](mailto:ocss@kbic-nsn.gov)

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- Paternity Establishment
- Location of Custodial and Non-Custodial Parents
- Community Education

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

### Historic Zeba Indian Mission United Methodist Church



"We welcome each of you to our worship services, at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday beginning June 30th at the Campgrounds on Marksman Road, for the summer in our beautiful outdoor tabernacle."

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Church office 524-7939 Parsonage 524-7936

### Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Employment Opportunities


Continuous/On Call positions:

- \* Board Operator
- \* Pharmacist (on call)
- \* Receptionist/Clerical Worker (on call)
- \* Cashier (part-time)
- \* Registered Nurse (on call)
- \* Licensed Practical Nurse (on call)
- \* Account Executive/Sales (full time)
- \* Pre-Primary Teaching Assistant
- \* Community Service Supervisor (one call)
- \* Unit Manager (New Day)
- \* Family Aide
- \* On-Call Van Driver
- \* Unit Manager (OVW)
- \* Youth Programs & Facility Attendant

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

- Gaming Commissioner— June 7, 2013
- RPMS/IT Site Manager— June 8, 2013

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](http://www.ojibwa.com).

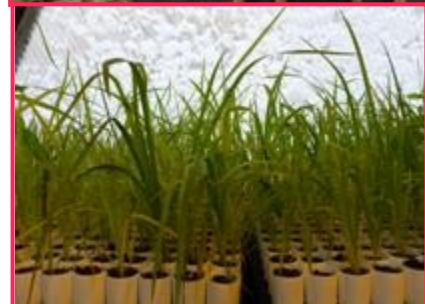


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### KBIC Greenhouse Renovations



Concerned with continued loss of pollinators and native plants and a desire to move more quickly on restoration efforts, KBIC partnered with US Forest Service and The Cedar Tree Institute to build a greenhouse in 2010. As part of the *The Zaagkii Project*, research was done on designs for our area and a thirty-three foot diameter geodesic dome was chosen. Advantageous design features include: a dome shape which handles snow load well, polycarbonate panels, a water tank which provides a slower warming and cooling to help avoid temperature extremes, solar power for operating automatic vents, insulation of building bottom for better heat retention, and insulation on the north end of the dome to reflect light and heat back into the building. We have gone through several growing periods and have made some additions in response to challenges in our use of the greenhouse; electrical, lighting, and heating. Our latest renovations concern maximizing available space to be filled with plants, without blocking lighting. This winter we met this challenge by having a second level added over the water tank and free-standing shelving units built for the floor. These add-ons have greatly expanded our holding capacity, optimized utilization of upward heated space, opened up working areas for maintenance of building and plants, and given a visually pleasing aspect. There are twenty-eight species currently being grown in the greenhouse for spring planting at the Sand Point restoration site and for traditional use; some of the species are sweetgrass, black-eyed susan, and milkweed. Remodeling the interior of the nearby potting shed and the surrounding shadehouse construction is nearly completed. Lyndon Ekdahl and Robert Curtis did the construction of the second level. The Community has shown its support of our endeavors with the assistance of numerous volunteers, temporary hires, and community service workers to our staff in these renovations. Chi-miigwech!

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community  
16429 Bear Town Rd-Baraga, MI 49908-9210

~Submitted by Evelyn Ravindran, Natural Resources Specialist