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SENIOR BANQUET HELD—KBIC HONORS THEIR LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



Photo by Lauri Denomie.

L'Anse, Baraga, and Community School 2013 Graduates: Front, (left to right), Sheila Halverson, Gabrielle Picciano, Shantell Ekdahl, Victoria Durant, Virginia Shelifoe, Beth Gauthier, Back (left to front) Kyle Gauthier, Barbie Byykkonen, Gary Loonsfoot III, Logan Roe, Gavin Picciano, Brooke Chaudier. Missing from photo: (Jorey Cribs who left for Army boot camp), Michaela Velmer, and Desmond DeCota.

The Keweenaw Bay Tribal Education Committee held the annual Senior Banquet on Friday, May 31, 2013, honoring the L'Anse, Baraga, and Community School Graduates. Terri Denomie, Education Committee Chairperson, welcomed the graduates, their families, Tribal education staff, teachers and administrators, fellow Tribal education committee members, and friends to this year's event. Beartown Singers provided the drum for the welcome song and an honor song. Following a delicious meal, Violet M. Friisvall Ayres, Education Committee member, introduced the guest speaker, Sarah Maki. Sarah is the Assistant CEO for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, and she began by congratulating our graduates. "You have reached a milestone in your life. Some of you are sitting there with firm plans for your future and good ideas of what is coming. Some of you have a pretty good idea of what you want to do next and a hope and a dream to get you there. And some of you are sitting there amazed that you made it this far at all. Your future will be exciting, but with excitement comes trying times, and it depends on you and your determination. Perseverance is the key. Each one of you has a path to choose. Your choices will be yours and yours alone. Nothing will be handed to you; you have to go out and earn it, and it will mean more to you because you have earned it," Sarah said.

"As early as kindergarten, I understood the importance of an education. I was enrolled in school at the age of four since I was a November baby. I understood completely when the kindergarten teacher told my mother that they would give me a few weeks to see if I was able to learn as well as the others due to my age. The thought was do well in school, and you get to play with all those toys. I brought this through my early educational

years, but it changed from wanting to do well in school to play with toys to wanting to do well in school to succeed in life. I realized that in order to do this, I had to go to college to pursue my dream of success. While most college students can complete their degree in four years, I took six years to complete my degree. It took me longer, as I was raising my first two children as a single mother. It was difficult, but perseverance was the key in that undertaking, along with the support I received from my family, and let's not forget my introduction to coffee. I was a math teacher for eight years and enjoyed teaching young people. I chose to move out of that field and start working for the tribe. Just recently, I came to the decision to enroll in a Tribal Governance and Administration master degree program that I wish to pursue. I have been accepted into the program and will continue working while going to school. I know it will be difficult to go to school full-time and work full-time, but I believe that it will be a great benefit.

You've taken key steps towards your successful future and also the betterment of your family and your community. You've worked hard spending months learning new skill sets. Our complex and technical world today requires education and skills that were not needed in the past. Ultimately, you are a well-educated generation who will benefit all of us in the future. You are now armed with the most important tools to forge your path

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:

- June 1, 2013 Tribal Council Meeting
- Ojibwa High School Seniors Honored
- Tribe Hires Fifty-five Summer Youth Workers
- KBIC Summer Youth Camp In Full Swing
- KBIC Spring Walleye Survey and Egg Collection
- Beartown Participates In Fitness Challenge
- Ojibwa Senior Citizens News
- Drug Conviction Report

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Pictured above is (center) the KBIC Tribal President, Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. with (left) L'Anse District KBIC Education Committee Scholarship winner of \$1000 Logan Roe and (right) Baraga District KBIC Education Committee Scholarship winner of \$1000 Virginia "Ginger" Shelifoe.

JUNE 1, 2013 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on June 1, 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, Toni Minton, 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.

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

Treasurer Jennifer Misegan gave a brief verbal Treasurer's report as she has been away from the office due to an injury. The two-percent checks and letters will be mailed out this week. She has received the forensic audit information regarding the Ojibwa Housing Authority and plans on presenting it to Council at Thursday's meeting. She plans on returning to the office part-time this week.

Barbara Edwards addressed the Council personally with a thank you for all the support they have offered to her husband, Richard Edwards, during his recent and ongoing illness.

April Lindala, NMU Center of Native American Studies Director; Sherri Aldred, local artist; John DePetro, Mayor of Marquette City; Kristine Granger, local artist; Robert Neimi, Marquette City Commissioner; Bill Vajda, Marquette City Manager; and Karl Zueger, City of Marquette Asst. Manager; addressed the Council with a presentation regarding Project *Mikwendaagouzi*: To Be Remembered. This is a culturally appropriate sign to replace the older one that stood over the Presque Isle Park's entrance in Marquette. The sign featured a Native American canoeing along the lakeshore that has deteriorated over the years. *Mikwendaagouzi* translates in Ojibwe as, "to be remembered". The project will create a sign reflecting both Native and non-native populations of the area and will incorporate up to ten yet-to-be-determined Native youth who will be documenting the process of the artists throughout the project. Artist Sherri Aldred (Loonsfoot), a KBIC member whose work has been on display at the KBIC Tribal Court, will be developing the cultural theme for the sign. The cost of the project totals \$10,615.00 with the City of Marquette funding \$4,800.00. The group requested financial assistance for the remaining amount of \$5,815.00 from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. Councilman Fred Dakota agreed that the Marquette area has been very kind to the tribe, and he

was in favor of the project. He noted that he would like to have "our story told a little more; we don't want people to forget about us." Councilwoman Jean Jokinen suggested that the group contact the KBIC Culture Committee for input. Councilwoman Jennifer Misegan suggested the group utilize summer youth workers from the Marquette property in the project. The project is slated to begin mid-June and should take three weeks to complete. **Motion by Susan J. LaFerner to approve \$5,815.00 as an advance of two-percent funding for funding Project *Mikwendaagouzi*: To Be Remembered, pending a letter of request, supported by Fred Dakota, eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**

Bruce LaPointe presented, on behalf of Marty Curtis of New Day, the Kahkonen Excavating, Inc. Construction Contract to perform construction services in connection with a drain tile installation at the New Day Treatment Center. **Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to approve the Kahkonen Excavating, Inc. Construction Contract, supported by Carole L. LaPointe, eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**

Robert (R.D.) Curtis, Jr. presented the Bob Perkell Entertainment Agreement for Council's approval. Comedian Bob Perkell will provide one standup comedy show for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, "Laffin' in Recovery" Comedy Show, on July 16th. **Motion by Susan J. LaFerner to approve the Entertainment Agreement with Bob Perkell for the Clean and Sober Comedy Event, supported by Don Messer, Jr., eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**

Debbie Parrish, KBOCC President, presented Resolution KB-1938-2013 Entrepreneur and Arts CEDS Grant for Council's approval. Jim Stingle, Grant writer, indicated to her that KBIC would not be applying for the ANA grant this year as they were not eligible. KBOCC is designing the Art Program at the college and will be utilizing the funding from the ANA grant to do so. In addition, they will be reestablishing the Business Center as there are individuals in the community who want to begin their own businesses. KBOCC will offer office space, computer use, fax machine use, etc. to assist them in their business needs. There will be space allocated for artists and will include space for those who wish to sell their products. KBOCC has started offering more business classes because of the development of the new business program. After the commission approves the program and the new facility (the former Baraga County Memorial Hospital), KBOCC plans on offering business classes at the L'Anse facility which will mostly likely be next spring. **Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to approve**

Resolution KB-1038-2013 Entrepreneur and Arts Grant, supported by Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.

Debbie Parrish offered a brief update for KBOCC. The audit was completed, and there were no findings. The asbestos removal at the L'Anse facility (former Baraga County Hospital) has been completed by contracting Northwoods Environmental. They are working on a contract with Todd Chosa for electrical renovations and had previously approved a contract for the heating and plumbing with Bianco Plumbing and Heating. Five Tribal members were hired through the TERO officer to work on the building construction renovations.

Bruce LaPointe brought the TriMedia Environmental and Engineering Services, LLC Professional Services Agreement for Mold Sampling at the New Day Treatment Center for approval. **Motion by Fred Dakota to approve the TriMedia Environmental and Engineering Services, LLC Professional Services Agreement and authorize the President to sign, supported by Don Messer, Jr., eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**

Bruce LaPointe brought the Upper Peninsula Power Company Distribution Facilities Installation Agreement for the new transfer station at the Ojibwa Industrial Park for approval. **Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to approve the Upper Peninsula Power Company Distribution Facilities Installation Agreement, supported by Carole L. LaPointe, eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**

Bruce LaPointe brought the Team Services, LLC, Services Agreement for approval. **Motion by Jennifer Misegan to approve Team Services, LLC, Services Agreement to provide dust control on the Ford Farm Road, Ojibwa Campground Road system, Sand Point Road, and the Pinery, supported by Susan J. LaFerner, eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**

Treasurer Jennifer Misegan brought forward the donations for June 2013. **Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to approve the June 2013 donations as \$500.00 to the Baraga Area Schools for Alcohol Free Graduation parties and \$500.00 to the 14th Annual All Women's Fishing Tournament at the Eagles Club for a \$1,000.00 total, supported by Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., nine supported (Mayo, S. LaFerner, Minton, Misegan, Curtis, Dakota, M. LaFerner, LaPointe, Messer), two opposed (Jokinen, Matthews), 0 abstained, motion carried.**

Council adjourned with no further items on the agenda.

~ submitted by Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR MAY 2013

Activities reported by the Secretary, Susan J. LaFerner, for the month of May 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 to all of our graduates from Head Start to College and many thanks to our teachers, directors, support staff, family, and friends who care about the importance of a great education. Also many thanks to everyone who helped clean our cemeteries for Memorial Day to remember

our Veterans and all of our loved ones. Thanks also to everyone with the spring cleanup.

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, Water Division, and attorneys. They have done a tremendous job in pre-

paring 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. A new Tribe-to-Tribe walking challenge began 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 Indian Community and our neighboring Communities."

Perhaps you visited or spoke the kindest words as any friend could say, perhaps you thought of us and prayed (prayers are answered). Whatever you did to console our hearts... whatever the part you played during our son's recent hospitalization at Marquette General Health Systems, Mike, Buck, and I thank you and God so much.

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

Thank you for all that 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 May 2013, the Tribal Council held one Regular Tribal Council Meeting on May 4, 2013, at the Ojibwa Motel Conference Room. This meeting is covered in the June 2013 Newsletter. Tribal Council held four Special Council Meetings. Following are the unapproved motions from May.

At a council meeting held May 2, 2013, the following actions were taken:

- Approved a motion to grant a waiver of conflict of interest for the Dorsey & Whitney law firm relating to the WMS and Aristocrat Gaming contracts;
- Approved the May 24, 31, and June 2, 2012 Tribal Council meeting minutes;
- Approved Resolution KB 1933-2013 MOU Tribal-USDA Forest Service Relations on National Forest Lands within the territories ceded in the treaties of 1836, 1837, and 1842, and to designate the persons by title to the Technical Working Group;
- Approved that all the checking accounts at the Ojibwa Housing Authority have the same signers as the Government Administrative Account until the OHA Board is appointed (Chairman broke a tie vote in favor);
- Approved to appoint Janice Shalifoe, Roland Swartz, R.D. Curtis, Gary Loonsfoot, Sr., and Dominic Picciano to the Ojibwa Housing Authority Board;
- Approved the amended new business license for Michael Dowd and Michael Lahti (to include a used car sales dealership);
- Approved the new business license for Dale Goodreau for "Hey! Beautiful Hair Salon";
- Approved the renewal agreement between the Hannahville Indian Community and KBIC for registered dietitian services for the WIC Program July 1, 2013-June 30, 2014;

- Approved a full clearance license for five years for Ronald Hueckstaedt, Jr. (background investigator).

At a council meeting held May 9, 2013, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the June 7, 14, 21, 2012 Tribal Council meeting minutes;
- Approved the MOA between KBIC and I.H.S. for the Kawbawgam Road Water Study and Replacement Well on the K.B. Reservation;
- Approved the mailing list request as Baraga County and age 18 and older for the KB Ojibwa Community College Climate Change Research Project;
- Approved to table the new business license for Joe LaFerner (Joe's Custom & Detail) until he can be present at the meeting;
- Approved to appoint Dawn Alexander to the Constitutional Committee as an alternate (one applicant);
- Approved to appoint Amelia Sapcut as the Elder to the Enrollment Board and advertise for another Elder seat age 60 and above (one applicant and one resignation)
- Approved to appoint John Seppanen and Dawn Alexander to the Natural Resources Committee (two applicants);
- Approved to appoint William Jondreau to the Parks & Recreation Committee (two applicants)
- Approved to appoint Cheryne Clements and Dawn Alexander to the Youth Committee (two applicants);
- Approved Friday, July 5th as a holiday;
- Motion died for lack of support to give a stipend of \$125.00 for the Thursday evening and Saturday Tribal Council meetings for the Recording Secretary;
- Approved the Environmental Mining Budget modification to include the USGS water monitoring program;
- Approved the C.A.R.E. Committee by-laws amendments (Article III and Article V);
- Approved to deny the remaining May 2013 Donation requests;
- Approved Stacey Somero as supervisor to Nancy Lamb, and in her absence she will appoint Nissa LaPointe or Kelly Dowd to supervise because of the nepotism clause;
- Approved the Employment Agreement with Ed Janisse (Radio General Manager) with the change under 2.2 to automatically renew for two years.

At a council meeting held May 16, 2013, the following actions were taken:

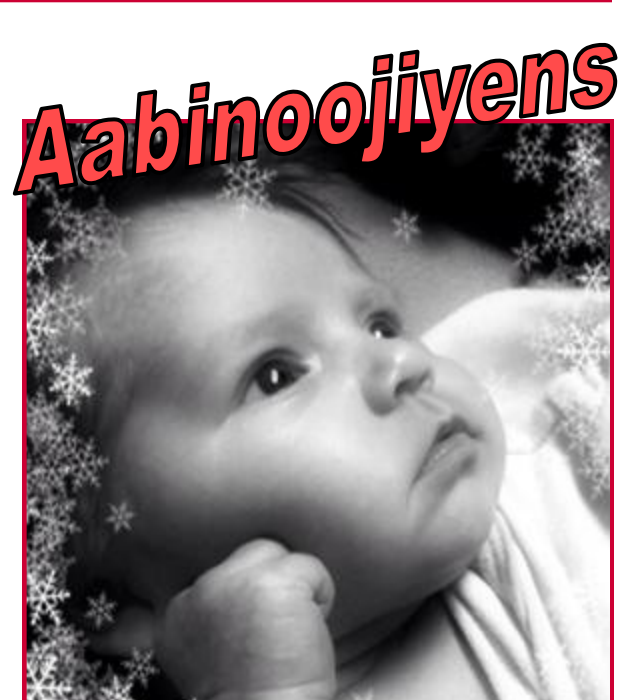
- Approved the Northern MI University Public Safety Institute advanced Law Enforcement training request and MOU from Dale Dakota, Chief of Police;
- Approved the Phase One and Phase Two Campground Road pavement project bid of \$653,251.99 to MD Contracting, Inc. and approved the contract proposal (standard agreement and general conditions between owner and contractor);
- Approved the bid from KCO, Inc. in the amount of \$10,845.00 for the New Day Center drain line excavating;
- Approved \$2,000.00 for the Clean and Sober Comedy Ahead Show with Bob Perrell and to draw a new contract;
- Approved the Tribal Court Advocate position to the Adjudicating Panel (to replace the OVV Team Lead position on the panel);
- Approved the renewal business license for the Lucky 7's Restaurant and John Gervais;
- Approved the new business license for

- Joe LaFerner (Joe's Custom & Detail);
- Approved the adjudication of Jeanne Kauppila for the ICWA Committee;
- Approved the adjudication of Duane Misegan and Dale Goodreau for the new Adjudicating Panel.

At a council meeting held May 23, 2013, the following actions were taken:

- Approved to require applicants to provide denials before requests are approved for Tribal funding (LIHEAP Funds have been depleted);
- Approved the match amount of \$3,500.00 for the 106 Water Quality grant;
- Approved the consultant agreement with Valoree Gagnon and the Data Summary Services Agreement as an attachment for \$4,000.00 (Lake Superior Program) for a Tribal Wildlife and Natural Resources Community Survey;
- Approved the Amendment to Services Agreement with Rebecca Panasiewicz to extend the end date (Drug Court Program);
- Approved Resolution KB 1934-2013 Baraga Casino 2% distributions;
- Approved Resolution KB 1935-2013 Marquette Casino 2% distributions;
- Approved the policies, procedures, and agreements related to the live scan transmission with the Michigan State Police;
- Approved to table Resolution KB 1932-2013 Land Purchase Agreement with N. Perrault for more information;
- Approved the Entertainment Agreement with Funny Business Agency, Inc. for the Pressbox New Year's Eve Comedy Show at the Bingo Hall;
- Approved the License Agreement with Michael Joseph for access to online training materials for the Marquette Casino;
- Approved the amendment to the Background Investigations Policy to replace the ICWA Committee with the Adjudicating Panel;
- Approved to table a request for home repairs until after they meet with the Ojibwa Housing Authority Board on May 28th;
- Approved Resolution KB 1936-2013 Support for one Definition of "Indian" under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan J. LaFerner, Secretary



Welcoming Paige Elizabeth Cote Ripley, born January 28, 2013, to proud parents: Danielle Cote and Ken Ripley. Paige weighed 6 lbs. 5 oz. and was 19 inches at birth. Congratulations!

CEO REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2013

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

- Review of the Food and Health Survey reports submitted by our departments and licensed entities is up to date. All of the Tribe's departments' reports indicate they have either corrected or have plans to correct the deficiencies identified in the surveys completed by Indian Health Services. All but one of the KBIC member licensed entities provided follow up reports and identified corrections they have made to address the deficiencies. The licensed entities reports have been filed with the attorney's office for their respective licensing file and will be available for your review as part of their license renewal.
- A total of 19 students applied for the Summer College Intern program this year. Of the 19 applications, three were incomplete, one was submitted late, and two found alternate employment. Of the remaining 13 applicants, the five with the highest GPA's were hired based on the funding that was approved for the program this year. Five internal departments submitted requests for interns which matched the number funded and include: The Pines, Tribal Police, Youth, NRD, and DHHS. Several other departments with available funds have hired on some of the applicants for the summer also. This has been the only year since the program's inception that more than enough applicants were available to fill the available slots.
- The annual Spring Clean Up event took place May 20-25. Curbside pickup was available for L'Anse and Baraga members during the week. Members who missed the curbside pickup were also able to drop off their debris on the 24th and 25th at the Industrial Park. Early numbers indicate an increase in tonnage this year over last even though the event ran for one week instead of two.
- Gary Loonsfoot, Jr. in coordination with Tribal Court, Tribal Police, and the Baraga County Sheriff's Department., instituted an inmate work program. Gary had work to be completed at the cemeteries and other locations but was having difficulty getting community service workers to commit. Gary and Brad Dakota, Chief Tribal Judge, worked on the details of the program. Inmates participating in the program were selected by the Court; Gary checked them out at the jail and supervised them throughout the day. Tribal Police, on occasion and when possible, drove by the work sites. The inmates who were selected by the Court were considered not to be flight risks or dangerous. Overall the program has been successful, and we are currently working on ways to pay for and continue the concept on a regular basis.
- Joe Brazeau resigned effective May 21 as the Tribe's Building Inspector. Outstanding building permits will be completed by President Swartz who will also serve in the post until the post is filled.
- The bi-monthly department head meeting was held on the 21st. The meeting was reserved entirely for our annual training opportunity provided through our EAP provider Ceridian. The training was conducted in two sessions which included supervisory/management staff of both the government and enterprises. The training related to managing employee work styles to reduce stress and was to identify and support employees under stress. In speaking to a number of employees following the training, they found it to be informative and interesting.

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

Senior Banquet continues:

ahead. Some of you may join the military. Some of you may enter directly into the workforce. Some of you may want to start a business. Some may start a family. As Native Americans, there are unique opportunities out there for you. For those of you looking to further your education, there is the Michigan Tuition Waiver that is available to pay your tuition. There is financial help available from the tribe for a college education. There are scholarships available today through the American Indian College fund. Recently, the American Indian College fund was chosen to administer a portion of the Cobell settlement. There are also programs through Indian Health Service that will forgive students loans in return for working in their health centers.

To give you some perspective, when I graduated 25 years ago in 1988, a gallon of gas was 91 cents. The only businesses the tribe had were K-Bit-C and Tribal Construction. The food at the Senior banquet was a potluck dinner, and certificates were given out. During that time, the tribe was in the first couple of years of operating a casino and bingo hall and did not have a whole lot of money. There were a handful of buildings for all tribal operations. The tribe employed less than 100 individuals.

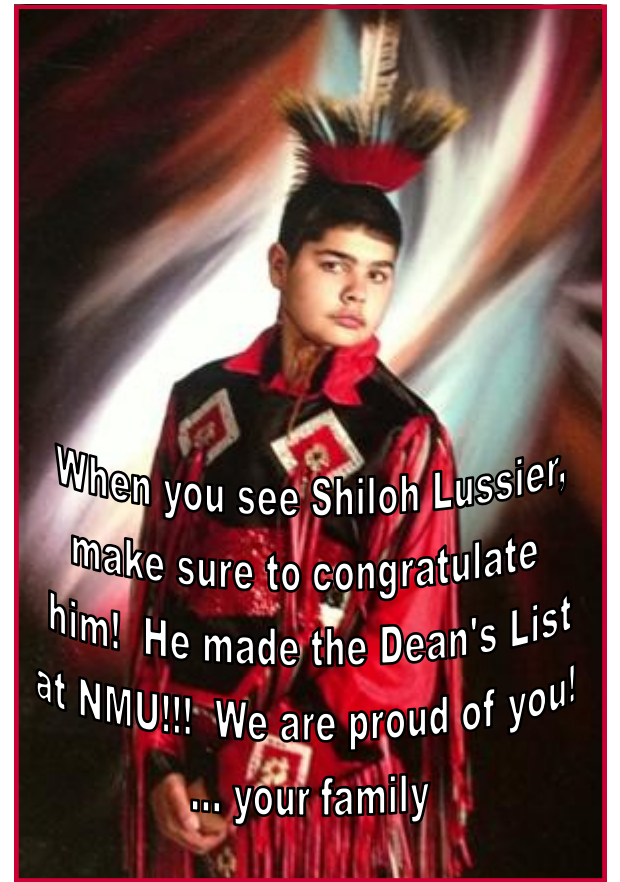
Over the years, that has changed quite a bit. The tribe has made enough money through Casino operations to open a second casino, build a gas station, purchase two radio stations, provide retirement funds and heating for our elders, buy land for the

community, provide expanded needs and services to our members, and donate to local organizations. Now, there are over 30 buildings, and the tribe employs over 600 individuals. The tribe is currently the biggest employer within the county. For you, this means there are more opportunities within the tribe. The tribe, as an employer, is looking for employees who are trustworthy, reliable, innovative, and those with enough flexibility to adapt and learn in changing times. The degree you have earned shows your future employer that you have the ability to learn. I firmly believe this. You have accomplished this first step.

There are many Tribal members within our community and in our country who have given and are giving back. They are doctors, nurses, teachers, lawyers, police officers, firefighters, military men & women, clergy, business men & women, and politicians. I apologize for not naming them all. Please remember to give back in every way that you can, whether it is through your future profession, your skills, your mentoring, parenting, and/or volunteering within the community."

Graduates received gifts from the KBIC Tribal Education Committee, KBIC Tribal Council, Cultural Committee, and the Ojibwa Senior Citizens. Certifications were given to the L'Anse and Baraga KBIC Education Committee Scholarship winners: Logan Roe/L'Anse District and Virginia "Ginger" Shelifoe/Baraga District.

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NEWS FROM THE OJIBWA SENIOR CITIZENS

Pasty Sales:

- July 20 — 7 am, we are making pasties for the Aura Jamboree. Sign-up sheet is available at the Senior Center. Make sure to schedule the times that you can volunteer!
- July 25 — pasty prep starting after lunch (12:15 pm).
- July 26 — pasty making starting at 5:00 am. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED AS EARLY AS YOU CAN MAKE IT!
- July 26 — we will be selling pasties at the powwow grounds. Make sure you can schedule the times that you can volunteer! The sign-up sheet will be available at the Senior Center. More information will be available at the July 10th meeting.

Upcoming Fundraising:

- July 4 — 50/50 raffle during the July 4th activities.
- July 26-28 — 50/50 raffle during the powwow.
- August 21—pasty prep.
- August 22 — pasty making.

Additional Information:

At the June 12th meeting a December trip to Green Bay was approved for those seniors who are actively participating in our fundraising events. We will be attending a dinner show on December 12th. Sign-up sheet and more information is available at the Senior Center.

Re-organization of officers occurred at the June 12th meeting. Officers for 2013-2014 are: President—Debbie Parrish, Vice President—Ron Spruce, Secretary—Veronica Adams, Assistant Secretary—Gretchen Emery, Treasurer—Susie Crawford, Assistant Treasurer—Agatha Cardinal. Susie Crawford will continue as the Recording Secretary for the Senior meetings.

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!

TRIBE HIRES FIFTY-ONE SUMMER YOUTH WORKERS AND FOUR SUPERVISORS



Photo by Lauri Denomie.

This year the Summer Youth Program is under the direction of the Youth Programs Coordinator, Nicole Reenders-Arens, with the assistance of four Youth Supervisors: Cody Blue, Waba Alakayak, Francis La-Pointe III, and John Hebert.

Fifty-one youth workers began their employment on the morning of Monday, June 17th. The youth workers were assigned to their stations at a variety of locations through the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community; i.e. KB Tribal Natural Resources, Ojibwa Community Library, Public Works-Roads Crew, Superior Watershed, Summer

Camp, Ojibwa Campground, Parks-Mark Misegan, Forestry, Pre-primary, Fitness Center, Ojibwa BP, Tribal Attorney Office, and Commodity Foods.

Youth workers are pictured above with the four youth supervisors are: (in no particular order) Cassidy Adams, Casandrea Alexander, Theodore (Austin) Ayres, Vanessa Beaver, Ashley Beck, Cassidy Beck, Zachary Cardinal, Cody Clement, Frederick Dakota, Brandon DeCota, Troy DeCota, Donald (Keith) Denomie, Kevin Denomie, Austin Durant, Shay Ekdahl, Issac Ekdahl, Shantell Ekdahl, Ellsworth Preston,

Mariah Fish, Vanessa Friisvall, Breanne Gauthier, Jonah Goodreau, Sheena Halverson, Jeffrey Heath, Brighton Hovey, Dillion Hueckstaedt, Ronald Hueckstaedt III, Eva Lind, Skye Loonsfoot, Aleah Maskew, Taylor Mayo, Kayla Messer, Makenzie Messer, Adebria Miron, Calix Miron, Zachary Owens, Jacob Picard, Cody Pittsley, Summer Potts, Annalesse Rasanen, Roriana Rasanen, Davan Ravindran, Katrina Ravindran, Grayson Roe, Sean Spruce, Joshua Sutherland, Todd Teikari, Dana Thierry, Sydni Voakes, Sonja Welch, and Nathaniel Welsh.

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.



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Baraga, MI 49908
(906) 353-4222

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.

Employees Support High School Seniors



The employees of the Ojibwa Casino Marquette donated their blue jean money raised by wearing jeans 2 days a week for \$2 a day. They donated \$250.00 to both MSHS and Westwood High School for their All Night Graduation Parties. Pictured are Patty Joyal, clerk for the Ojibwa Casino and Jennifer Rajala for Westwood High School.

Employees Support 31 Backpacks!



Ojibwa Casino Baraga employees recently raised \$1,034 by paying to wear blue jeans to work. The collected money was donated to 31 Backpacks, an organization that collects food donations to make sack lunches for less fortunate students. Pictured from left to right are John Lee, Laurel Maki, Melissa Maki, Elaine Blamer, and Mary Egan.

OCC CHILDCARE CENTER

Childcare services are available for children ages infant-11 years old. Hours of operation are Monday—Friday, 7 am—5 pm with evening care available by appointment.

Contact Nissa Morningstar at 353-4602 for more information.

“Catch your dream through a superior education”

Happy 4th of July!

Baraga Graduates:



Brooke Chaudier is the daughter of Aimee Emery and Durwyn Chaudier. She participated in basketball for three years, cross country for two years, and track and field. She received Honorable Mention in basketball and was moved up to the varsity team in her freshman year. She has played basketball since the third grade and was a member of the Rez Runners teams. Brooke has been on the Honor Roll many times. Her hobbies include: watching movies, playing basketball, and being with friends. She will be attending Ferris State University this fall majoring in a health field.



Beth Gauthier is the daughter of Diana Carlson and Charlie Gauthier. While in high school, she has taken every available class to get ready for college. She was in the Anatomy class at Baraga High School which is similar to a college level class. She has also taken the language classes offered at Ojibwa Community College. She was in track for one year, and her artwork received Honorable Mention at a local art show. She participated in the KBIC youth activities and was a Rez Runner for two years. Her hobbies include playing basketball, swimming, camping, and shopping. Her plans are to attend Ojibwa Community College for general studies and then transfer to Northern Michigan University.



Kyle Gauthier is the son of Cathy LaBeau and George Gauthier. He participated in STOMP (Student Training On Mentoring Peers) at the Copper Country ISD. He was also involved with the Educational Talent Search Program. He was on the basketball team and has a great work ethic. He has worked for the Summer Youth Program for four years. Kyle loves (6) Ningodwaaswi

listening to music, dancing, and spending time with family and friends. He plans on working after graduation and attending Gogebic Community College.



Sheila Halverson is the daughter of Michelle LaPlante-Eilola and Paul Halverson. While in high school, she participated in band and was in the multi-media class that put together the senior slide show. Her multi-media teacher stated that if she had to give an award to a senior for all of their help, it would go to Sheila. She participates in pow-wows, feasts, ceremonies, and sweat lodges. She also sings on the Four Thunders drum with her family. Her hobbies include beading, sewing, and playing video games. Sheila's plans after graduation are to attend Ojibwa Community College majoring in Liberal Studies with a Native American emphasis.



Gary Loonsfoot III is the son of Donna Frederickson and Gary Loonsfoot, Jr. He played Varsity Football and Basketball while at Baraga High School. He was on the Honor roll often and received Perfect Attendance many times. Gary participated with the Adopt-a-Highway Program with the football program. He also played Rez Runner basketball and was employed by the Summer Youth Program for several years. His hobbies include playing sports, being with friends, and spending time with his family. His future plans are to work for the summer as the Tribal Police Cadet, and then he is going into the Navy in the winter.



Gaven Picciano is the son of Tina Messer and Kerry Picciano. He played five years of football, and during his football career, he was awarded 1st Team All-Conference West-Pac Linebacker. He played basketball throughout high school and also played for the Rez Runners. Gaven played five years of slow-pitch softball and one year of hockey. He was a High Five mentor, competed in weight-lifting, and was Vice-President of his 9th grade class. He has had projects from his Woods class place in state tournaments. He was a Summer Youth worker and helped with the annual KBIC Pow-Wow and Fishing Derby. He likes to fish, hunt, ride four-wheelers and dirt bikes, play video games, and spend time with friends and family. He has worked at Superior Video for the last two-and-a-half years. He plans on getting another job, working out, and he would like to play football at a junior college.



Virginia Shelfoe is the daughter of Sherrie Kantola and James Shelfoe, Sr. She participated in JV and Varsity Basketball, volleyball, track, and cross country. Ginger was a local history smack-down participant and a HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) member. She was a High Five mentor and was on the Honor Roll many times. She played Rez Runner basketball, was a KBIC Youth Club member, and helped with the elementary basketball camp held at the Youth Center. Her hobbies include: listening to music, playing ball, and being with friends. Ginger will be attending Ferris State University majoring in Pre-Nursing.



Jorey Cribbs is the son of Sandra Cribbs. While in high school, he was a member of the first Cross Country team and continued his participation for two years. He was also in Track, and his events were the 50-meter run and the long jump. He placed at every track meet. Jorey worked for the Summer Youth Program for several years and then worked at Ojibwa BP. His hobbies include being outdoors, hunting, and fishing. Jorey has joined the United States Army and began his basic training in Fort Benning, Georgia, on May 28.





L'Anse Graduates:



Victoria Durant is the daughter of Cathy and Larry Velmer. While in school, she acquired job skills by working in the office. She received the "Make a Difference" award through the I.S.D.'s STOMP Program. Victoria enjoys reading, going places with friends, and listening to music. She worked for the Tribe's Summer Youth Program for two years at the campground and at the Commodity Foods Program. Her future plans include taking some night classes and possibly attending Gogebic Community College the following year.



Shantell Ekdahl is the daughter of Shelley and Lyndon Ekdahl. While in high school, she participated in track for one year; played volleyball for four years; participated in the High Five Mentoring Program her Junior and Senior years, and was in the Yearbook class her Junior year. While playing volleyball, she received the "Platform of Gold" award, the "Highest Service Percentage", and the "Miss Hustle" awards. She has achieved Perfect Attendance and Honor Roll several times. Shantell was crowned Queen of her Senior Prom this year. She enjoys playing volleyball, taking walks, and being with friends and family. She worked for the Summer Youth Program at the Pre-Primary Center and the Library. She will be attending Northern Michigan University this fall, and her major is undeclared at this time.



Gabrielle Picciano is the daughter of Tina Messer and Kerry Picciano. She was a member of the KBIC Youth Committee. She participated in the Rez Runners basketball team and competed in the Indigenous games in 2009. She was crowned Miss Keweenaw Bay for the 2010 Pow-Wow. She enjoys art, reading, and writing. She has been employed as a waitress and hostess at The Eagles Nest and the Apple Family Restaurant. She will be attending Northern Michigan University in the fall majoring in Criminal Justice.

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

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

Tuesday - July 16th, 2013 @ 7pm

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Celebrating Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Substance Abuse Programs

With Bob Perkell
B.E.T. Showtime Comedy Central

18 AND OVER

Doors open one hour before showtimes
Concession Stand available

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
The Lake Superior Band of Chippewa Indians

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)



Logan Roe is the son of Robin Roe. While in high school he was on the bowling team for one year, the basketball team for three years, and Varsity football for two years. He was a Camp Nesbit counselor for two years and was on the Prom Committee. He traveled to Europe as a member of the International Travel Club. He has been on the Honor Roll many times and achieved Perfect Attendance and Honors Convocation. He has worked for the Summer Youth Program and has been employed at Pat's IGA for the past two years. He enjoys being with his family and friends, and playing basketball, and Xbox. He will be attending Michigan Technological University this fall majoring in Kinesology.



Michaela Velmer is the daughter of Jacquelyn and Michael Velmer. While in high school, she was involved in Student Council, Youth in Government, High Five Mentoring, Prom Committee, 4-H, Track, Cross Country, Cheerleading, and the Kateri Circle. She was also an after-school tutor and volunteered to care for the elderly twice a week. Michaela was on the Honor Roll all four years of high school. She has worked at the Baraga Drive-In for the past four years. Her hobbies are reading, painting, and anything outdoors. She will be attending Ave Maria University, majoring in History and Education with a minor in Philosophy. She is hoping to become a teacher.

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community; Spring Walleye Survey and Egg Collection

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,
Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr.

06/07/13, Baraga, Michigan... The 2013 Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Natural Resources Department (KBNRD) walleye survey and egg collection activity got off to a late start this spring, due mainly to prolonged winter weather and associated ice coverage on local lakes. With ice out came the opportunity for Fyke-Net surveys in Portage and Torch Lakes, where Fisheries staff attempted to capture, assess, tag, and release walleye and various other species, and ultimately assess the overall Portage Lake Fishery.



Patrick LaPointe, Jr., Natural Resource Technician, releases a walleye during fyke net survey in Portage Lake.

On occasion, spawning phase walleye are captured during these surveys, and eggs have recently been fertilized and transported back to the KBIC Walleye Ponds and Rearing Operation in L'Anse, Michigan. Eggs are being incubated in an experimental rearing unit, and hatching walleye will be funneled directly into one of two management ponds at the site. There they will be raised to larger sizes (2-5 inches or greater), and eventually stocked back into local waters, including Portage Lake.

Of interest in 2013, is the occasional survey capture of

juvenile walleye in the Portage Lake system, and there is confidence that at least a portion of these young fish are a result of KBIC stocking efforts in recent years. A sample collection of small walleye will be analyzed to determine presence of an Oxytetracycline "mark" on internal boney structures, indication that the fish were reared and stocked into Portage Lake. Both the State of Michigan and KBIC have been stocking walleye in Portage Lake in recent years.

Finally, working cooperatively with the Michigan Department of Community Health and Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission, KBIC has been active in collecting and retaining a sample of target fish species (burbot, lake trout, northern pike, small-mouth bass, and walleye) for contaminant and human safety in consumption studies. These data will be used to update and augment the latest fish consumption advisories for Portage Lake, Torch Lake, and Lake Superior.

Honors Convocation



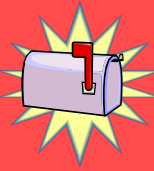
Four KBIC elementary students were recognized at the Honors Convocation Program on May 15, 2013. These students received a 3.5 or greater grade point average at C.J. Sullivan Elementary School in L'Anse. They each received a medallion for their academic achievement. The students are: (Left to right) Christopher Genschow, Abbygail Spruce, Alicia Stein, and Robert Genschow.

Perfect Attendance



Paige Zasadnyj was one of five students recognized at C.J. Sullivan Elementary School for achieving perfect attendance for the 2012-13 school year. Paige is the daughter of Lisa and Dave Zasadnyj and recently completed kindergarten.

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



FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS (FDIR) 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.

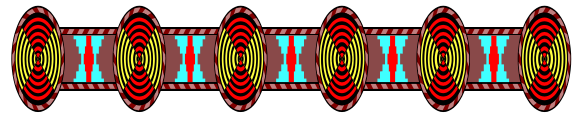
Child Support Deduction — Households that incur the cost of legally required child support to or for a non-household member are allowed a deduction for the amount of monthly child support paid.

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.



JULY 2013 Calendar Events

- July 4-5:** Gov't offices closed, 4th of July holiday;
- July 13:** Reg. Sat. Council Meeting, 9 am, Ojibwa Resort Conf. Rm;
- July 12:** Constitutional Committee Meeting, 1 pm, Council Chambers;
- July 16:** Laffin In Recovery, Comedy Show;
- July 17:** Veteran's Meeting, 7 pm;
- July 26:** Senior Citizens' Pasty Sale;
- July 26-28:** 35th Annual KBIC Powwow.

~ submitted by newsletter editor

Events occurring throughout KBIC are welcome to be listed on the Calendar of Events. Contact newsletter@kbic.nsn.gov to list your events. Some events are more detailed FYI within the newsletter. For up-to-date event listings, visit www.ojibwa.com and click on calendar. For Youth events, see @ www.ojibwa.com, click on youth club, or contact 353-4643/Main Office at Youth Club, or 353-4644 for the facility attendants or the Kitchen/craft rooms.

KBIC/DHHS COMMUNITY HEALTH COLUMN

HEPATITIS C

Hepatitis C is a contagious liver disease that results from infection with the Hepatitis C virus. When first infected, a person can develop an “acute” infection, which can range in severity from a very mild illness with few or no symptoms to a serious condition requiring hospitalization. Acute Hepatitis C is a short-term illness that occurs within the first six months after someone is exposed to the Hepatitis C virus. For reasons that are not known, 15%–25% of people “clear” the virus without treatment.

For approximately 75%–85% of people who become infected with the Hepatitis C virus, the acute infection progresses to a “chronic,” or lifelong, infection. Chronic Hepatitis C is a long-term illness that occurs when the Hepatitis C virus remains in a person’s body. Over time, it can lead to serious liver problems, including liver damage, cirrhosis, liver failure, or liver cancer. Chronic Hepatitis C is one of the leading causes of liver disease and is the leading cause of liver transplantation in the United States.

How common is Hepatitis C?

It is estimated that 3.2 million people in the United States are living with Hepatitis C. Most do not know they are infected. More than 18,000 people become infected each year.

How can a person get Hepatitis C?

Hepatitis C is usually spread when blood from a person infected with the Hepatitis C virus enters the body of someone who is not infected. Most people become infected with Hepatitis C by sharing needles or other equipment to inject drugs. It is possible to have gotten Hepatitis C from injecting drugs, even if just once or many years ago. Before widespread screening of the blood supply began in 1992, Hepatitis C was commonly spread through blood transfusions and organ transplants. Some people don’t know how they got infected.

Sometimes the Hepatitis C virus can be spread by having sex with an infected person, although scientists believe this does not happen very often. Having a sexually transmitted disease or HIV, sex with many partners, or rough sex appears to increase a person’s risk for Hepatitis C. There also appears to be an increased risk for getting Hepatitis C among gay men who are HIV positive.

Why is it important to get tested?

Most people with Hepatitis C do not have any symptoms and do not know they are infected. As a result, people could be living with Hepatitis C and appear healthy while liver damage silently occurs. If you think you might have been exposed to the Hepatitis C, talk to your doctor about getting tested. By knowing your test results, you can get medical care, take care of your liver, and take action to avoid spreading the virus to others. If you are told you have Hepatitis C, be sure to ask if both your antibody and confirmatory tests are positive.

How is Hepatitis C treated?

Since acute Hepatitis C rarely causes symptoms, it often goes undiagnosed and therefore untreated. When it is diagnosed, doctors recommend rest, adequate nutrition, fluids, and antiviral medications. People with chronic Hepatitis C should be monitored regularly for signs of liver disease. Even though a person may not have symptoms or feel sick, damage to the liver can still occur. Antiviral medication can be used to treat some people with chronic Hepatitis C, although not everyone needs or can benefit from treatment. For many, treatment can be successful and results in the virus no longer being detected.

What can people with Hepatitis C do to take care of their liver?

People with chronic Hepatitis C should see a doctor regularly. They also should ask their health professional before taking any prescriptions or over-the-counter medications—including herbal supplements or vitamins—as they can potentially damage the liver. People with chronic Hepatitis C should also avoid alcohol since it can accelerate liver damage.

~ submitted by **Becky Tussing RN, Associate Director, KBIC/Dept. of Health and Human Services**



Barauskas Retires From Substance Abuse Field Career



Photo by Lauri Denomie.

Peggy Barauskas retired in June after over 20 years of service working for the tribe at the New Day Treatment Center. Peggy was an advanced level substance abuse counselor who was also involved for a number of years providing and overseeing prevention services for the tribe. Helping people in their lives was a passion for Peggy, and she will be missed by the community and co-workers as well. She is looking forward to spending time with her family, enjoying outdoor activities, as well as pursuing a dream of a love of writing. A retirement celebration dinner was held in Peggy’s honor, Tuesday, June 18, 2013, with many friends, family, and co-workers in attendance.

Shown above (center) Peggy Barauskas with co-workers, left to right, Marty Curtis, Jerry Lee Curtis, Mike Jensen, and R.D. Curtis, displaying the gift of a beautiful Pendleton blanket.

SUMMER CAMP IN FULL SWING

The KBIC Youth Program initiated a Summer Camp this year with spots for 50 youth to attend. Beginning week one on June 10, 2013, the Camp is being held Monday-Thursday for a period of eight weeks, and will conclude with a “party day” scheduled for Thursday, August 8th. The program is overseen by Nicole Reenders-Arens, Youth Programs Coordinator, who is assisted by Steven Denomie, Youth Programs Facilitator, and Savannah Dakota, Summer Intern, who have a full schedule of activities in line for the youth from programs offered by staff of: KB Tribal Natural Resources, Dept. of Human Services, GLIFWC, KB Tribal Police Dept., Baraga Fire Dept. Free Spirit Fitness, Michigan Technological University, Ojibwa Community Library, Cultural Committee, and KBIC Youth Program.



Photo by Steven Denomie.

Youth participate in the KB Tribal Natural Resource activities (front) Planting at Sand Point and (back) Boulder Painting.



Photo by Steven Denomie.

Youth participate in the KB Tribal Police/Conservation activity Boat Safety and Rides. Shown above: Police Cadet Gary Loonsfoot III and Tyler Kugler.



Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Employment Opportunities

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

Continuous/On Call positions:

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

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.

BEARTOWN PARTICIPATES IN FITNESS CHALLENGE

On May 26, 2013, twenty-six wildland firefighters participated in the BIA Fitness Challenge. The BIA Fitness Challenge is a voluntary program by which all firefighters from Indian Country, who carry a red card, can measure their own fitness levels, track improvement, and receive recognition for their fitness efforts.

Physical fitness is an essential component of wildland firefighting. KBIC fireline personnel participated in the "Beartown Fitness" program this spring and finished the program off by participating in the BIA Fitness Challenge. The challenge consists of four basic exercises: push-ups, pull-ups, sit-ups, and a timed run of either 1.5 or 3.0 miles. Each category is timed and scored through a point system. Test results are compiled into an overall score based on the scoring chart. A participant may qualify for a bronze, silver, gold, or platinum depending on their total score.

Of the 26 participants, 16 received a bronze award and four received a silver award. The KBIC Fire Management Program would like to thank: Cheryne Clements, KBIC Fitness Director, for developing and running the Beartown Fitness program; Sheila Ekdhal for assisting with the program; and Jeremy Bennett, Regional WUI and Prevention Specialist for the BIA, for running the Fitness Challenge on May 31st.



Photo by Lauri Denomie.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,
Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr.



KBIC RESPONSE TO GOVERNOR SNYDER'S OPPOSITION TO THE AIRPORT CASINO

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community is appalled by Governor Snyder's complete disregard for the welfare of the Upper Peninsula by refusing to allow KBIC to proceed with the Airport Casino project, now in its fifteenth year.

Back in 2000, it was the intention of KBIC and the State of Michigan, that the casino in Chocolay Township would be moved to the former Marquette Airport. In support of that, then Governor Engler, signed an agreement with KBIC to relocate the casino. Since that time, KBIC has worked with the federal government and local units of government completing the necessary process and getting their consent for the move. All the parties agreed that relocation of the casino would be in the best interests of the surrounding communities and KBIC. Under federal law, all that remained for this relocation was for Governor Snyder to concur with the federal government's findings that:

- 1) "a gaming establishment on newly acquired lands would be in the best interest of the Indian tribe and its members; and
- 2) gaming on the newly acquired lands would not be detrimental to the surrounding community."

Governor Snyder failed to uphold the agreement entered into by Governor Engler when he failed to concur the findings above.

More appalling is that Governor Snyder's letter to the federal government declining to concur fails to address the only two allowable issues for his consideration: the best interest of the KBIC and potential detriment to the surrounding community. This project would have created new permanent jobs, funded the building of local infrastructure, and provided additional revenue to local governments. Governor Snyder failed to address those issues and completely disregarded all the money already spent by these local governments and the KBIC in preparation for and reliance on the relocation of the casino.

Governor Snyder claims to have met with Tribal Leaders to discuss the proposed casino. While there was a brief fifteen minute meeting, at the meeting Governor Snyder admitted to the KBIC representatives that he had not reviewed any of the material himself, and his staff had not yet briefed him on the issues. Governor Snyder also ignored invitations from KBIC to come to the U.P. to discuss the issue. The Governor's legal counsel sent letters raising irrelevant issues. When KBIC refused to accept the accusations and terms contained in those letters from the Governor's Office, we were then told by the Governor's Office to disregard the issues raised in those letters. Yet those issues were what Governor Snyder cited as justification for his refusal to concur.

KBIC believes the real issue is that Michigan is considering legislation to expand the state lottery to allow for online gaming. If the state passes these expended provisions, KBIC could withhold its revenue sharing payments under the current gaming agreement. Governor Snyder wanted to use the transfer of the Marquette Casino as leverage to force KBIC to continue to make payments despite expanded state gaming in violation of the gaming agreement. **The Governor is more concerned about payments to Lansing than creating jobs here and benefiting local units of government.**

KBIC simply asked that Governor Snyder do what was required of him and give due consideration to the only two allowable issues and the voices of the local governments, that moving the Marquette Casino from Chocolay Township to the former Airport Property is in the best interests of the state, its citizens, and the KBIC. While Governor Snyder states that he has "significant concerns with the Tribe's conduct", KBIC is concerned about the conduct of the Governor who refuses to uphold the agreements of the Office of the Governor of the State of Michigan.

KBIC wishes to thank our members, the people of Marquette, and the surrounding area for their support in our efforts to bring jobs to the area. Your support will pay off, as we continue our efforts, despite what they do in Lansing, to create jobs and provide better services to the community.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE TREASURER,
Jennifer Misegan



THE KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY ANNOUNCES THEIR RECENT GAMING DISTRIBUTIONS

Since 1993 the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community has been making bi-annual payments from gaming proceeds of their casinos to local units of government and to the State of Michigan. These payments are 2% and 8% respectively and are derived from the net win from all Class III electronic games of chance commonly known as slot machines.

The two-percent (2%) payments are made each May and November. Local units of governments have a wide range of control as to how this money is awarded. Local units of Government may make requests throughout the year. To receive an award, the entity must first make a request in writing.

For the first distribution for the period of October 1, 2012, through March 30, 2013, the total for Baraga County was made from the Ojibwa Casino was \$117,904.93. The breakdown is as follows:

- Baraga County, \$32,439.78
- Baraga Area Schools, \$39,054.14
- Baraga Township, \$13,067.68
- Village of Baraga, \$10,045.85
- L'Anse Area Schools, \$19,491.96
- L'Anse Township, \$2,197.11
- Village of L'Anse, \$1,608.41

Distributions totaling \$161,435.40 were made in Marquette County from the Ojibwa II Casino as follows for the same period:

- City of Marquette/NMU CNAS Service Learning Project, \$10,000.00
- City of Marquette/Great Lakes Recovery Center-Youth Prg. Trans \$10,000.00
- City of Marquette/Women's Center Crisis Intervention Services, \$5,000.00
- City of Marquette/Fire Department—500 smoke detectors, \$7,500.00
- City of Marquette/NMU NASA—motivational speaker, \$5,000.00
- City of Marquette/Beacon House—renovations, \$5,000.00
- City of Marquette/Lake Superior Hospice, \$4,200.00
- Marquette County/AMCAB—Meals on Wheels, \$5,000.00
- Marquette County/Ishpeming Carnegie Library—Handicap Access, \$5,000.00
- Marquette County/Aging Services Retired and Senior Volunteers, \$5,000.00
- Marquette County/Juvenile Treatment Court Program, \$3,600.00
- Chocolay Township/Fire Dept, Police Dept, Public Works Dept. \$51,135.40
- Marquette Charter Twp Board of Trustees/North Star Academy, \$3,000.00
- Forsyth Township—Police Patrol Car, \$17,000.00
- Forsyth Township/Michigan State Police UPSET in Gwinn—Roof, \$25,000.00

Eight percent (8%) payments were made to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation in May for each casino. The Ojibwa Casino amount was **\$471,619.72** and the Ojibwa Casino II paid was **\$645,741.57**.

The next cycle of awards will be made in November. Local units of government within Baraga or Marquette Counties may apply. Requests must be made in writing before September 30, 2013.

Public Weed Pulling at Ojibwa Recreation Area (Sand Point), Baraga, – July 22nd thru July 26th

Keweenaw Bay Tribal Natural Resource Department will be manually removing Spotted Knapweed, an invasive plant species found on sandy roadsides and beaches, from the Ojibwa Recreation Area during the week of July 22nd. A central work station will be set up near our beautiful Native Plants Garden site located next to the Beach walking trails. Please bring work gloves; we'll supply the tools, drinking water and snacks. We will start daily at 9 am and end at 4 pm, work will be cancelled if there is rain. Email questions to Evelyn Ravindran, eravindran@kbic-nsn.gov or Karen Andersen, kandersen@kbic-nsn.gov. Miigwech!

2013 ANN MISEGAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The KBIC Education Department announces the availability of the 2013 Ann Misegon 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. The application deadline is August 2, 2013, at 4 p.m.



DRUG CONVICTION REPORT

In a continuous effort to reduce the illegal use of controlled substances in our community, the Drug Task Force has requested the publication of pertinent information regarding any convictions of the Controlled Substances section of the KBIC Tribal Code §3.1706. The Tribal Court has agreed to comply with the Drug Task Force's request and will publish a Drug Conviction Report on a routine basis.

Anthony Veker, Jr., case #13-190, controlled substance (possession – marijuana) – 1st offense

Sentencing on 06/10/2013 to:

1. \$150 Fine.
2. Ninety days jail with 80 days suspended pending completion of all the terms of probation. Defendant is to serve nine days on GPS tether. Credit for one day served. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging/tether and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Defendant must successfully complete substance abuse screening within 30 days of today's date and follow all the recommendations until successfully completed. Must sign a release of information for the Court.
4. Three to six months drug and alcohol restricted probation with the \$10 monthly fee. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing, if any.

Manitoubani Wandahsega, case #13-172, controlled substance (possession – methadone) – 1st offense

Sentencing on 05/24/2013 to:

1. \$500 fine.
2. Ninety days jail, credit for 10 days served, 80 days suspended pending successful completion of all terms of probation. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Defendant must obtain a new substance abuse screening and follow the recommendations of the screening until successfully discharged.
4. Six to twelve months alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10 monthly probation fee. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing, if any. Defendant must report every 30 days to the probation office and must pay on his fines or a warrant will be requested by the probation office.

Manitoubani Wandahsega, case #13-173, controlled substance (use – methadone, amphetamines, marijuana) – 2nd offense

Sentencing on 05/24/2013 to:

1. \$500 fine.
2. Ninety days jail, credit for four days served, 16 days to be served immediately (consecutive to days served in case #11-125, #13-156, #13-175), 70 days suspended pending successful completion of all terms of probation. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Defendant must obtain a new substance abuse screening and follow the recommendations of the screening until successfully discharged.
4. Six to twelve months alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10 monthly probation fee. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing, if any. Defendant must report every 30 days to the probation office and must pay on his fines or a warrant will be requested by the probation office.

Chelsea Seymour, case #13-147, controlled substance (use – marijuana) – 1st offense

Sentencing on 05/09/2013 to:

1. \$150 Fine.
2. Ninety days jail, 80 days suspended pending successful completion of all the terms of probation. Serve 20 days on a GPS tether in lieu of 10 days jail. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging/tether.
3. Six to nine months standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with the \$10 monthly fee. Defendant is financially responsible for the cost of PBT and drug testing.

Angela Potts, case #09-273, controlled substance (sale – marijuana) – 2nd offense

Sentencing on 05/07/2013 to:

1. \$1000 Fine.
2. One hundred-eighty days jail, 90 days suspended pending successful completion of all the terms of probation, credit for 45 days served, 45 days to be served immediately. Defendant is responsible for the costs of lodging and any other expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Twelve to 18 months standard drug and alcohol restricted probation with the \$10 monthly fee.
4. Must obtain a substance abuse assessment and follow all the recommendations until successfully completed.
5. Must obtain or maintain a job, or perform job searching weekly. Must submit proof to the Probation Officer.



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.

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Baraga, MI 49908
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Bryan Van Dyke, case #12-089, controlled substance (possession – marijuana and amphetamines) – 1st offense

Sentencing on 04/29/2013 to:

1. \$500 fine.
2. One hundred-eighty days jail, 145 days suspended, credit for 35 days served. Defendant is financially responsible for the cost of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Twelve to 18 months of alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10 monthly probation fee. Defendant is to report daily until probation officer deems otherwise. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of PBT and drug testing.
4. Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and is to follow the recommendations until successfully completed.

Bradley Berry, case #13-118, controlled substance (possession – oxycodone) – 1st offense

Sentencing on 04/22/2013 to:

1. \$500 Fine.
2. One hundred-eighty days jail, 150 days suspended pending successful completion of all the terms of probation. Credit for 30 days served. As of today, the Defendant remains incarcerated until can be released directly to inpatient treatment. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any other costs incurred while incarcerated.
3. Defendant must successfully complete substance abuse screening and follow all the recommendations until completed.
4. Defendant must complete High School Diploma or G.E.D.
5. Defendant is sentenced to the Healing to Wellness Court (Drug Court) and must successfully complete.

Heather Asher, case #13-130, controlled substance (use – amphetamines) – 1st offense

Sentencing on 04/11/2013 to:

1. One hundred-eighty days jail.
2. Sentenced to Healing to Wellness Court.

Heather Asher, case #13-131, controlled substance (use – vicodin) – 2nd offense

Sentencing on 04/11/2013 to:

1. One hundred-eighty days jail.
2. Sentenced to Healing to Wellness Court.

Troy Roberts, case #12-250, controlled substance (possession – morphine) – 2nd offense

Sentencing on 04/11/2013 to:

1. \$1500 Fine.
2. One hundred-eighty days jail, credit for 90 days served, 90 days suspended pending successful completion of Healing to Wellness Court. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging, PBT's and random drug testing, if any.
3. Sentenced to Healing to Wellness Court.

Teresa Loonsfoot, case #12-246, controlled substance (use – marijuana) – 1st offense

Sentencing on 12/20/2012 to:

1. \$200 Fine.
2. Ninety days jail, credit for 23 days served, 67 days suspended upon successful completion of all aspects of probation. Defendant is financially responsible for any and all costs associated with lodging.
3. Probation for six to 12 months, alcohol and drug restricted with random drug and alcohol testing and a \$10 per month fee. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of PBT and drug testing.
4. Must obtain a substance abuse screening within 30 days and follow all recommendations until successfully completed.
5. Defendant must complete her G.E.D or obtain employment and must provide the Probation Officer with proof of either.

LEGAL AID CLINIC

A legal aid clinic will be available to Tribal members on Thursday, August 8, 2013, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 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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Revitalizing Our Families & Community
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<p>HEAD STAFF: Co-Master of Ceremonies: Joe Besaw Derek Bailey Wes Martin Head Veteran Dancer: Burt "Joe" Jackson Head Male Dancer: Sheena Cain Head Woman Dancer: Joey Loonsfoot Head Jr Boy Dancer: Jaycee Fordia Head Jr Girl Dancer: Darryl Kingbird Arena Director:</p>	<p>PROGRAM EVENTS: THURSDAY SACRED FIRE LIGHTING GROUND BLESSING & FEAST TRADITIONAL TEACHINGS FRIDAY TRADITIONAL TEACHINGS KBIC DANCE TROUPE AT 3PM GRAND ENTRY AT 7PM PRINCESS CROWNING HONORED ELDERS SATURDAY FRYBREAD CONTEST AT 10AM GRAND ENTRY AT 1PM & 7PM HAND DRUM SPECIAL MIDNIGHT TWO STEP SUNDAY GRAND ENTRY AT NOON GIVEAWAY</p>
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POW WOW SPECIALS:

- MIDNIGHT TWO STEP (Adult & Youth)
- MEN'S & WOMEN'S "IRON MAN" SPECIAL
- MEN'S TRADITIONAL
- JINGLE DRESS
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 GRAND ENTRIES: Friday 7pm • Saturday 1pm & 7:00pm • Sunday 12:00pm
 KBIC Dance Troupe

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 Entrance Fee is \$5.00. Elders 65 & over and Children under 5 are free.
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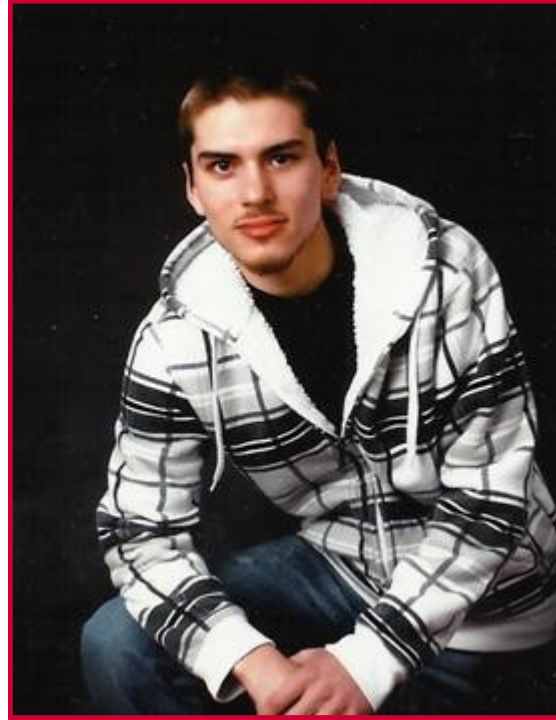
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L'Anse/Baraga Community Schools Graduates:



Barbie Byykkonen is the daughter of Peggy Swartz and Jim Byykkonen. While in high school she played percussion for the Baraga High School Band. She loved Spirit Week and Homecoming. She also played basketball. She has worked for the Summer Youth Program for several years and her favorite job was as a Child Care aide. Her hobbies include Facebook, music, swimming, fishing, babysitting, and singing. Her future plans include attending Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College this fall majoring in Early Childhood Education.



Desmond DeCota is the son of Lynn Velmer and Mike DeCota. He enjoys playing basketball and football and also likes fishing. He has been employed by the Summer Youth Program. His future plans include seeking employment, and he is also considering attending college.

The Education Department is pleased to announce the following fifteen KBIC college graduates for the 2012-13 academic year:

Joshua Beaudrey, Northern Michigan University, Electrical Linesman, Certificate
 Karen Andersen, Ojibwa Community College, Environmental Science, A.A.
 Jennie Haataja, Northern Michigan University, Clinical Lab Science, A.A.
 DeAnna Hadden, Ojibwa Community College, Environmental Science, A.A.
 Gary Loonsfoot, Sr., Ojibwa Community College, Liberal Studies, A.A.
 Cody Monville, Northwestern Michigan College, Liberal Studies, A.A.
 Elizabeth Sherman, Gogebic Community College, Accounting, A.A.
 Gerald Jondreau, Michigan Technological University, Forestry, B.S.
 Marja Kempainen, The University of Iowa, Design, B.A.
 Gerald Kirkish, Northern Michigan University, Electronic Journalism, B.S.
 Michelle Maki, Finlandia University, Nursing, B.S.N.
 Debra Parrish, Northern Michigan University, Art & Design, B.F.A.
 Alexander Tilson, Northern Michigan University, Electronic Imaging, B.A.
 Jennifer Westman, Northern Michigan University, Community Health Education, B.S.
 Dan MacNeil, Wayne State University, Law, J.D.

Congratulations to all of our graduates. We are very proud of you and your accomplishments!