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Shakopee Mdewakanton Tribe Assist KBIC with Water Monitoring on Yellow Dog Plains

Water is a sacred gift of life. This teaching is an important part of Ojibwe culture. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) is concerned about the threat metal mining poses to the Great Lakes and takes seriously its obligation to protect the waters for the next seven generations. Planned and permitted hardrock mining in the western Lake Superior region brings with it potential large scale and long term environmental risks. Accordingly, KBIC has been very active in mining issues in Michigan for the past several years.



Left to right, KBIC Council leaders with Shakopee officials; shown above are Keith Anderson, Charlie Vig, Fred Dakota (KBIC), Lori Watso, and KBIC President Warren (Chris) Swartz, Jr.

Aquifers of the Yellow Dog Plains, located just east of the L'Anse Reservation, discharge to form several

pristine rivers including the Salmon Trout River and the Yellow Dog River which flow directly into nearby Lake Superior. The Yellow Dog Plains is also the location of the first metal sulfide mineral mining permitted by the State of Michigan under their new non-ferrous metal mining laws at the Eagle Mine.

KBIC feels ecologic baseline conditions and water monitoring are needed to verify that these untested regulatory rules are sufficient to mitigate the environmental risks which pose potential threats to their 1842 Treaty reserved rights and to allow future determination of impacts to water resources which may directly impact Tribal member's health and welfare for generations to come. In response to the threats posed by the mining of sulfide metal minerals, KBIC contacted the U. S. Geological Survey (USGS) - Michigan Water Science Center - and requested assistance with a baseline ecological characterization of the Yellow Dog Plains. The proposed water monitoring program will extend over a five year period and cost well over \$1,000,000.00.

The Tribes of the Great Lakes share common lands and culture. These Tribes also share a common cause to protect our reservations, ceded territories, and reserved treaty rights which are now threatened by a multitude of potential mining projects. It was with this sense of common cause that KBIC requested financial assistance from tribes to help fund this USGS water monitoring program.

The call for help with funding the proposed USGS water monitoring program was quickly answered by a generous funding award by the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community. The Shakopee's have awarded \$92,200 each year of the five year USGS water monitoring program to assist KBIC with a comprehensive baseline determination on the Yellow Dog Plains.

The news of the funding award was received at the L'Anse Reservation with surprise, gratitude, and relief that KBIC could now exert its stewardship of water in their ceded territories. This gratitude was conveyed in person to the Shakopee leaders by Warren (Chris) Swartz, Jr. (KBIC's Council President) and Fred Dakota (Council Member) who both traveled to Shakopee, Minnesota to show the appreciation of Keweenaw Bay Tribal members for the funding award.

KBIC believes that the preservation of our land, our culture, and our way of life require that we act now as guardians for the next seven generations

and sulfide mining will be the single greatest threat to our lands in our lifetime. Many thanks to the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community for the funding assistance on this critical water monitoring project.

- submitted by Chuck Brumleve, Environmental Mining Specialist

KBOCC GRANTED ACCREDITATION STATUS



The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College received formal notification that the Higher Learning Commission Board of Trustees at its meeting on June 27, 2013, voted to grant accreditation to the College. In

taking this action, the Board considered the self-study submitted by the College, the report of the comprehensive evaluation team, the report of the Institutional Actions Council (IAC) hearing committee, and the College's responses to these reports.

The evaluation team visited the College's campus on November 5-7, 2012, and recommended accreditation. On May 6, 2013, a four member team from Ojibwa Community College met with the Institutional Actions Council who concurred with the evaluation team and submitted their recommendation to the HLC Board of Trustees.



Many attend 11th Annual KBIC Kids Fishing Derby



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:

- July 12, 2013 Tribal Council Meeting
- KBOCC Granted Accreditation
- 11th Annual Kids Fishing Derby
- KBIC Constitution Committee's Information Release To The People
- Dompier Retires from Ojibwa Casino
- KBIC Dance Troupe Exhibitions
- Maamaadizi
- Deepest Sympathy

KBOCC President Debbie Parrish said, "The accreditation process has been a long journey for the College, from our initial candidacy status in 2009 to full accreditation in 2013. All of the hard work from our staff, faculty, and Board of Regents has finally paid off. We are very proud of the commitment and support we received from our students, the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Council and community. A celebration will be held in August."

This year the champion Fisherkid is 11-year-old Bryan Kinnunen (left), who caught five bluegills and a sunfish. Kinnunen won over \$100 in gift cards and various coupons from local businesses, the Championship Trophy, and first pick in the big prize tent (he selected the bike he is pictured riding on!)

KBIC Tribal Natural Resources held their Annual Kids' Fishing Derby on Saturday, June 29, 2013, at the Ojibwa Recreation Area—Sand Point Pond, in

JULY 13, 2013 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on July 13, 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. 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 April and May 2013.

Treasurer Jennifer Misegan gave a brief verbal Treasurer's report as she has been away from the office due to an injury. "I did work in the office for two weeks in the month of June, and I was very busy. We worked on the guaranteed loan program for the vocational tech students, and our first student was awarded a \$5,000.00 loan through Superior National Bank. From now on, a report will be generated comparable to the one issued for the business loans (to the Council from the bank). We still have \$20,000.00 available. When I return to the office, I will submit an article for the newsletter so, students will be aware that this program is available to them. In regards to the business loan program, there is only \$39,000.00 loaned out. That leaves \$61,000.00 available. I worked on the press release regarding the Marquette Casino on Friday, June 21, and I also included a press release from the Treasurer regarding the issuance of the 2% and 8% monies. I will be issuing this press release every time these monies are awarded in the future. I have been working on the forensic audit for OHA and plan on presenting an engagement letter from Schechter, Dokken, Kanter, which is going through the attorney's office as they will be overseeing the audit. I plan on returning to the office on Monday, July 15th."

Thomas Chosa, Baraga Fire Department Assistant Chief, addressed the Council regarding a proposed Cooperative Agreement with the BIA and the Baraga Fire Department; seeking Council's permission to work towards an agreement. **Motion by Jenni-**

fer Misegan to direct the Baraga Fire Department Assistant Fire Chief to work with the KBIC's Director of Fire Management and for the Director of Fire Management to bring a recommendation to the Council within a two-week time period as to whether the Council should move forward, supported by Robert (RD) Curtis, Jr., ten supported (S. LaFerner, Minton, Misegan, Curtis, Dakota, Jokinen, M. LaFerner, LaPointe, Matthews, Messer), one opposed (Mayo), 0 abstained, motion carried. Vice President Elizabeth Mayo stated her opposition is because all Mr. Chosa requested at this time was for the Council to allow the Baraga Fire Department to work towards an agreement, not to say that Council is going to approve the agreement, as it will still have to come before the Council at a later date allowing Council to still have the opportunity to have comment on the agreement.

Michael Cardinal, Constitution Committee Chairman, brought forth Resolution KB-1914-2013 Secretarial Election to Amend Article VIII Section 1 of the Constitution. **Motion by Jean Jokinen to approve Resolution KB-1914-2013 Secretarial Election To Amend Article VIII Section 1 of the Constitution and to have an informational letter sent to every voter explaining the details of this process, supported by Robert (RD) Curtis, Jr., nine supported (S. LaFerner, Minton, Misegan, Curtis, Dakota, Jokinen, M. LaFerner, LaPointe, Matthews), two opposed (Mayo, Messer), 0 abstained, motion carried.** Vice President Elizabeth Mayo stated her opposition was due to that she would have liked the community to have had the letter from the BIA and a brief explanation of what this Resolution is going to do.

A brief update on the sales and use tax was on the agenda. Concerns on how Council will proceed were discussed.

Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., Director of Cultural Resources, brought forth a Powwow Service Agreement for Brandon Loonsfoot (cooking and serving of the feast). **Motion by Elizabeth Mayo to approve the service agreement between the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and Brandon Loonsfoot, supported by Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**

Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., Director of Cultural Resources, brought forth a Powwow Service Agreement for Ron Lussier (Eyabay Drum Group) as Co

-Host. **Motion by Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. to approve the service agreement between the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and Ron Lussier, supported by Don Messer, nine supported (Mayo, S. LaFerner, Minton, Curtis, Dakota, M. LaFerner, LaPointe, Matthews, Messer), one opposed (Jokinen), one abstained (Misegan), motion carried.**

Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., Director of Cultural Resources, brought forth a Powwow Service Agreement for Myron Pyawasit (Smokey-Town Drum Group) as Co-Host. **Motion by Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. to approve the service agreement between the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and Myron Pyawasit, supported by Don Messer, nine supported (Mayo, S. LaFerner, Minton, Curtis, Dakota, M. LaFerner, LaPointe, Matthews, Messer), one opposed (Jokinen), one abstained (Misegan), motion carried.**

Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., Director of Cultural Resources, brought forth a Powwow Service Agreement for Kevin Syrette (Bear Creek Drum Group) as Host. **Motion by Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. to approve the service agreement between the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and Kevin Syrette, supported by Don Messer, nine supported (Mayo, S. LaFerner, Minton, Curtis, Dakota, M. LaFerner, LaPointe, Matthews, Messer), one opposed (Jokinen), one abstained (Misegan), motion carried.**

Treasurer Jennifer Misegan brought forward the donations for July 2013. **Motion by Jennifer Misegan to approve the July 2013 donations as \$1000.00 to the Native American Rights Fund, \$300.00 to the Baraga County Little League, and \$200.00 to Cheryne Clement's request for youth to attend Gus Macker Basketball Tournament for a \$1,500.00 total, supported by Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., nine supported (Mayo, S. LaFerner, Minton, Misegan, Curtis, Dakota, M. LaFerner, Matthews, Messer), one opposed (Jokinen), one abstained (LaPointe), motion carried.**

Council moved into closed session with Health Director Carole LaPointe for Dr. Peter Benson's Contract and President Swartz with an update on the IHS Settlement Case, prior to adjournment. **Motion by Elizabeth Mayo to approve the Doctor's Employment Agreement with Dr. Peter Benson, M.D., supported by Susan J. LaFerner, nine supported (Mayo, S. LaFerner, Minton, Curtis, Dakota, M. LaFerner, LaPointe, Matthews, Messer), one opposed (Misegan), one abstained (Jokinen), motion carried.**

~ submitted by Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor

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St. Croix Chippewa
Sokagoin Chippewa

Minnesota
Fond du Lac Band
Mille Lacs Band



MEMORANDUM

To: Voigt Intertribal Task Force
From: Alexandra Wrobel, Forest Ecologist
Date: June 27, 2013
Re: Birch Bark Gathering Maps

Enclosed are the updated 2013 maps of potential birch bark gathering areas on the Ottawa National Forest. These maps may be useful to tribal members interested in collecting birch bark. These areas are currently being analyzed, or have recently been analyzed, for vegetation management projects.

Marking will likely not occur in most of these areas until 2014 and beyond, however, some areas may have trees marked with paint in 2013. Tribal members should not remove bark from trees that are already marked with paint. Birch bark can be collected in these areas in 2013, or until a timber sale contract has been awarded. Once a timber sale contract has been awarded, tribal members would need to get permission from the timber sale purchaser to collect birch bark within the timber sale units.

Tribal members will continue to receive updated maps of potential birch bark gathering areas on an annual basis. If you have any questions, please contact Len Scuffham, Timber/Silviculture Program Manager, at 906-932-1300, extension 326.

* **For maps: Contact Susan J. LaFerner, (906) 353-6623, extension 4168, or e-mail susan@kbic-nsn.gov.**

2013 ANN MISEGAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The KBIC Education Department announces the availability of the 2013 Ann Misegan 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.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2013

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

- I participated in a feral swine management conference call with the USDA. The primary goal is to manage feral swine and to reduce the impacts of feral swine running loose in the wild. Officials from the USDA are coming to the reservation to do a government to government consultation.
- Commander Shalifoe and I met with Veteran State Representatives at Post 144 in L'Anse to discuss their funding levels. They told us there is a possibility their funding could be cut, and we talked about options to keep the program going. We told them to consult with other tribal leaders in Michigan and see if they could access their 2% gaming funds to help. In addition, they provided an update to us regarding the programs and services they offer to Veterans here in Michigan.
- I met with Regional Director Diane Rosen and discussed the forestry program. She told us the funding level we requested was above what they were able to provide. She gave us an overview of the program here in Michigan and how the funding is spent. About \$95,000 is spent here in Michigan. She suggested we make a request for additional funds and gave us suggestions on how to move forward that request to Congress. She also took the opportunity to visit our powwow grounds to do a site visit related to the recent paving that was done there. She was impressed with the grounds.
- We have been working on our application relating to the water quality here on the reservation, and I'm happy to report that it was sent out, and we are waiting to hear back from the Feds, so we can start to regulate the water quality here on the L'Anse Indian Reservation. In the letter, I noted that we are an Indian Tribe who has a governing body, and the functions to be exercised by us pertain to the management and protection of water resources and that we have the resources to carry out those functions to be exercised in a manner consistent with the terms and purposes of the clean water act.
- I'm scheduled to meet Adam Burley, President of the Eagle Mining Company. I plan on talking to him about restoration of the Eagle Mine, the details of the sale to Lundin and mineral rights here on the reservation. As soon as he gets back to the States, we are going meet and discuss those items.
- We received a letter from OHA auditors related to their business operations. The letter outlines HUD Grants and notes no HUD grant money was used to assist or operate any of Housing's businesses. Ojibwa Holding Company total revenues are up 25% from the same time last year, and the house profit is up 243% from the same time last year.
- We participated in a number of conference calls from Dave Murley, Legal Assistant to Governor Snyder. We discussed the 2-part gaming application that the Community has been working on for about 15 years. The long and short of it is that the Office of the Governor decided to not concur with the Department of Interior's findings that the gaming operation is in the best interest of the KBIC and not detrimental to local governments near the proposed casino in Negaunee.
- The Tribal Council has passed a resolution to ratify the revised MOU with the UDSA-Forest Service. We have hit the ground running with this MOU as the culture committee has requested a specific forest product that two of the Ottawa National Forest District Rangers are already looking into. They (Ottawa District Rangers) have also notified us that they are looking to meet with this TWG to discuss an upcoming project on the Ottawa. The project is known as the Pori Junction Vegetative Management Project located by Mass City. The project involves timber harvests, prescribed burning, road closures, and recreation improvements.
- We are continuing work on getting the software and installing it to allow the seniors to use direct deposit for their monthly checks. This could take about another 30 days or so. Once installed, we will have to do a test run to insure there are no issues with its installation.
- Our Walleye stocking program is a great success. Since last year, we were able to stock another one million Walleye into Portage Lake in Houghton County. This is a successful operation, and we continue to commit to that fishery resource.
- Our Health Director, Carole LaPointe, attended a meeting in Traverse City. This meeting was about the implementation of the Affordable Care Act and dealt specifically with Indian tribes in Michigan. We look forward to hearing from Carole on the implementation of the Act, and as she reported, the benefits it has for our Tribal citizens here on the L'Anse Indian Reservation. She intends to do some training at one of our department head meetings to update us on its implementation.
- Recently the Shakopee Indian Nation donated about \$500,000.00 to the Community for our water monitoring program related to the Eagle Mine. The money will be used over the next five years to help offset costs associated with the program. Fred Dakota and I travelled to Mystic Lake to thank them and to express our gratitude for their gracious donation. We also presented them with a gift basket from the Community.
- I met with Congressman Benishek and took the opportunity to discuss with him the Indian Mascot issue, and how it impacts our children's ability to learn. I also talked to him about closing a couple of loop holes in the Clean Water Act related to fill material and allowing mining companies to dump their waste into our waterways.
- I attended a regional celebration for the 50th anniversary of the Michigan Civil Rights Commission in Sault Ste. Marie. At that meeting, we were able to recognize Congressman Kildee's contributions to our people for decades. His role with the recognition/reaffirmation of several of our Michigan Tribes, his long standing support of sovereignty and education of our treaty rights, his strong support of our right to game, and his leadership as the Co-Chair and one of the founders of the Native American Caucus in the U.S. House of Representatives just to name a few. I presented a plaque to him from the KBIC and took the opportunity to sit and chat with him about his contributions to us.
- Senator Casperson, from our district, sits on the Natural Resources Commission that recently approved a wolf hunt to kill about 70 wolves despite the Community's request to not do so.
- Great News! We've been informed by the President of our College that they are now an accredited college. This has been an ongoing effort since I was a kid, and we are happy that we now have a college that is accredited. Kudos to Debbie Parrish and staff for making this happen for the Community. If you see her thank her, for a job well done.

This concludes my report.

Respectfully submitted,

Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President

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-seven students were placed on the Honor Roll for the fourth marking period of the 2012-13 academic year:

Baraga — Gabrielle Mayo, Annaleese Rasanen, Virginia Shelifoe, Steele Jondreau, Dana Kelly, Steven Maki, Presley Rasanen, Bailey Harden, Keegin Kahkonen, John Messer III, Cheyenne Welsh, William Jondreau Jr., Opal Ellsworth, Jailyn Sheli-

foe, Angel Loonsfoot, Shawna Lussier, Richard Geroux, and Bryton Loonsfoot.

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, Michaela Velmer, and Shantell Ekdahl.

Sacred Heart — Rachael Velmer and Tristan Francois.

L'Anse-Baraga Community Schools — Barbie Byykkonen and Lisa Waranka.

Marquette — Shane Duquette, Brenden Lindgren, Neebin Ashbrook-Pietila, Autumn Ashbrook-Pietila, Taylor Shelafoe, Kimber, Shelafoe, and Johnathan Shelafoe.

Ewen-Trout Creek — Lana Lind.

The following thirty-eight students re-

ceived awards for achieving Perfect Attendance:

Baraga — Robert Curtis, Opal Ellsworth, Bailey Harden, Rylee Holm, Steele Jondreau, William Jondreau Jr., Kamrin Kahkonen, Keegin Kahkonen, Steven Maki, Kylie Michaelson, Presley Rasanen, Kayla Szarolletta, Frederick Dakota, Troy DeCota, Preston Ellsworth, Gabrielle Mayo, and Annaleese Rasanen.

L'Anse — Jaycee Maki, Dallas Moulden, Paige Zasadnyj, Keira Dakota, Adyson Moulden, Lealind Back, Chase Larson, Cassandra Zasadnyj, Deija Dakota, Daniel Curtis, Shay Ekdahl, Grayson Roe, Cody Clement, Sean Spruce, Eva Lind, Logan Roe, and Kayla Dakota.

Marquette — Kaitlyn Shelafoe, Johnathan Shelafoe, Kimber Shelafoe, and Taylor Shelafoe.

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR JUNE 2013

Activities reported by the Secretary, Susan J. LaFerner, for the month of June 2013.

We continue to work on the Government Personnel Policy revisions. The summer has been busy, and we hope to resume meeting every week for the review. Finally after many meetings and reviewing the results of a wind feasibility study and solar assessment of our Community, the CARE (Community for Alternative and Renewable Energy Committee) and Council approved to install a 20 kW photovoltaic (solar) system at our Commodity Foods Warehouse facility to help offset the current electricity costs and assess the feasibility of solar installation to other Tribal facilities. The project requires a request for supplemental funding. Thanks for all of the hard work from our CARE Committee.

The Tribal Council has also approved Resolution KB 1944-2013 which is a moratorium to ensure the protection of the health, security, and welfare of our Reservation Homeland, the people, the culture and environment of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community for future generations from the potential adverse effects of metal mining or processing. The Tribal Council hereby prohibits metal mineral exploration and mining activities within the boundaries of its Reservation Homeland and all activities related thereto for a period not to exceed five (5) years until the Tribal Council adopts a mining regulatory ordinance that will govern mineral exploration and mining activities

within the Reservation.

The employee W.H.I.P.P. (Wellness, Health, Intervention, Prevention Program) Task Force and volunteers continue to have monthly meetings. It is never too late to encourage and begin positive lifestyle changes that will help us live longer, healthier, happier lives. Mino-Bimaadizin "Live Well." Remember everyone should participate in at least 30 minutes of physical activity five times a week to stay fit. The Denise Marth Memorial Family Fun Run was held on June 29th and the 2nd Annual Lumberjack Days 5k Liberty Run/Walk (3.1 miles) & the Youth (1 Mile) Stars & Stripes Fun Run was a success on July 4, 2013. Remember to "Come Celebrate Lake Superior Day" on Friday, July 19, 2013, sponsored by the KBIC Natural Resources Department with beach cleanup from Assinins to Pequaming. Lunch will be provided by the KBIC W.H.I.P.P. Task Force at the Sand Point Light House day use area. Lake Superior Day is a special day that encourages people to appreciate living next to one of the world's biggest freshwater lakes. Although Lake Superior is the cleanest of the five Great Lakes, it, too, is vulnerable to pollution, poisoned fish, invasive species, loss of habitat, and over development. The special day reminds us how important the lake and its surrounding basin are to our health, food supply, recreation opportunities, economy, and quality of life. Lake Superior Day is a time to highlight the many ways we use the lake every day and to find ways to protect it.

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 2012 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."

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.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan J. LaFerner, Secretary

Informational release to Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Membership

Dear Members:

At the Saturday, July 13, 2013 Tribal Council Meeting, Council passed Resolution KB-1914-2013 after recommendation of the Constitutional Committee, which replaced KB-1862-2011, to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to hold a Constitutional amendment election to change our constitution, removing the Secretary of the Interior from our amendment process.

The current process, which is under the Secretary of Interior, is very cumbersome. If major changes are requested, that request has to be sent to the Secretary of the Interior and back again adding months and in some cases years. This amendment will not completely remove the Secretary of the Interior from our Constitution, only from the amendment process. It will provide a less cumbersome process for updating our constitution by local Tribal members with the help of our own legal staff. The Secretary still has to approve the amendment once passed by our membership.

Why has the Tribal Council enacted this request at this time? These changes are proactive in nature as Federal courts across this country now use Tribal Constitutions as the bases to restrict Tribal Sovereign Immunity. This is only one reason, as our Constitution is out-of-date and in need of change. We have to modernize our constitution, and in turn our government structure, so that our tribe can be able to deal with business ventures and become proactive with creating jobs for our membership. Without some changes in vulnerable areas of our constitution, our Tribe will be unable to deal with some contracts, business ventures, and court action that may be brought against our Tribe.

There may be hesitation to make changes to our constitution, but change is needed, and if done properly, safeguards can be a part of these changes. Each Tribal member will have an essential part in this process, the approval of the changes. Without your approval of the amendment, it can-

not be changed.

The membership of this Tribe is the answer to modernizing our constitution, to getting involved in the process, and to provide your opinions to these changes. The Tribal Constitutional Committee meets on the first Friday of each month. These meetings are open to the members.

Below is the current wording in Article VIII

Section 1. This Constitution and By-laws may be amended by a majority vote of the qualified voters of the Community voting at an election called for that purpose by the Secretary of the Interior provided that at least thirty (30) per cent of those entitled to vote shall vote in such election, but no amendment shall become effective until it shall have been approved by the Secretary of the Interior. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Interior to call an election on any proposed amendment upon presentation of a petition signed by two-thirds of the eligible voters of the Community.

The membership will be asked to vote on whether to change Article VIII to the below:

Section 1. This Constitution and By-laws may be amended at an election called for that purpose by the Tribal Council on a proposed amendment which has been adopted by 2/3 of the members of the Tribal Council. The proposed amendment, with a certification by the President and Secretary of its adoption by the Tribal Council, shall be submitted to the Election Board within 15 days after its adoption, for a vote thereon at the next general election, or at a special election to be called therefore, as directed by the Tribal Council. The Election Board shall conduct the election in accordance with the provisions of the Election Ordinance, provided that at least thirty (30) percent of those eligible to vote shall vote in such election. The amendment shall become effective only after the amendment is adopted by a majority (51%) vote of the voters voting at such election.

Section 2. The Constitution and By-Laws may also be amended pursuant to a petition for a Referendum signed by thirty (30) percent of the eligible voters of the Community provided the petition meets all of the criteria under the Election Ordinance for a Referendum. When the petition is approved by the Election Board, the petition may be circulated for signatures by eligible voters. When the Election Board determines that the petition contains the required number of eligible voters, the Election Board shall conduct an election on the Referendum in accordance with the provisions of the Election Ordinance. The amendment shall become effective only after the amendment is adopted by a majority (51%) vote of the voters voting at such election.

Section 3. The Tribal Council or a Board appointed by the Council shall certify the election of an amendment to this Constitution.

AUGUST 2013 Calendar Events

- Aug 1:** Constitutional Committee Meeting, 1 pm, Council Chambers;
- Aug 2:** Gov't offices closed, Employee Picnic;
- Aug 3:** Reg. Sat. Council Meeting, 9 am, Ojibwa Resort Conf. Rm;
- Aug 6:** Ojibwa Senior Citizen's Picnic, 12 noon;
- Aug 21:** Veteran's Meeting, 7 pm;
- Aug 22:** Senior Citizens' Pasty Sale.

~ submitted by newsletter editor

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



CEO REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2013

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

- A new loan program has been established at Superior National Bank & Trust's Baraga branch. KBIC members, at least 18 years of age and reside in Baraga or Marquette Counties, can apply for a KBIC guaranteed loan up to \$5,000 for fees associated with attendance at a licensed, registered, or accredited Vocational Technical Program School of higher learning. The program has a maximum loan pool of \$25,000 available. KBIC will serve as co-signor for each loan issued by SNB. Repayment by the borrower would commence 90 days following the date the student completes the program. Applications and additional information regarding the program are available through the TERO Director whose office is located at the KBIC Tribal Center.
- The Health Board approved moving forward with the hiring of Dr. Peter Benson. Dr. Benson was brought on at first to temporarily fill a vacancy created when Dr. Oh retired.
- The Health Board also approved moving into use of the Tribal Health Fund. I.H.S contract health funds have been depleted therefore requiring Tribal funds be used to pay for KB members care. Services provided directly at the health center will continue to be available to eligible descendants and KB members but payment for Priority I care provided off-site will be limited to KB members only. The change took effect on June 21.
- Francis LaPointe, CFO, Jim Nardi, HR Director, and I met with Rodney Crawley of Amerind Risk Management Corp to discuss their available insurance plans related to Property & Liability and Workers' Compensation. Due to Amerind's structure, which includes ownership by over 450 tribes, Rodney indicated that KBIC could potentially see a savings in premiums of up to 30%, which has been the experience with other tribes who have switched. Rodney will be working on submitting proposals for comparison purposes in the near future.
- The Ojibwa Casino's Marketing Manager, Jackie Skytta, submitted her resignation which was effective June 28. The GM's have reviewed the job description, and the position is currently posted.
- Staff met on June 25 to discuss the Affordable Care Act requirements and related information gathered at recent meetings they attended. Sarah Maki, Asst. CEO, and Jerry Lee Curtis, Substance Abuse Programs Administrator, provided information they received at their meeting held by the I.H.S, and Jim Nardi, HR Director, relayed information he had acquired from the Tribe's health insurance provider, BCBS perspective which relates to employer issues. The Tribe has two components to deal with regarding health care reform, and after hearing the information provided during our meeting, I believe our biggest issues are going to be related to educating our community members and ensuring our health center is prepared for the enrollment period which is to begin this October. We will also focus on the impacts related to health services provided at our health center. We will continue to meet internally as well as attend the informational meetings externally, to aid in the development of required policies and procedures. A plan will also be developed to provide information to the community members prior to October on this very complex issue. From an employer standpoint, it appears that our current health plans do meet the requirements of care required; however, an evaluation of whether our current plans costs paid by the employees in relation to their family income thresholds still needs to be reviewed. I would recommend that at minimum a half-day of one of Council's meetings in late July to early August be set aside to discuss both aspects of health care reform facing the Tribe. This is a very complex and continually changing issue that needs thorough discussion and consideration.
- Since the hiring of Jerry Jondreau as the Tribe's Forester, staff has been working with the Bureau of Indian Affairs to contract directly for forestry services. The Bureau currently employs one forester who has responsibilities for portions of MI, WI, and MN, and does not adequately provide the level of services needed to properly manage the Tribe's forests. In negotiating with the Bureau, they provided an offer just over \$1,000 which has been declined and is not sufficient for the Tribe to cover the costs associated with managing our forests. Since the Bureau has declined any further negotiations, the Tribe will be working on filing an appeal with the Bureau's hearing agency.
- I had the opportunity to meet with Jerry LaCourt of LaCourt Bottle Gas Co. Jerry was under contract this past heating season to provide LP gas at a set fee. The program did provide a savings to the members who participated as well as the Tribal facilities which use LP gas for heat. The program ran through April of this year which was short of covering the longer than usual winter. Jerry is willing, if we chose to work on the program this coming winter, to extend the set pricing through the end of May which would also coincide with the Tribe's heating program for its seniors and disabled members.
- In a final note, Sarah Maki, Asst. CEO, was selected to serve as the newest member of the Baraga Area Schools Board as a trustee. She applied for the vacancy created by Tracy Barrett who recently resigned. Sarah was provided an interview at their June 25 board meeting and appointed that night – she was the only interviewee.

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

FOURTH OF JULY ON THE KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY REZ, BARAGA, MI



Collage by Lauri Denomie.

Kids Fishing Derby continues:

Baraga, MI. This year's event was named in honor of Todd Warner, who passed away on July 18, 2012. Warner was the Director of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Natural Resource Department and had a great passion for conservation and protection of natural resources.

Registered fisher-kids numbered 425 this year... another record breaker! Gene Mensch, organizer of the annual event, said, "We had no choice but to close registration due to crowd size and exhausted supplies. There were over 125 fish captured during derby pond competition. The event has grown to be a favorite summer activity, and we have, literally for the past two years, had families contact us in advance asking about Derby dates, so they can schedule their family vacations around the event."

Several members of the Todd Warner Family were in attendance, and a special award, the "Todd Warner Legacy Award", was presented to Sierra Ayres, during the Derby. Sierra is currently enrolled at the University of Michigan, and the \$500 Scholarship that is the Todd Warner Legacy Award will go toward her continued education.



Pictured above third from the right, is Sierra Ayres, winner of the "Todd Warner Legacy Award," along with members of Todd's family.



(Above) A bunch of Fisher-Kids working together to not get tangled!
(Below) Kids enjoy a canoe ride around the shorelines.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

(Above) A serious Fisherkid, Christian Kelly, waits for his catch.
(Below) Whose minnow is going to win?



Picture by Lauri Denomie.



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PLACE	Name	Last Name	AGE	# FISH	FISH BREAKDOWN
1	Bryan	Kinnunen	11	6 fish	5 bluegill; 1 sunfish
2	Scott	Loonsfoot - Maskew	12	1 fish	14 inch bullhead
3	Brady	Perry	10	4 fish	4 rock bass
4	Preston	Smith	12	3 fish	2 rock bass; 1 bluegill
5	Samantha	Aleo	5	3 fish	2 bluegill; 1 rock bass
6	Jasmine	Perry	12	3 fish	3 bluegill
7	Hayley	Mattfolk	12	3 fish	2 rock bass; 1 bluegill
8	Zander	Benson	4	3 fish	2 rock bass; 1 bluegill
9	Shayna	Pittsley	6	3 fish	2 sunfish; 1 bluegill
10	Daymin	Curto	9	2 fish	1 rockbass; 1 bluegill
11	Sam	Janet	11	2 fish	2 bluegill
12	Noah	Treadeau	12	2 fish	2 bluegill
13	William	Jondreau	11	2 fish	1 bullhead; 1 bluegill
14	Siearra	Sparrow	9	2 fish	2 rock bass
15	Aiden	Billyard	4	2 fish	1 bluegill; 1 sunfish
16	Malachi	Austensen	8	2 fish	1 bluegill; 1 rock bass
17	Makenna	Crawford	11	2 fish	2 bluegill
18	Brighton	Bergstrom	4	2 fish	1 sunfish; 1 rock bass
19	Max	Massie	7	2 fish	1 sunfish; 1 rock bass
20	Bryant	Collins	7	1 fish	1 big bullhead
21	Teddy	Tharaldson	4	1 fish	1 largemouth bass
22	Moamin	Tareq	8	1 fish	1 big yellow perch
23	Eli	Ekdahl	6	1 fish	1 bullhead
24	Dallas	Moulden	6	1 fish	1 bluegill
25	Adyson	Moulden	7	1 fish	1 bluegill



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

This youngster enjoys spending time with one of the clown (Lisa Denomie) who were giving out balloons and stickers.

MAAMAADIZI

Isle Royale National Park 2013

On the morning of May 25, 2013, seven young people from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Michigan Technological University's faculty member Marty Auer, and a team of volunteers from the Cedar Tree Institute boarded a research boat in Houghton for a venture to Lake Superior's Isle Royale National Park. Elders from KBIC graciously designated the trip in their traditional Ojibway language—Maamaadizi, (The beginning of a journey).

During the next five days, the group hiked miles of trails, prepared food over camp stoves, learned navigating skills, did Tai Chi in forest meadows, and slept in tents and sleeping bags. National Park Ranger **Seth Tuuri** commented, "I've never seen a group like this. No complaining about the weather, food, or the trails. These kids are comfortable in the forest. They know how to kneel down on the ground, ponder lichen growing on a rock. They're eager to look for signs of wildlife most visitors to Isle Royale never think about."

Isle Royale, located in the far Northwestern part of Lake Superior, is one of the most fascinating of North America's National Parks. A designated wilderness area, there are no vehicles or roads permitted on the Island. A highlight of the group's adventure was a visit to **Rolf Peterson's** remote Moose Research Center, accessed by boat from the Park's Rock Harbor. The group hiked through dense groves of hardwoods and pine forests, arriving at a small cabin where the world-famous researcher and his wife have spent the last 40 summers. The delegation roamed, with a sense of reverence and astonishment, through a collection of hundreds of moose antlers. They were spellbound by the retired MTU's professor's knowledge of the natural world, especially the relationship of the 800 moose and eight wolves that still roam the dozens of Islands that frame the boundaries of the Park.

During days on the main Island, **Jeff Noble**, a forester and former forest fire fighter, used an eyeglass, inviting curious group members to examine small flowers, spores, and leaves. During evenings, sounds of loons and the howls of a lone grey wolf punctuated the dark nights. The KBIC youth delegation was made up of 11 and 12 year-olds, with representatives of the tribe's Wolf, Bear, and Crane family clans. Participants included **Amy Selden, Kayla Dakota, Abby Spruce, Jessica Wickstrom, Jaycie Forcia, Bobby** and **William Genschow**. **Rich Wickstrom**, Jessica's father, served as the KBIC delegation's chaperone, supervisor, and much-appreciated cook.

A helpful, insightful team member for the Maamaadizi Project, was **Justin Miller**, an AmeriCorps volunteer working with the elders program for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Justin joined the group as a representative from that community to explore intertribal partnerships for future trips to the Park. Other participants included boat captain **Stephen Roblee**, CTI volunteers **Willie Noble, Dan** and **Adam Magnuson**. MTU students **Nate Zgnilec** and **Miles Corcoran** served as guides and also as deckhands for the research vessel. Northern Michigan University Environmental Studies student **Anna Solberg** accompanied the group as the Project's photographer.

As KBIC's **Kayla Dakota** waited to board the 36 ft. long Agassiz to return home, she turned to CTI's Director saying with a proud smile, "I will return here one day, many years from now, with young people from our tribe," she said. "I will be their guide."

As the Agassiz started up its diesel engines, 12 year-old **William Genschow**, standing for the last few moments on the dock, looked at the rugged, forested ridges and rocky shoreline and said, "We won't be forgotten. We'll always be known as the first official delegation from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community to ever visit this National Park. And I will remember what I was taught by our tribal elders. No one owns the land. We all belong to it."

* Special thanks to **Lori Ann Sherman** and **Evelyn Ravindran** from KBIC's Natural Resource Department who worked with Tribal families and school officials to coordinate logistics for this venture with the Cedar Tree Institute, a non-profit organization that provides services in the areas of mental health, religion, and the environment.



Pictures and article compliments of Jon Magnuson, The Cedar Tree Institute.



SORNA Education and Information Day

Friday, August 16, 2013, 9:00am – 12:30pm
Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room

Anyone interested in learning about the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Sex Offender Registration Program or the KBIC Sex Offender Registry is welcome to stop by the Ojibwa Conference room any time between 9am and 12:30pm, Friday August 16, 2013.

This educational session is for anyone who:

- Has a question about why someone may or may not be on the KBIC Sex Offender Registry.
- Wants to sign up for community notification from the Registry.
- Needs information about where to turn when dealing with an abusive situation.
- Would like information or an update on the current state of affairs regarding the activities of the SORNA office.

If you have any questions or for more information, please contact:

Chuck Miller – SORNA Coordinator,
KBIC Tribal Police at 353-6626
or cmiller@kbic-nsn.gov



Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College

Fall 2013 Schedule of Courses

"Catch Your Dream Through A Superior Education"

Fall Semester 2013	Course Number and Name	Instructor	Day	Time	Place
Monday, August 26 through Friday, December 6	Fine Arts				
	AR107 Ojibwa Garments (3 credits) <i>Native American Awareness elective</i> Course fee: \$120 Limit 10	J. Racette	Wed	5:40pm-8:30pm	Rm 109 Ross
	AR103 Art Appreciation (4 credits) <i>Humanities elective</i> Course fee: \$50	M. Hronkin	Wed	5:00pm-8:50pm	Rm 113
Fall Registration 2013 Student Welcome Event August 21, 5-30 pm New Student Orientation August 22, 11:00 am or 5:00 pm	AR207 Digital Photography (3 credits) Course fee: \$50	M. Hronkin	Mon.	5:00pm-8:20 pm	Rm 109 Ross
	Business				
	BS 110 Introduction to Business (3 credits)	M. Shanahan	Mon, Wed	Noon-1:20pm	Rm 111
	Early Childhood Education				
	CE101 Introduction to Early Childhood Education (3 credits) Course fee \$45	M. DeLine	Tues, Thurs	1:30pm-2:50pm	Rm 113
	CE110 Developmentally Appropriate Curriculum and Practice (3 credits) Course fee \$45 <i>Prerequisite: CE101 or instructor's permission</i>	M. DeLine	Mon	5:00pm-7:50pm	Rm 113
	CE119 CDA Preparation Seminar (2 credits) Course fee \$25 <i>Prerequisite: instructor's permission</i>	M. DeLine	Wed	3:30pm-5:20pm	Rm 2 Lib/Sci
	CE275 Early Childhood Practicum (2 credits, 6 hrs. field placement) <i>Prerequisite: Sophomore status, instructor's permission</i>	M. DeLine	As Arranged	As Arranged	Placement Site
	English and Composition				
	EN095 Basic Composition (4 credits) Does NOT satisfy Composition requirement.	J. Koenig	Mon, Wed	11:00am-12:50pm	Rm 113
EN102 College Composition I (3 credits) <i>Prerequisite: Placement or C or better in EN095</i> <i>Composition requirement</i>	J. Koenig	Mon, Wed	5:00pm-6:20pm	Rm 115	
EN205 Research and Report Composition (3 credits) <i>Prerequisite: C or better in EN102</i> <i>Composition elective</i>	J. Koenig	Tues, Thurs	5:00pm-6:50pm	Rm 113	
Humanities					
EN255 Modern Native American Literature (4 credits) <i>Prerequisite EN102 or instructor permission</i> <i>Humanities elective</i> <i>Native American Awareness elective</i>	J. Koenig	Tues, Thurs	1:00pm-2:50pm	Rm 113	
Information Systems					
IS105 Computer Concepts (2 credits)	M. Shanahan	Thurs	5:00pm-6:50pm	Rm 112	
Liberal Studies					
LS103 College Success Seminar - (2 credits; 1 hr lecture, 3 hrs lab)	M. Shanahan	Tues, Thurs	11:00am-12:50pm	Rm 111	
Mathematics					
MA096 Basic Math (2 credits) Does not count toward graduation credits.	TBA				
MA101 Fundamentals of Algebra (4 credits) <i>Prerequisite: Placement or C or better in MA096</i> <i>Math elective for ECE only</i>	TBA				
MA105 College Algebra (4 credits) <i>Prerequisite: Placement or C or better in MA104</i>	TBA				
Ojibwa Studies					
OS120 Ojibwa Language and Culture (4 credits) <i>Institutional requirement</i>	J. Racette	Mon	5:40pm-9:30pm	Rm 111	
Science					
ES110 Introduction to Environmental Science (4 credits) <i>Lab Science elective; second science elective</i> Course fee: \$80	A. Kozich	Tues, Thurs	5:00pm-7:50pm	Rm 1 Lib/Sci	
ES204 Forest Ecosystems of the UP (4 credits) <i>Lab Science elective</i> Course fee: \$80	A. Kozich	Mon, Wed	Noon-2:50pm	Rm 1 Lib/Sci	
GS122 Weather and Climate (4 credits) <i>Lab Science elective; second science elective</i> Course fee: \$80	T. Marshall	Tues, Thurs	4:30pm-7:20pm	TBA	
GS215 Environmental Geology (4 credits) <i>Prerequisite ES110, Lab Science elective</i> <i>Class size limited to 6</i> Course fee: \$120	A. Kozich	Mon, Wed	4:30pm-7:20pm	Rm 1 Lib/Sci	
Social Science					
OS201 History of the North American Indian (4 credits) <i>Social Science elective</i> <i>Native American Awareness elective</i>	D. Cadeau	Tues, Thursday	10:00am-11:50am	Rm 113	
OS207 Oral History Method (4 Credits) <i>Social Science elective</i> <i>Native American Awareness elective</i>	V. Gagnon	Tues	5:00 pm - 8:50 pm	Rm 113	
OS215 Contemporary Native American Issues (4 credits) <i>Social Science elective</i> <i>Native American Awareness elective</i>	V. Friisvall-Ayres	TBA	TBA	TBA	
PY101 Psychology (4 credits) <i>Social Science elective</i>	F. Tadduecci	Wed	5:00pm-8:50pm	Rm 111	

*All classes meet at the Niwin Akeaa Center unless otherwise noted.

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Deepest Sympathy

Roberta G. "Birdie" Sheldon

(July 10, 1955-July 9, 2013)

Roberta G. "Birdie" Sheldon, age 57, of Baraga, passed away on Tuesday, July 9, 2013, at Marquette General Hospital.

She was born July 10, 1955, in L'Anse, MI, the daughter of the late Robert and Geraldine (Auge) Duschaine. Birdie graduated from Baraga High School in 1973. She had been the bar manager at the Ojibwa Casino, Baraga. On October 23, 1982, she married James Sheldon in L'Anse. Birdie was a member of the KBIC, Baraga American Legion Post #444 Auxiliary, and the O.V.W. Transition Advisory Board. She was an avid camper, and enjoyed reading and doing puzzles.

Birdie is survived by her loving husband, Jim; son, Jay of Green Bay; and daughters: Lily (Terry) Marcotte of Baraga, Amber Weigel of Fayetteville, NC, and Sara Sheldon of Green Bay; grandchildren: Elexsonna, Samantha, Sabrina, Xackery, Xavier, Alexxus, Erika, Daisy, Ella, Elisa, Davohn, and Evan; mother-in-law Barbara Sheldon; and dear friend Harry LaFernier. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive. She was preceded in death by her daughter Chelsey, sister DeDe, and brother Ronnie.

Funeral services for Birdie were held on Saturday, July 13, 2013, at the Reed Funeral Service and Chapel, in L'Anse, with Pastor Judy (8) Ishwaaswi

Mattson officiating. Following the services, the family held a fellowship and luncheon at the Baraga American Legion Post #444. The Reed Funeral Home of L'Anse assisted the family.

George E. "Big George" Curtis, II

(July 28, 1977-July 14, 2013)

George E. "Big George" Curtis, II, age 35, of Zeba, passed away unexpectedly, Sunday, July 14, 2013, at his residence.

He was born July 28, 1977, in L'Anse, MI, the son of Robert and Gerlinde (Picard) Curtis, Sr. George graduated from L'Anse High School. He married the former Jennifer Lister in L'Anse on July 9, 2009. George was a card dealer at the Ojibwa Casino, Baraga. He was a member of the KBIC, Blessed Kateri Church, and the Baraga County Pool League. George enjoyed playing pool frequently at the L'Anse VFW, fishing, hunting, watching sports, and being in the woods.

George is survived by his wife, Jennifer, children: Jaelyn and Jade both at home; his mother Gerlinde "Karen" Curtis; brothers: R.D. (Helen Jondreau) Curtis of Baraga, Louis Curtis, Sr. of L'Anse, and Lance Curtis of Zeba; sisters: Jody Lynn Joki of Baraga, Haven (Clinton Back) Curtis of Zeba, Gerlinde "Ger" Curtis of Baraga. Numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins also survive. He was preceded in death by his father

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	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:

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

FDPIR Income Deductions—see 7 CFR 253.6(f)

Earned Income Deduction — Households with earned income are allowed a deduction of 20 percent of their earned income.

Dependant Care Deduction — Households that qualify for the dependent care deduction are allowed a deduction of actual dependent care costs paid monthly to a non-household member.

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

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

FDPIR Resource Standards—see 7 CFR 253.6(d)

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

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

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.

"Big Bob Curtis," grandpa Louis Picard, and Uncle Louis.

Funeral services for George were held on Thursday, July 18, 2013, at the Ceremonial Room in the Ojibwa Senior Citizens Center, Baraga, with Father Corey Litzner officiating. A traditional native service followed and was conducted by Paul Halverson. Interment took place in the Pinery Cemetery. Following the services, the family held a fellowship and luncheon at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens Center. The Reed Funeral Home of L'Anse assisted the family.

KBIC/DHHS COMMUNITY HEALTH COLUMN

Breastfeeding Matters



By: Laura Cladas RN, IBCLC
WIC Coordinator KBIC-DHHS

I would like to encourage all women who are pregnant to Breastfeed their baby. Why Breastfeed your baby?? Why feed your baby Human Milk??? Breast Milk is designed for Human Babies. Breast Milk provides ideal nutrition for growth and health, it's easy to digest, changes over time to meet baby's growing needs, and protects from illness by providing immunity.

It is recommended that infants be Breastfed exclusively for the first six months of life. At the age of six-months infants can start eating solid foods — vegetables, fruit, and cereal (baby foods), which will supplement Breast Milk. It is recommended that infants have Breast Milk for the first year of life.

It's important for Moms to remember that any amount of Breast Milk is beneficial for your baby — **SO, GET STARTED, GIVE FEEDING BREAST MILK A TRY, SEE HOW IT GOES, ONE DAY AT A TIME!!!!** You and your baby can decide how long.

The WIC Program offers Breastfeeding Education, Encouragement and Support. Please feel free to contact Laura Cladas, RN, IBCLC at 353-4527 for any information about Breastfeeding.

This institution is a equal opportunity Provider.

Creating Confident Caregivers

A special program for family members caring for a loved one at home with Alzheimer's or dementia.

About the program —

Creating Confident Caregivers utilizes the Savvy Caregiver Program, a university tested program designed for family members caring for a loved one with dementia at home. Two hour sessions are held once a week for six weeks and respite care may be available. There is no charge to participants for the workshop or materials. This program provides participants with information, skills and attitudes to manage stress and increase effective caregiving skills.

Respite Care —

Care for your family member with memory loss may be available through participating agencies while caregivers attend the sessions.

Ask for details when you register.



Classes Offered —

Attend FREE!

Day & Dates: Monday's 8/5/13-9/16/13

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: Lakeside Inn

Address: 900 South U.S. HWY-41, Baraga, MI 49908

To register contact: Tammy at 1-800-338-7227, Dial 2-1-1 or visit our website at www.upcap.org.

Testimonial —

"After the first class, I felt a weight had been lifted. I learned so much. It's helpful to know what I'm experiencing is normal and I'm not alone." ~ Family Caregiver

What's in it for you? Learn about —

- Dementia and its effects on the brain
- Caregiver resources
- Managing behaviors
- Improving caregiving skills
- How to handle everyday activities more easily
- Taking care of yourself to better care for your loved one

Provided by:
The Area Agency on Aging/UPCAP



This program is supported, in part, by the U.S. Administration on Aging through its Alzheimer's Disease Supportive Services Program, (#90A10022) and the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging.

Ojibwa Senior's

Annual Picnic

Friday, September 6, 2013

Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon

Menu

BBQ Ribs

Corn on the Cob

Coleslaw

Potato

Ice Cream Sundae



Must sign up by August 28th at the Senior Center.

Contact Dave Firestone for more information.

Sponsored by KBIC Native Caregivers, Community Health & Ojibwa Seniors

OJIBWA LIBRARY NEWS

Our "Empowering Futures" grant has allowed us to develop two new sections in the library. The first section focuses on books for young adults and includes fiction and non-fiction titles. The second section focuses on financial management, self-improvement, job readiness, and other positive themes. And, as usual, we always have new fiction for our patrons to enjoy. Stop by and check it out.

Our book club is on summer vacation but will resume in September. Our next selection will be "Night Flying Woman," by Ignatia Broker. Watch for the flyers later this month.

Our grant is also providing us with the opportunity to present a Literacy Night late in September. We are looking for local writers to read or make available original poems and short stories. Authors may read their work, or we can find someone to read for them. We would also like to display original art work. It will be a great opportunity to recognize the talented members of our community. Please call the library at 353-8163 if you would like to participate.

~ submitted by Mary Bergerson,
Tribal Library Director



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 (OVW) |
| * 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.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

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

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

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

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



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

Kids Fishing Derby continues:



THANK YOU!

Your generosity makes this event possible!
11th Annual KBIC Kids Fishing Derby
In Memory of Todd L. Warner



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| 24 hr. Bait - Northwood Guide Services | Genoa National Fish Hatchery U.S.F.W.S. | Lori Ann Sherman |
| A-1 Toylets | Grandchamp, McBride & Prophet CPA's PC | Lute's Corner Store |
| Apple Office Products | Haataja Truck'n LLC | McDonald's |
| Arby's | Hardee's | Michigan DNRE and State Park Staff |
| Artley's Greenhouse | Heidi Mensch | Michigan Tech Employees Federal Credit Union |
| Baraga County 4-H | Hilltop Restaurant | Mine Shaft and Rock House Hardwood Grille |
| Baraga County Chamber of Commerce | Holiday Station | Mitch's Trading Post |
| Baraga County Convention and Visitors Bureau | Homestead Graphics & Design | Morin Fireworks |
| Baraga County Federal Credit Union | Houghton Powersports | Night Owl Cafe |
| Baraga Drive-In | Huron Bay Trading Post | Ojibwa BP |
| Baraga State Park, Michigan DNR | Indian Country Sports | Ojibwa Casino Resort |
| Baraga Telephone Company | Ishpeming Community Federal Credit Union | Ojibwa Senior Citizens |
| Bay Ambulance | Java by the Bay | Ottawa National Forest |
| Bay Auto | Jim & Brenda Sullivan | Ottawa Sportsmen Club |
| Bayshore Veterinary Clinic | Kahkonen Excavating | Otter Lake Sportsman Club |
| Bayview Vision Clinic | Kathryn Tharaldson | Pat's IGA |
| BCMh Rehab/ Fitness Center | KBIC Cultural Committee | Pat's Auto & Sports Center |
| Best Western Lakeside Inn | KBIC Early Head Start/Child Development | Pepsi Cola of Houghton |
| BIA Forestry and BIA Fire Control (Smoky the Bear) | KBIC Even Start | Pines Convenience Center |
| Bianco's Plumbing & Heating | KBIC Natural Resources Committee | Pizza Hut |
| Border Grill | KBIC Tribal Police Department | Pizza Shack |
| Burger King | KBIC Public Works Dept. | Plum Creek |
| Carla's Restaurant | KBIC THPO Office | Portage Lake Golf Course |
| Central Upper Peninsula Sport Fishing Association | KBIC Weed & Seed | Pressbox Sports Bar & Grill |
| Copper Country Ford of Houghton | KBIC Youth Office | Reliance Insurance Agency |
| Copper Country Trout Unlimited | Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College (KBOCC) | Scott & Lori Nicklas |
| Countryside Farm & Garden | KBOCC - AISES | Shawn Seppanen |
| Culver's Restaurant | Keweenaw Green House | South Shore Fishing Assoc. Inc. |
| Da Shack | Keweenaw Veterinary Clinic | Sue Sullivan |
| Dairy Queen | Kurt's Korner | Superior Video of Baraga |
| Danielson Contracting Inc. | L'Anse Family Dentistry | Superior Watershed Partnership |
| Dave & Marcy Cella | L'Anse Furniture Mart | T.C. Electric |
| Dr. Ronald P. D'Agostino, D.O., P.C. | L'Anse Golf Club | Taco Bell |
| Eagle Radio | L'Anse Warden Electric Company | The Upper Peninsula Children's Museum |
| Erickson's Tru-Value | LaCourt Bottled Gas | Unique Images |
| Flowers By Sleeman | LaFamilia Restaurant | UP Engineers & Architects Inc. |
| Fred Waara Chapter Trout Unlimited | Lake Superior Tree Farms & Nursery | Walmart |
| Frostie Freeze | Lambert's Auto Service | Wilkinson's |
| Gambles | L'Anse Sentinel | |
| Gene Mensch | Larry's Market | |

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Thank you to everyone who has donated and/or volunteered their time to the 2013 Kids Fishing Derby this year!

KBIC COMMUNITY GARDENS

The KBIC's Natural Resources Department and Committee have planted three Community Gardens on the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Reservation. Supplies for the three gardens are made possible through Keweenaw Bay Tribal Natural Resource's grant funding, the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, and public donations. We have planted corn, zucchini, squash, egg plant, tomatoes, green peppers, hot peppers, peas, cucumbers, onions, herbs, strawberries, blueberries, and plums.

Participation with gardens is appreciated, any experience is a plus but experience is not necessary. Gardens are open seven (7) days a week—for open hours, contact Charlotte Loonsfoot, Garden Coordinator, at (906) 353-8152 or (906) 235-4220. Stop by and check them out.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Community Garden located at the KBIC Commodities.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

(Above) Community Garden located near the New Day Treatment Center, Dynamite Hill area. (Below) Community Garden located next to the Ojibwa Senior Citizens Center, Baraga.



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Many enjoyed an all-time favorite, hay rides.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Planner and organizer of the annual event, and emcee, Gene Mensch.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

An early rainstorm left another activity for these youngsters to enjoy.... mud puddles.

ATTENTION ADULT TRIBAL MEMBERS

The Tribal Council is accepting letters of intent for a three year seat on the **AANIKOOSING, INC. BOARD of DIRECTORS.**

Those interested should exhibit exemplary experience in business, be responsible, and express integrity as well as good judgment. Each interested individual member should be sensitive to the unique goals and the culture of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

The ideal candidate would recognize the need for diversification within the Tribe's holdings as well as demonstrate expertise in and have an understanding of business management, administration, accounting, finance, Indian law, marketing, grants management, public relations, and other related disciplines. Time requirements include all regularly scheduled meetings, including additional project meetings, and special meetings.

A Letter of Intent will be accepted through August 22, 2013, and should be mailed to:

**Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
C/O Vice- President Mayo
16429 Bear Town Road
Baraga, MI 49908**

There will be a Native American Craft Bazaar on November 24, 2013, 10 am—4 pm, at the Harvey Community Center behind the Ojibwa Casino, M-28, Marquette.

Featuring... fry bread, beadwork, blankets, Indian statues, wreaths, Christmas center pieces, banana breads, dream catchers, and beaded earrings.

Call Sandy at (906) 273-0286 for information.



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!

Community

Mural Reception

Please join the students of "Perspectives on Native American Health" as they unveil their hard work from the semester. Each student has made a mural that they will share along with important health information. Come learn about health and enjoy some food!



Topics include:

- Breast Cancer
- Suicide Prevention
- Fishing and Gardening
- Bullying

For more information, contact instructor Raeanne Madison: raeannem@umich.edu

Event is free and open to the public!

KBOCC

August 7th 11:00AM-Noon in the Ross Room of the Pre-Primary Center

ATTENTION KBIC MEMBERS:

The following Committees have vacant seats:

- Natural Resources (1) seat
- Indian Child Welfare (1)
- ~ **Must be able to obtain a satisfactory clearance in accordance with the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act Background Investigations Policy to apply for this committee:**

Please submit an application (located at the Tribal Center in Kim Klopstein's or in Peggy Loonsfoot's office) by 4:00 p.m. on August 23, 2013 to:

**Warren C. Swartz, Jr. – President
16429 Bear Town Rd.
Baraga, MI 49908**

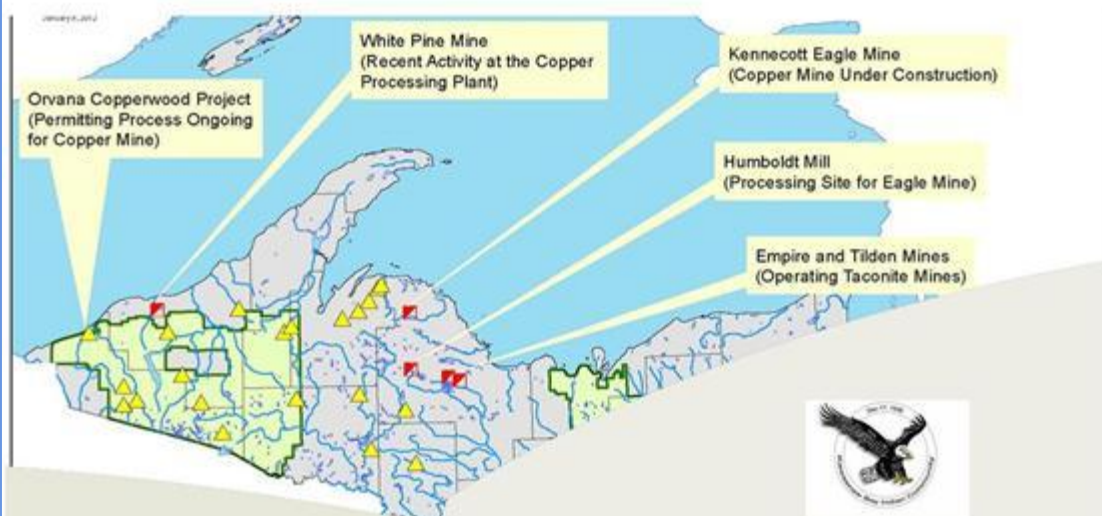
KBIC Mining Forum

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2013
OJIBWA CASINO CHIPPEWA ROOM
1 – 4:30 PM**

- Get involved
- Increase awareness
- Share ideas & concerns
- Engage in strategic community planning



This forum is intended for tribal members, the local community and invited guests.



KBIC Tribal Mining Program

If questions, call (906) 524-5757 ext. 25

NEWS FROM THE OJIBWA SENIOR CITIZENS

Pasty Sales:

- August 21 — pasty prep starting after lunch (12:15 pm).
- August 22 — pasty making starting at 5:00 am. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED AS EARLY AS YOU CAN MAKE IT!

Upcoming Fundraising:

- September 25—pasty prep.
- September 26 — pasty making.

Additional Information:

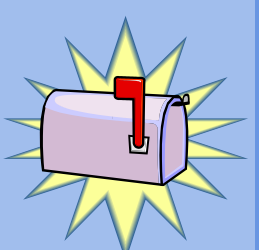
No Senior Meeting is scheduled for the month of August. If anything comes up that needs attention, an Executive Board Meeting will be scheduled.

Senior Picnic will be on September 6, 2013. More information will be posted at the Senior Center.

The Branson trip is scheduled for September 15-22. Those seniors going will be receiving more information around the end of August/beginning of September.

At the June meeting, it was decided to offer two trips for December. One will be to Green Bay, Wisconsin, and the other will be to the Island Resort Christmas on Ice Show. Individuals can sign up for one of the two trips. Sign-up sheet and more information is available at the Senior Center.

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



**COMMUNITY RECOGNIZES
DOMPIER'S DEDICATION**



Wendell "Pat" Dompier officially retired from the Ojibwa Casino on July 13, 2013, with over 26 years of service, the final 20 of them as a Casino Shift Manager. Widely respected for his knowledge, work ethic, and dedication to the Casino, we wish Wendell all the best in his richly deserved retirement. Ojibwa Casino co-workers and Governmental Officials joined Wendell for a retirement celebration held in his honor on June 26, 2013, in the Ojibwa Resort Conference room. Shown above is General Manager David Haataja (left) as he presents a plaque to Wendell "Pat" Dompier (right), during his retirement celebration.

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Ojibwa Community Library

409 Superior Ave., Baraga, MI 49908

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Monday—Thursday 11am-7pm
 Friday—closed
 Saturday—10am—3pm



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Church office 524-7939
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**Keweenaw Bay Indian
Community Dance Troupe
Participates in FinnFest**

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Cultural Committee hosted the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Dance Troupe at the FinnFest Celebrations held in Baraga County at the Meadowbrook Arena in L'Anse, Michigan, on June 20, 2013.

The group presented exhibitions of the following Native American Dances: Men's Traditional, Women's Traditional, Jingle Dress, and Fancy Shawl.



To place an ad, submit an article, or relate information or ideas on possible articles contact:
 Lauri Denomie at (906) 201-0263, or e-mail newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov.

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