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35TH KEWEENAW BAY MAAWANJI'DING HELD



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Saturday afternoon's Grand Entry at the Ojibwa Powwow Campgrounds.

The KBIC 35th Annual Maawanji'ding was held the weekend of July 26-28, 2013, at the Ojibwa Powwow Campgrounds in Baraga, Michigan. "Revitalizing Our Families & Community" was chosen for this year's theme. Records indicate there were 512 dancers and 17 drums registered. Admission sales totaled 2,000 for participants and spectators who weathered out the weekend of song and dance at Keweenaw Bay. Due to rainy weather, the event was moved for Saturday evening's and Sunday's grand entry to L'Anse Meadowbrook Arena. Following Friday evening's grand entry, the Powwow Committee honored four KBIC elders this year: Marilyn "Merta" Abbott, Fanchon Picard Boyette, Donald Dowd, and Theodore "Ted" Holappa. Kristina Misegan was crowned as Keweenaw Bay's Royalty for the 2013 term. Kristina is the daughter of John and Sharon Misegan, and the granddaughter of Marie Salo and the late Isadore "Blue" Misegan. Bear Creek of Sault Ste. Marie, ONT, honored the Community as host drum, along with Eyabay of Red Lake, MN, and Smokeytown of Keshena, WI as co-host drums. Wes Martin served as Head Veteran Dancer, Burt "Joe" Jackson as Head Male Dancer, Sheena Cain as Head Female Dancer, Joey Loonsfoot as Head Youth Male Dancer, and Jaycie Forcia as Head Youth Female Dancer. Joe Besaw and Derek Bailey served as emcees. Darryl Kingbird served as Arena Director and was assisted by Assistant Arena Director, Nathan Welch. Cody Haataja served as Head Firekeeper. Traditional teachings were delivered by Dorothy Sam and Harlan Downwind. Nevaeh

Marshall (Rose's food stand) won the junior fry bread championship, and Thelma Ogema from Leech Lake, MN, won the adult division fry bread championship. Friday evening the youth two-step competition was held, and the adult two-step competition was held Saturday evening at the L'Anse Meadowbrook Arena. Sunday's events included a hand drum special.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Three princess candidates: left to right — Kristina Misegan (crowned Friday evening as Miss Keweenaw Bay), Sheena Halverson, and Ashley Beck.

Princess Candidates Biographies:

Kristina Misegan is the 17-year-old daughter of John and Sharon Misegan and the granddaughter of the late Elmer "Al" Williams, the late Joyce

(Pete) Pfister, Marie Salo and the late Isadore "Blu" Misegan. Kristina said, "To me our culture means that I always strive to be a better person. The medicine wheel helps keep me balanced spiritually, traditionally, socially, and

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Tribal Council Members:

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



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- August 3, 2013 Tribal Council Meeting
- 35th Keweenaw Bay Maawanji'ding held
- KBIC Medical Clinic Earns Patient-Centered Medical Home Designation from BCBS
- Senator Debbie Stabenow Visits KBOCC
- The People's Garden
- Secretarial Election Scheduled
- New Employees
- Deepest Sympathy

AUGUST 3, 2013 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on August 3, 2013, at the Ojibwa Casino Conference Room, in Baraga, Michigan. President Warren C. Swartz, Jr. presided over the meeting with Susan J. LaFernier, Toni Minton, Jennifer Misegan, Robert (RD) Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Jean Jokinen, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Carole L. LaPointe, Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, and Don Messer, Jr. present. Elizabeth D. Mayo was absent.

President Warren C. Swartz, Jr. shared numerous *Thank You* and *For Your Information* items addressed to Council. Council passed the Department Head Reports for June 2013.

Treasurer Jennifer Misegan gave a brief verbal Treasurer's report. "We have started working with the budget process and will be meeting with Directors, Department Heads, and Managers on August 16. At our next Thursday meeting (08/08/2013), we will be scheduling the budget time frames and September meetings. We also will be reviewing the financials for the enterprises at Thursday's meeting."

Sandra Cribbs requested financial assistance with flight tickets and hotel, in the amount of \$1671.97, for herself and two children to attend the basic training graduation ceremony for her son, Jorey Cribbs, (a KBIC member), in September. Council advised Ms. Cribbs that they would take her request under consideration when processing donations and would follow up with her.

Motion by Jean Jokinen to approve the additional cost of the casket for George Curtis in the amount of \$3,992.00, supported by Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews. Jennifer Misegan indicated that she has information to bring to the Thursday meeting regarding the cost of funerals and how much we are paying for other funerals and that this should really be an increase to the whole fund of what we approve for all funerals. **Motion by Michael F. LaFernier, Sr. to table the George Curtis Funeral request until the burial program is reviewed on Thursday, supported by Jennifer Misegan, six supported (S. LaFernier, Minton, Misegan, Dakota, M. LaFernier, LaPointe), four opposed (Curtis, Jokinen, Matthews, Messer), 0 abstained, one absent (Mayo), motion carried.**

Treasurer Jennifer Misegan brought forward the donations for August 2013. **Motion by Toni Minton to approve the August 2013 donations as \$500.00 to the Omega House for the 2nd Annual Hike for the House and \$350.00 to the Baraga County Community Foundation Tony Selkey Memorial Golf Scramble sponsorship for a \$850.00 total, supported by Carole LaPointe, eight supported (S. LaFernier, Minton, Curtis, Dakota, M. LaFernier, LaPointe, Matthews, Messer), two opposed (Misegan, Jokinen), 0 abstained, one absent (Mayo), motion carried.**

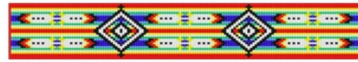
Councilperson Susan J. LaFernier moved to introduce the Proposed Ordinance clarification of Title 21B to amend §21B.604 "Net profits from the sale of tax free tobacco products by the Com-

munity" of Tobacco Ordinance 2008—2. The 1st Reading was held. **Motion by Susan J. LaFernier to introduce Proposed Ordinance clarification to Title 21B.604 of Tobacco Ordinance of 2008, supported by Jennifer Misegan, ten supported (S. LaFernier, Minton, Misegan, Curtis, Dakota, Jokinen, M. LaFernier, LaPointe, Matthews, Messer), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Mayo), motion carried.** Council scheduled the 2nd Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2013-03 for public comments for August 15, 2013, 1:00 p.m.

Motion by Carole LaPointe to approve the Service Agreement with ALK Contracting, Inc. for \$31,000.00 for the rooftop heating and air conditioning at the Baraga Ojibwa Casino, supported by Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., nine supported (S. LaFernier, Minton, Curtis, Dakota, Jokinen, M. LaFernier, LaPointe, Matthews, Messer), 0 opposed, one abstained (Misegan), one absent (Mayo), motion carried.

Council adjourned with no further items on the agenda.

~ submitted by Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor



EDUCATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM

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. Awards are given for Honor Roll and Perfect Attendance. Students must meet the following criteria:

1. Must be enrolled KBIC members.
2. Must reside in one of the following four counties: Baraga, Houghton, Ontonagon, or Marquette.
3. Must attend a public or private school.

A student's Honor Roll status is defined according to the regulations of their school district. Students in grades four (4) through twelve (12) are eligible to receive this award.

Perfect Attendance follows the school policy but time for doctor or dental appointments and funerals may be allowed. Please contact the following people for more information:

- L'Anse Area Schools – Shellie Denomie at 524-0367, or e-mail shdenomi@laschools.K12.mi.us
- Baraga Area Schools – Helen Jondreau at 353-6661 or e-mail hjondreau@up.net
- All others contact Amy St. Arnold at 353-4117, or e-mail amy@kbic-nsn.gov

Houghton, Ontonagon, and Marquette students must provide a copy of student report card. If attendance is not noted on the card, please have a school official document by signature. Report cards may be mailed to Keweenaw Bay Tribal Center, Education Office, 16429 Bear Town Rd., Baraga MI 49908.

KBIC Medical Clinic Earns Patient-Centered Medical Home Designation from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan

Nation's largest PCMH program transforming primary care in Michigan

Baraga, Mich. (July 24, 2013) – Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan has designated KBIC Medical Clinic as a patient-centered medical home practice for 2013. The designation period runs from July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014.

This means that Dr. Joseph Zobro and Dr. Peter Benson are among a select group of primary care physicians in Michigan who are improving health care quality by adopting the PCMH model of care.

"The patient-centered medical home is health care centered on the patient," said Becky Tussing, RN, Associate Director. "We take a holistic and comprehensive approach to patient care, helping our patients meet their health goals and keeping track of all their specialist visits, test results, and prescriptions."

The Blues have designated roughly 1,240 primary care practices — with more than 3,600 primary care doctors — as PCMH practices. The program is the largest of its kind in the country and has the potential to affect close to 2 million Michigan residents.

With the PCMH model, primary care physicians lead care teams who work with patients to keep them healthy and monitor their care on an ongoing basis.

PCMH teams coordinate patients' health care, track patients' conditions and ensure that they receive the care they need. They offer extended access to the care team, coordinate complementary care (such as nutrition counseling), and help patients learn to better manage conditions like asthma and diabetes.

A recent analysis of claims data shows that PCMH-designated doctors are succeeding in more effectively managing patients' care to keep them healthy and prevent complications.

The KBIC Medical Clinic is a Title V Self Governance Tribal Health Clinic operated by the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and is located in Baraga. For more information, contact (906) 353-8700 or visit www.ojibwa.com and choose the Health Department link.

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR JULY 2013 (approved at the 08/15/2013 meeting)

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

We hope you are enjoying the summer and the blueberries are ready to be picked!

As you know, the Rio Tinto Nickel Company finalized the sale and closing of the acquisition of the Eagle Mine Project to Lundin Mining Corporation on July 17, 2013, for 315 million. For our information, the Tribal Council approved Resolution KB 1944-2013 on July 11, 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 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

"Come Celebrate Lake Superior Day" was held on Friday, July 19, 2013, sponsored by the KBIC Natural Resources Department with beach cleanup from Assinins to Pequaming. Lunch was provided by the KBIC W.H.I.P.P. Task Force at the Sand Point Light House day use area. Thanks to everyone who helped clean (especially our youth) and to Larry for grilling.

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."

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." ~

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During July 2013, the Tribal Council held one Regular Tribal Council Meeting on July 13, 2013, at the Ojibwa Motel Conference Room. This meeting is covered in the August 2013 Newsletter. Tribal Council held two Special Council Meetings. Following are the unapproved motions from July.

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

- Approved the Engagement Agreement with Fabian Ramirez for a bullying prevention and drug abuse prevention speaking engagement with the Youth on July 22, 2013, for \$2,500.00;
- Approved the Tribal Limited Liability Company Code fees at \$100.00 and \$25.00 for renewal;
- Approved the Journal Broadcast Group Green Bay Radio Network Affiliate Agreement with WCUP (football games) and the Affiliation Agreement WXYT Detroit Lions Radio Network with WGLI (Radio Stations);
- Approved the USDA supplemental funding request and cash match for a solar system installation for the Commodity Foods Building;
- Approved the Services Agreement with Vultaggio Services, Inc. (Paisano Paving) for the Commodity Foods Warehouse paving on the north side for \$36,806.00;
- Approved to remove 20 IGT S2000 reel games and to install 20 WMS Blue Bird 2's at the Baraga and Marquette Casinos (Slot Machine Agreements);
- Approved the Baraga and Marquette Casinos amendments to the Master Lease Agreements and amendments to the Master Purchase Agreements with WMS Gaming, Inc.;
- Approved the Pines Convenience Center starting wage increase to a Grade 3 \$8.91 and the revised position announcement for the Cashier effective July 14, 2013;
- Approved Resolution KB 1944-2013 "Moratorium on Metal Mining" (prohibits metal mineral exploration and mining activities) on the Reservation Homeland for five (5) years;
- Approved to appoint a lawyer(s) temporarily to be paid hourly for contract review;
- Approved to compensate Liana Loonsfoot retroactive for the OVW Transition House Coordinator duties pending approval of the grant adjustment notice from the Department of Justice.

At a council meeting held July 25, 2013, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the June 2013 unapproved motions from the Tribal Council Secretary's June Report;
- Defeated a motion to pay the July 5th holiday (by motion) the same as July 4th. The President broke the tie vote;
- Approved to pay the employees who did not work on July 5th as a paid holiday for those who follow the Enterprise Policy;
- Approved the creation of a Tribal Face Book page, approved the Social Media Policy with the changes

and will have the I.T. Department administer the page;

- Approved the I.T.C./KBIC MOU to support the activities under the Cancer Data Analysis Project funded by the MI Department of Community Health-Cancer Registry Department May-September 2013;
- Approved the KBIC Pre-Primary Education Program license renewal for the Child Care Center;
- Approved utilizing the balance of the 511 fund senior heating funds for the CSBG clients and have the CAP Administrator bring a written plan for funding programs for the remaining year (for next week's meeting);
- Approved to change the 2013 Christmas Gift Check Guidelines: change residency from October 1st to September 1st and #6 take out: "and continue to maintain a residence" (if serving in the military);
- Defeated a motion to change giving the Christmas Gift funding to all community members as the tobacco ordinance states and not only to those 18 years of age or older;
- Approved to table a motion for more information to approve the Blue Cross Blue Shield plan for the Tier III employees (Pines, Pressbox, Radio) and offer the same coverage as the Enterprise hourly employees;
- Approved the Reimbursable Agreement between the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Department of Interior and KBIC for three years (October 2012-September 2015) for \$3,220.00 for annual complete fish health inspections pending CEO review (Natural Resource Department);
- Approved the adjudication of Dale Dakota, Police Commissioner;
- Approved the Engagement Letter with Schechter Dokken Kanter and authorized Attorney Heather Chapman to sign the engagement letter and to handle the matter from this time forward (Ojibwa Housing Authority Forensic Audit);
- Approved to have the Ojibwa Housing Authority pay the \$5,000.00 retainer and have the group handle the audit as recommended by the auditors (Council Treasurer, Council member, Attorney, Assistant CEO);
- Approved to interview the three (3) applicants for the Building Inspector position and the KBIC applicants who are qualified for the TERO Director position, six (6).

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. LaFerner, Secretary



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.

SENATOR DEBBIE STABENOW VISITS KBOCC



Left to right: KBOCC President Debbie Parrish, Senator Debbie Stabenow, and Board of Regents Chairman Timothy Shanahan.

On August 13, 2013, Senator Debbie Stabenow met with President Debbie Parrish and other employees from Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College. The meeting began with a prayer and ceremony followed by introductions and a tour of the college's main campus in Baraga.

KBOCC President Debbie Parrish provided a welcome and update on the college's recent accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools as well as the institution's expansion to the Wabanung Campus in L'Anse. During the discussion on Tribal College initiatives, several issues were addressed including the following: equity in operational funding that is consistent with financial support to Historically Black Colleges and Universities as well as Hispanic Serving Institutions; opposing a move from the Bureau of Indian Education to the Department of Education; and recommendations for revisions to the Higher Education Act, including an amendment creating a new section under Title III-A to provide grants to Tribal Colleges and Universities to promote the preservation, revitalization, relevancy, and use of Native American languages. In a final note, President Parrish requested Senator Debbie Stabenow's assistance in a round table discussion with the Tribal Colleges and President Obama as he had done with other minority serving institutions.

On July 12, 2013, the College was notified of its full accreditation. In order to be accredited, an institution must show that it meets five criteria: presenting and carrying out its mission; conducting its operations ethically and responsibly; providing high quality education; evaluating and improving teaching and learning; and having the resources, planning, and institutional effectiveness to meet future challenges and opportunities. The College has been officially affiliated with the Higher Learning Commission as a candidate for accreditation since 2009. To gain candidacy status, the college had to demonstrate its eligibility in a preliminary application, conduct a two-year self-study, and host a peer review team visit. Candidacy is a required four-year step in the accreditation process, and allowed the College to participate in Federal programs, including Federal Student Aid.

Having accreditation will bring other opportunities to students including funding for additional programs and services, new scholarships such as the TEACH program for teachers in an early childhood setting, and eligibility in other federal programs such as USDA. Dr. Lynn Aho noted that KBOCC can participate in the Michigan Transfer Network and develop articulation agreements with four-year colleges and universities which help students who go on to earn bachelor degrees.

Parrish stated that the former Baraga County Memorial Hospital was purchased for \$1.00 in April and is in Phase I of the overall renovation plan. The Wabanung (East) Campus will provide an additional 54,000 square feet of space. To date, nine classrooms have been constructed along with five student services offices. Phase I is expected to be completed by September 30.

The former Carmody building was also renovated and currently serves the community as the OCC Child Care Center. The center opened three weeks ago and is open to the public during regular working hours. Contact Nissa Morningstar at 524-HUGS (4847) for more information.

Phase II of the facility plan will begin in October and will include renovation for a science lab, library, computer center, fitness center, and two additional classrooms. The third phase will include renovation to include a business/entrepreneurial center, CNA program, culinary arts, and additional classrooms. The facility is expected to be completed by late Fall 2014.

In celebration of its accreditation, the College is holding a community gathering on Friday, August 23, 2013, at 1:00 p.m. at the Big Bucks Bingo Hall in Baraga. The public is invited.

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THE PEOPLE'S GARDENS

In response to community member requests, the KBIC Natural Resources Department (KBNRD) has established a "People's Garden" near the Walleye rearing ponds and New Day (Brewery Road) in L'Anse. Funding for the garden was provided through the KBIC Natural Resources Committee and the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. We are currently growing tomatoes, peppers, green beans, squash, peas, corn, potatoes, onions, cucumbers, and zucchini. The purpose of the garden is to provide KBIC community members access to fresh, locally grown produce. Community members are encouraged to come and volunteer at the garden (weeding, watering, harvesting) in exchange for fresh produce. Vegetables will be distributed based on time spent helping in the garden. Please contact Erin Johnston 524-5757 (ext. 24) or Evelyn Ravindran (ext. 11) if you would like to help in the People's Garden.

In addition to the KBNRD People's Garden, KBIC Commodity Foods received a grant through the U.S. Department of Agriculture to establish a small raised bed vegetable garden that is handicap accessible. KBNRD staff assisted in the building and planting of the Commodity Foods garden and will participate in a canning workshop at the end of the summer/early fall with help from Michigan State University extension. Commodity Foods participants are encouraged to sign up to help manage the gardens in exchange for fresh produce and/or canned vegetables. Vegetables include tomatoes, peppers, and green beans. If you are a Commodity Food participant, please call Darren Webb at 524-7340 to sign up to help with the garden. There are 20 canning kits available for the first 20 recipients.

There are many foods to be found in area waters, forests, and markets. If we grow our own food and have control over our food supply, we decide on the quality of food we eat. Vegetable gardens and local farmers markets provide a variety of crops without the extra cost of storage, packaging, and transportation. There are many health benefits to using non-processed foods. Learning to harvest encourages self-reliance and traditions that have been here for generations.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Garden located at the KBIC Commodities.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

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

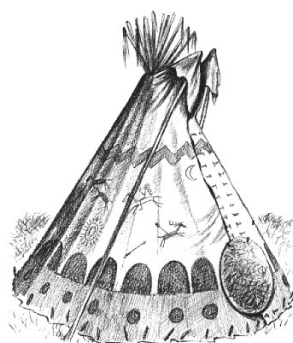
Federal law, through the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, granted Tribes exclusive right to regulate gaming activity on Indian lands. Even if you or the members of your organization are not tribal members, the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Gaming Commission has the authority to regulate your raffle. It 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.

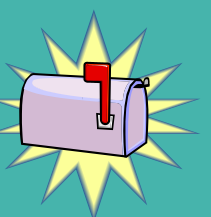
Applications must be received 30 days prior to all drawings for processing.



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



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



Keweenaw Bay Maawanji'ding continued:

physically. I would like to become princess because my grandpa, Blu Misegan, passed away within the last year, and I would like to honor him by representing our Tribe. I am very active with the Title VII, Native American Education Program at my school. I attend the events the program holds, and I enjoy being a role model for the younger children. I also try to attend as many powwows as I can. If I am honored to represent our Tribe, I hope to be more involved."

Sheena Halverson said, "I am a very proud anishinawbee-woman and 100% involved with my culture. My parents are Paul Halverson and Michelle Ellola. I grew up here on the rez. I pretty much know everyone and am related to many people in this town. I'm your average rez girl. I am doing very well in school and socially. I am a very well behaved, respectable, and traditional native girl. I'm a good listener, and I lend a hand whenever it is needed. I've been active with our culture since I was able to walk; one of my first words was the sema (tobacco) song. In the future, I want to specialize in the Ojibwe Language and culture. I want to learn as much as possible, so one day I can come back to the tribe and help restore our language and teach the younger generations. One of my biggest fears is to see our culture and way of life die out, and I want to help restore it as much as possible. I also would like to become a cosmetologist, but my main goal is to help our people."

Ashley Beck Neebinawabeegone (Summer Flower) said "I am the daughter Nanette Beck and the late Matthew Jacob Beck. I am currently a sophomore at the Baraga High School and will be soon getting my driver's license. I am kind and respectful to everyone I encounter. I do my very best in everything I do. I make mistakes, and I learn from them and try harder the next time. I am very outgoing; I like to be noticed in a positive way and take pride in myself. I enjoy listening to music of all kinds and like to dance and make my own raps. I used to be really shy and tried not to be noticed. I lived in fear of being made fun of. I was bullied throughout elementary school; I know what it is like and I will never put anybody down, especially for trying. People are people and no two are exactly the same. Everyone is special in their own way. I decided one day when I was in the seventh grade that I was just going to be me and loved who I am. I stopped hiding and being shy and became involved in everything I like doing. I started talking to more people outside of my family and my classes. My family and I are very proud of the positive changes I have made in my life."



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Miss Keweenaw Bay, Kristina Misegan, with her parents, Sharon and John Misegan.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

KBIC elders, left to right, Fanchon Picard Boyette, Marilyn "Merta" Abbott, Theodore "Ted" Holappa, and Donald Dowd.

Honored Elder Biographies:

Fanchon Picard Boyette was born to Charles and Nora (Demery) Picard in L'Anse. She was raised and attended school here, she later, under the U.S. Government Relocation of Native Americans, moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where she worked for twenty years in the legal profession and ten years in the medical profession while raising four children as a single parent and keeping strong ties with her home and families here at Keweenaw Bay. Fanchon is a grandmother of 11 children and six great-grandchildren. Her grandsons Chris Voakes and Robert Voakes, Jr. both served in Afghanistan where Specialist Robert Voakes, Jr., was KIA in 2011, our own Special Hero. Fanchon is retired but currently does volunteer work assisting patients for St. Luke's Hospital of Milwaukee. She is still making that road trip at 81 years of age to her home here at Keweenaw Bay.


Marilyn "Merta" Abbott was born and raised in Zeba, Michigan, on March 2, 1949. She is the daughter of Daniel and Mary Schofield. Merta has worked in Wisconsin for about five years and then moved to Sault Ste. Marie where she worked for the tribe for five years. She then moved back to the Marquette area and has worked as a security officer for the last 17 years for the KBIC. Marilyn was married to the late Wilford Abbott. She has three boys: Daniel, Bruce, and Brad. She has six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. In her spare time she likes to fish, attend garage sales, pick berries, and do crafts with her sister, Pat. She also enjoys making and selling flower arrangements at the Ojibwa Senior Center.

Theodore "Ted" Holappa is the son of the late Ernest and Evelyn Holappa. He grew up in "downtown Zeba" with his two sisters, Beverly Lussier and Margaret "Peggy" Dunn, in a modest two bedroom house. He also has two adopted sisters, Gerri Mantila and Diane Charron, who are still residing here in Baraga County. Ted attended L'Anse schools and despite the suggestion of his high school counselor to drop out and take a job at the local saw mill, he graduated in 1962. He went on to pursue his education at several colleges starting in Eau Claire, WI, ending over at Bay Mills Community College. Ted's early employment experiences were right in the KBIC. He was our very first elected judge in our newly established Tribal Court System. Ted was also a Tribal Council member and has helped establish many of our programs that are still being used to this day, including the tribal health system. Ted is one of the founders of our annual powwow. He helped write the first grant to establish a tribal drum here at KBIC. He, along with several community members in attendance here today, established the KBIC drum "Carp River Singers". They practiced and traveled, and the newly formed drum group led to the need to have our very own powwow here on the rez. This tradition was established in 1976 and has continued to this day, with only one year of absence. That is why we are celebrating our 35th annual Mawaanji'ding today. Ted now lives in Kincheloe, Michigan, with his wife Peggy Hemenway. Together they have three children: Cheyenne, Tacschina, and Eric; and three grandchildren.

Donald Dowd was born and raised in Assinins, and now resides in Tapiola, MI. He is the son of the late Francois and Sara (Loonsfoot) Dowd. He married the late Renee Michaelson. His siblings are the late Doris Roberts, late Patricia Maki, late Eddy Dowd, late Bruce Dowd, Joe Dowd of Zeba, Mary Boo Saunder of Sault Ste. Marie, and Larry Dowd of Baraga. Donny also served two terms of duty in the Vietnam War. Hobbies are hunting, fishing, attending powwows, and most of all spending as much time as he can with the grandchildren. He is currently employed by the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Health and Human Services. His children are: Jason Dowd, John Dowd, Ongeequay Dowd, Ashley Alexander, Joel Michaelson, Samantha Michaelson, Ken Cloud, and Mark Butler; twenty-seven foster children including: John Paul DeCota and Andrew Loonsfoot. Donny has numerous grandchildren.

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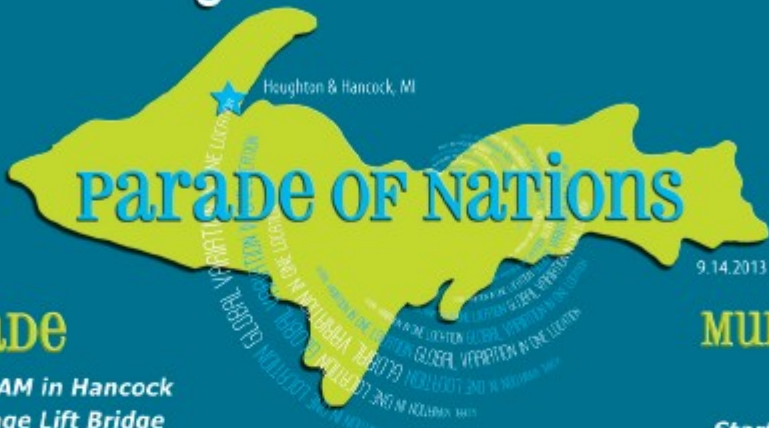
There will be a Native American Craft Bazaar on November 24, 2013, 10 am—4 pm, at the Harvey Community Center behind the Ojibwa Casino, M-28, Marquette. Featuring... fry bread, beadwork, blankets, Indian statues, wreaths, Christmas center pieces, banana breads, dream catchers, and beaded earrings. Call Sandy at (906) 273-0286 for information.



24th Annual
Parade of Nations

GLOBAL VARIATION IN ONE LOCATION

Saturday • September 14, 2013



Parade

Starts at **11:00 AM** in Hancock
crosses the Portage Lift Bridge
and ends at Dee Stadium
in Houghton



The Parade of Nations and Multicultural Festival is a celebration of cultural diversity in the Keweenaw. This year we will recognize and celebrate the wide variety of people, food and cultures here in our Houghton, Hancock and surrounding communities.

MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

Starts at **12:00 Noon**
at Dee Stadium

• Delicious, Authentic Cuisine from many Countries



• Multi-Ethnic Entertainment
• Craft Vendors

• Children's Activities and Pony Rides



• The Copper Country Community Arts Center will be hosting a juried ART FAIR during this event. The Art Fair will be open from 11am-3pm at Dee Stadium.

For more information visit our website

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For questions contact

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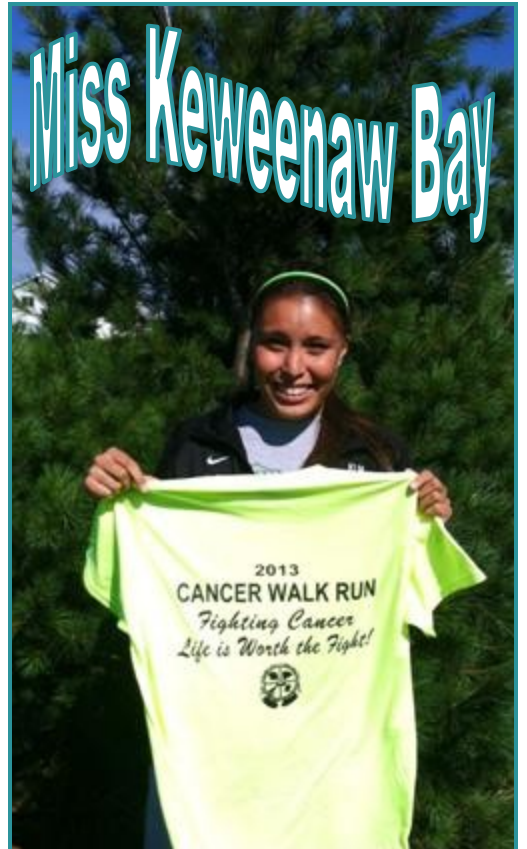
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Kristina Misegan, Miss Keweenaw Bay attended the 31st Annual Lac Vieux Desert Traditional Powwow in Watersmeet, Michigan, representing KBIC, August 9-11, 2013. While there, she participated in their 2013 Cancer Walk Run. Kristina (below) dances the Swan Dance.



Call Lisa Denomie

"Let's Move" initiative is promoted at the KBIC Early Childhood Pre-Primary Education Program.

at 353-kids!



Openings currently available

M-F 6:30am-5pm.

Financial Assistance Available.

Before/After Head Start/Early Head Start Drop Off Service Available.



Young shawl dancers, left to right, Sara Dakota and Starr Marie Dunleavy.

This young grass dancer showed us his moves.



(Above) Traditional Women Dancers, (left to right) Margaret Welsh LaTocha, Fanchon Picard Boyette, and Judith Smith. (Below) Bear Creek of Sault Ste. Marie, ONT, honored the Community as host drum,

(Above) Aleshanee Hutchinson, shawl dancer, definitely enjoyed dancing at this year's powwow. (Below) Kristina Misegan as she dances in the princess dance off, prior to being crowned Miss Keweenaw Bay.



KBIC Summer Camp Concludes



The summer camp program wrapped up on August 8th with a big party with prizes. Each youth who attended received a new backpack with school supplies.

Nikki Reenders-Arens, Youth Programs Coordinator, states, "I would like to thank Baraga Fire Department, Keweenaw Bay Tribal Natural Resources Department, Keweenaw Bay Tribal Police Department, Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission, Free Spirit Fitness, the Donald A. LaPointe Medical Medical Center, and everyone else who made the camp possible. We had a great summer!"

New Employees



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Lori Mayo has been hired as the Secretary/Receptionist for the KBIC Gaming Commission. She is the daughter of Karen Mayo and the late Ulie Mayo, Jr., and is a Keweenaw Bay Indian Community member.

Lori graduated from Baraga High School in 1977 and worked with the KBIC Training Program and Tribal Construction Company from 1977-1982. She then worked at the Baraga County Federal Credit Union from 1982 until 2012.

Lori enjoys spending time with family and friends.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Holley Makela has been hired as the Healing to Wellness Coordinator at the KBIC Tribal Court. Holley and her husband, Taylor, moved to the area in 2008. Holley has her bachelor's degree in Psychology and is currently working towards her Masters in Social Work. Holley and Taylor have two children: Hollynd and Ronin. Holley brings with her over three years of experience working within the social services industry. She has a great passion for assisting individuals struggling with the trials and tribulations in their life. Holley said, "In my free time, I enjoy riding horses, swimming, and just spending time with my family."



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Joel Mills has been hired as the RPMS/IT Site Manager for the Donald LaPointe Medical Facility. Joel is not a stranger to KBIC as he worked for at the Donald LaPointe Medical Facility from 2008-2012 as a medical coder/biller. More recently he worked at Portage Hospital as an Emergency Department coder. Joel has been continuing his education since joining KBIC in 2008 and is working on a Masters Degree in Health Information Management. He is currently certified by AHIMA as a Certified Coding Specialist and has obtained a Bachelor Degree in Health Administration and a minor in computer operating systems and software.

Joel and his wife Audrey live in Laurium, MI, with their two children: Carson (age 3) and Conner (age 5). Joel enjoys golf, disc golf, the Green Bay Packers, but states his biggest hobbies are "my boys".

Joel said, "I was very pleased to have the opportunity to come back to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and work for the health center where I have made many friends. Everyone has welcomed me back graciously, and I am happy to be working in more community-oriented atmosphere."

2013 Ann Misegan Memorial Scholarship



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Ginger Sheliofe (below) has been selected as the seventh recipient of the Tribe's Ann Misegan Memorial Scholarship. The Tribal Education Committee, along with a member of the Health Board, selected Sheliofe to receive the scholarship.

Ginger is the daughter of Sherrie Kantola and James Sheliofe, Sr. She is a graduate of Baraga High School and will be attending Ferris State University this fall majoring in Nursing.

Ann Misegan was a long time Tribal Council member whose priority was the health of the Tribal membership. She was adamant that Tribal members be trained for as many positions as possible within the Tribe, and also encouraged members to seek further education, especially in health fields. She was a member of the Tribe's Health Board and was the Dental Assistant at the Tribal clinic for many years. She held an LPN certificate from Northern Michigan University and worked as a nurse for Baraga County Memorial Hospital before coming to work for the Tribe. This scholarship seeks to reward members who have the same passion for health care that Ann did.

This scholarship amount is \$1,000 twice per year for up to six years and will be awarded to a new student each fall. Applicants must meet the following criteria: be an enrolled Tribal member, attend an accredited college/university as a full-time student; pursue a degree in a Health Care field documented by their college (preference will be given to students either in a nursing or dental program); and be a resident of Baraga or Marquette County. Applications for the 2014-15 academic year will be available in June 2014. For more information about this scholarship, please contact Amy St. Arnold, KBIC Education Director at 906-353-6623, ext. 4117.

SEPTEMBER 2013 Calendar Events

Sept. 2: Gov't offices closed, Labor Day Holiday;
Sept. 6: Ojibwa Senior Citizen's Picnic, 12 noon;
Sept. 7: Reg. Sat. Council Meeting, 9 am, Ojibwa Resort Conf. Rm;
Sept. 9 Constitutional Committee Meeting, 10 am, Council Chambers;
Sept. 18: Veteran's Meeting, 7 pm;
Sept. 26: 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.

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 basis 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 cannot be changed.

The membership of this Tribe is the answer to modernizing our constitution, to getting involved in the process, and to providing 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 peti-

tion 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.



ATTENTION KBIC MEMBERS RESIDING ON THE RESERVATION

A Secretarial Election is scheduled for October 22, 2013.

Adult members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community who are 18 years or older on October 22, 2013, who **physically reside on the reservation, and who registers to vote**, may vote in the election. There will be one polling place at the **Ojibwa Senior Citizens Center** in Baraga from **7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

Voter registration packets will be mailed on September 12, 2013. The packets will include a copy of the Proposed Amendment to the Constitution. **The voter registration form must be completed and returned to the Bureau of Indian Affairs by September 30, 2013.** If you do not register, you cannot vote in this election.

Any adult tribal member who physically resides on the reservation and does not receive a voter registration packet in the mail should contact the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Michigan Agency at (906) 632-6809.

The Constitution Committee will hold two (2) community informational meetings on the Proposed Amendment. The first will be held on the L'Anse side at the Zeba United Methodist Church at 6:00 p.m. on September 24, 2013. The second meeting will be held on the Baraga side at the Ojibwa Seniors Center at 6:00 p.m. on September 26, 2013.

Passion on the Bay, by Glenda Ward

"Has any day that began at 6 a.m. ever been a good day?" This was my thought when I hit the first in a series of snooze alarms before finally crawling out of bed and getting ready to head to campus. Our Tribal Law and Government class was going on a field trip to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Natural Resources Division (KBNRD) in L'Anse, and we were supposed to leave at 8:15 a.m. The vans were late, and as we sat around waiting, I wondered if anyone else was hearing Kenn Pitawanakwat's voice in their head saying, "Kina, that's 8:15 Indian time 'eh! Shtaa-taa-haa!" Finally with the vans loaded, we headed out for the 75 mile road trip into the wilderness that is the western Upper Peninsula. As the doors opened and we all sprang from our confinement, we were greeted by sunshine over Pequaming Bay, and a group of smiling faces that seemed really happy to see us, including our professor, the Honorable Violet Friisvall Ayres, Associate Judge for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community

(KBIC). Lori Ann Sherman, Director of the Tribal Natural Resources Program, welcomed us and shared some history of the KBIC and the KBNRD, as well as her own connection to the land and the people of the Community.

We were then divided into two groups and assigned our group leader for the day's events. The division into these groups was based on who wanted subs and who wanted pizza for lunch (Subs! The day was looking better!).

So, what did we come to talk about? I will list them in the order of presentation, because the value of one program over the other is non-existent, without one there would be no need for the others. We started with fish and not the Dr. Seuss kind! We were told about Aquatic Invasive Species, the hatching and restocking of fish in the bay and in the Great Lakes, and the operation of the hatchery. Moving outside, we were given an overview of the fishery's field work, and they even showed us some oto-



KBIC/DHHS COMMUNITY HEALTH COLUMN

September is Emergency Preparedness Month

In the past, tornadoes, flooding, extreme heat, and severe winter snowstorms have threatened Indians in the Northeast. Now consider the possibility of home fires, infectious disease, and even terrorist attacks. Are you prepared to make it on your own for a few days in the event of an emergency?

Tribal people recognize the importance of self-reliance as individuals and part of a community. Simple preparations today can keep you safe during a disaster emergency. Have a plan and be ready.



The first thing you should do is make a plan for what you will do during an emergency. **Develop a family communication plan.** Consider the following with your family and decide on an emergency plan together.

Write down information that isn't easy to remember, and keep it in a safe place. Make a game or song to help younger children memorize important information. In an emergency know where you will meet. Pick a meeting place for when family members are at home and find out the evacuation locations for work, school, day care, and other places family members often go.

Stay where you are at or get away? Plan for both possibilities. Use common sense, news broadcasts, and other available information to determine if there is an immediate threat. Watch television and listen to the radio for official instructions from local emergency managers.

Plan to shelter in place. If you see large amounts of debris in the air, or if local authorities say the air is badly contaminated, you may need to seal the room and stay put. Immediately turn off air conditioning, forced-air heating systems, exhaust fans, and clothes dryers. Close or if possible seal all windows, doors, or vents to create a temporary barrier between you and the contaminated air. Stay informed through the best method available: watch TV, listen to the radio, or check the internet for official instructions.

Plan to evacuate if instructed. If it is necessary to leave your home, plan in advance where you would go. Keep your gas tank half full and check out alternate routes. Consider your options if car travel is impossible. Monitor news reports and evacuate immediately when

told to do so by authorities. Take your emergency kit. Lock the door behind you.

Considerations for elders and individuals with disabilities. Be sure you have a week-long supply of medicines, plus any medical supplies or equipment you use regularly. If you need electricity to operate medical equipment ask providers what to do during power outages. Enlist family and friends as a support network, share your emergency plans, and make sure they have a key to your home.

Work with others. Talk with your extended family and other tribal members about how you can help each other in an emergency. Ask your Tribal Council about the emergency plan for your community.

Make a kit of emergency supplies. Think about fresh water, food, and clean air. You may need to rely on your own supplies for at least three days, maybe longer. Local officials and relief workers will be on the scene after a disaster, but they cannot reach everyone immediately. Basic services such as electricity, gas, water, sewer, and telephone could be cut off for days or longer. Remember to include unique family needs like pet supplies, diapers, infant formula, and medications. Store these items in easy-to-carry bags or bins. Consider two kits — one for home and second lightweight, portable kit to keep in your car.

Be informed about what might happen. Some of the things you can do to prepare for the unexpected are the same regardless of the type of emergency. However, it's important to stay informed about what types of emergencies are most likely to affect your community. Be prepared to adapt this information to your personal circumstances and make every effort to follow instructions received from authorities. Above all, stay calm, be patient, and think before you act. With these simple preparations, you can be ready for the unexpected.

During the month of September, the Donald A. LaPointe Health & Education Center will have a display table with information about emergency preparedness; stop by and pick up a pamphlet. The September topic for the Diabetes Talking Circle is "Emergency Preparedness for People with Medical Conditions". The program is scheduled for September 18, 2013, from 5pm – 7:30pm at the health center; contact Heather at 353-4546 to register for this program. We will also begin our Community Influenza Clinic's in September — exact dates will be put on the tribal website: www.kbic-nsn.gov.

If you would like more information about preparing for an emergency or opportunities to become involved in Baraga County contact Kathy Mayo RN, Public Health Preparedness Coordinator at 353-4519 or go to the following sites for information at: www.ready.gov, www.do1thing.com, www.redcross.org, local and state information can be found at: www.wupdhd.com or www.michigan.gov/michiganprepares.

Passion on the Bay continues:

liths, for the layman that would be the inner ear bones of a fish (I felt so smart just then); these can be used to track migration and the ages of the fish that are taken in the catch.

While still in the Field Work building, a member of the Tribal Police explained their role in commercial fishing enforcement, and the procedures taken to determine compliance with or violation of the laws and the judicial path for violators. Then we got to tour the Hatchery, and let me tell you, that was a lot of fish! Lunch was sandwiched between two sessions; both were very interesting. One was on the restoration program at Sand Point, and the other was on wolf management. I was especially impressed by the Tribe's decision not to issue licenses for any possible wolf hunt that may be approved. The morning session of these breakouts took us to the Geodesic Dome greenhouse, and we got our hands dirty. We repotted plants that will be taken to Sand Point for the Restoration Project and were introduced to a number of native plants.

We were briefed on the Environmental Protection Act (EPA) and its application at the National (NEPA) and Tribal (TEPA) levels, leading us into discussions on air quality standards and water quality standards. These programs are part of our daily lives when we hear about tar sands, oil spills, toxic dumping in the Great Lakes, and other pollution sources that are having detrimental effects on the environment. The day ended with a presentation on the Brownfield's Program and Tribal efforts in identifying these contaminated and toxic properties, cleaning them up, and reusing them safely.

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

*The net monthly income standard for each household size is the sum of the applicable Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) net monthly income standard and the applicable SNAP standard deduction.

48 Contiguous United States:				Use this amount
House hold Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standard	SNAP Standard Deduction	=	FDPIR Net Monthly Income Standard
1	\$ 931	+	\$149	= \$1,080
2	\$1,261	+	\$149	= \$1,410
3	\$1,591	+	\$149	= \$1,740
4	\$1,921	+	\$160	= \$2,081
5	\$2,251	+	\$187	= \$2,438
6	\$2,581	+	\$214	= \$2,795
7	\$2,911	+	\$214	= \$3,125
8	\$3,241	+	\$214	= \$3,455
Each additional member				+ \$330

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

FDPIR Income Deductions—see 7 CFR 253.6(f)

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

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

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

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

FDPIR Resource Standards—see 7 CFR 253.6(d)

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

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The film follows *Meda Paavola*, a young woman who is half Finnish and half Native American, as she struggles to find love and her own identity in a multi-cultural world.

Meda's mother died when she was very young and she has been raised entirely by her Finnish family with almost no exposure to Native American culture. That changes when she meets and falls in love with Neil, a young Native American man who lives on a nearby reservation.

Tensions arise when Meda's white family has trouble adjusting to her newly rediscovered roots and Neil's traditional Native family rejects Meda as a half-breed and not a member of their tribe.

Will Meda and Neil's love be enough to overcome the prejudice shared by these families or will it destroy the young couple? Help us make the project a reality and find out!

Go to www.Kickstarter.com and select

"Mutt" Full-Length Film by Early Spring Productions

Early Spring Productions, LLC is located in Hancock, MI and is employing all local talent both in front and behind the camera. By supporting our first film project, you will be helping to grow a brand new movie production industry right here in our area!

Would You Like FREE Money?

The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing and Community Development Corporation (KBOHCDC) is currently offering an Individual Development Account (IDA) Program!

An IDA program is a matched savings program in which we provide a 4 to 1 match up to \$4000.00 on funds you deposit!!!

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

All IDA funds are now open to Tribal Members and First Generation Descendants of KBIC. Home Purchase and Small Business Start-Up or Expansion may be utilized in the service areas of Baraga, Marquette and Ontonagon Counties.

Education IDA's may be used throughout the entire Upper Peninsula.

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

Angela Shelifoe

KBOHCDC Program Administrator

906-353-7117 X106

Angie@kboha.com

Deepest Sympathy

Robert A. Jondreau

(August 1, 1947-August 10, 2013)

Robert A. Jondreau, age 66, of Norge, Virginia, was reunited on August 10, 2013, with his parents: William and Mary Jondreau; siblings: William, Alice, Nancy, and Gerald; and daughter Andrea.

Robert was the son of the formal tribal leader, William "Boyzie" Jondreau of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. He was a great husband, father, grandfather, uncle, scholar, coach, mentor, drum keeper, and most importantly friend. Robert always protected his family and was considered an ogiitchida "great warrior" amongst his family and community.

Robert grew up on the L'Anse Indian Reservation on Lake Superior in Baraga, MI. He spent his youth hunting and fishing the North Woods. His career of 26 years in the US Air Force took him all around the world and back.

Robert is survived by his wife, Jamie Ware-Jondreau; children: Monique, William, Bobbie, Jerry, Teshena, and Meno; as well as a host of grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was held Wednesday, August 14, 2013, at St. Olaf Catholic Church. Memorial contributions in Robert's memory can be made to the American Cancer Society, 11835 Canon Boulevard, Suite A102, Newport News, Virginia 23606.



Western U.P. Trail Information Available Online

A new set of Western U.P. trail resources has recently been made available online. The website, "Get Around the Western U.P." (www.getaroundwup.org), adds lists, descriptions, and maps of non-motorized and multi-use trails to an existing database of transit information.

The website, developed by the Western Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Region (WUPPDR) and funded primarily by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), was launched in September 2012 to educate residents in the Western Upper Peninsula about transportation opportunities other than the single-occupancy vehicle. Included are information tables and maps for different public, private, and non-profit transit providers; a tool to search for providers by type and location; and a printable brochure. Also available is a carpool matching application.

The expansion of the website to include county-by-county trail listings, descriptions, and maps demonstrates a commitment to multi-modal transportation and helps to promote some of the greatest resident activities and tourist draws of the Western U.P.

For further information, please contact Jerald Wuorenmaa at 906.482.7205, ext. 319 or jwuorenmaa@wuppdr.org.

Erick "Bigg E" Lee Awonohopay

(January 23, 1973-August 20, 2013)

Erick "Bigg E" Awonohopay, age 40, of Baraga, MI, passed away on Tuesday, August 20, 2013, at Marquette General Hospital. He was born January 23, 1973, in Albany, MN, the son of Richard and Mary (Froland) Awonohopay.

Erick graduated from Menominee High School in 1993 and then attended Bay Mills Community College. He worked in many casinos as a dealer and for the past ten years was a DJ for Eagle Radio.

Erick was a member of the Menominee Nation and a Big Drum member. He traveled to many Powwows and was a very gifted singer and the lead singer of Summer Cloud Drum. He was called on for many ceremonies in the community, including being an emcee for the KBIC Powwows. He loved cooking, music, and he was a gamer. He gave of himself and loved everyone he interacted with, and he was a mentor to a lot of young boys and loved to help people. He was loved by many.

Surviving are his wife Christine and their children: Raistlin, Donovin, Naethin, Kamerin, and Ethin Awonohopay all of Baraga; father Richard (Leah Miller) Awonohopay of Bowler, WI; mother-in-law Debi Williamson of Baraga; siblings: Richard "Blake", Richelle "Bitsy", Jay "Krunch", Jesse "Chopper" Awonohopay, Brian Moore, Joey, Steven, John Awonohopay, Danny, Byron, and Myron Desjarlais; sister-in-law Tonni Williamson Edwards; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins; and many adopted mom's.

Preceding him in death was his mother Mary Ella Awonohopay.

Traditional Native American services were held on Friday, August 23, 2013, at the Ceremonial Room at the Ojibwa Seniors, Baraga, MI. Family and friends were able to celebrate his life from Tuesday, August 20, 2013, until time of service. Burial took place in the Assinins Cemetery. The Jacobson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

NEWS FROM THE OJIBWA SENIOR CITIZENS

Pasty Sales:

- September 25 — pasty prep starting after lunch (12:15 pm).
- September 26 — pasty making, VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED AS EARLY AS 5:00 A.M., OR WHENEVER YOU CAN MAKE IT!

Upcoming Fundraising:

- October 23—pasty prep.
- October 24 — pasty making.

Additional Information:

Senior Meeting will be held on September 11, 2013, 12:15 pm to discuss the upcoming Branson trip and the December trips. The December trips deadline to sign up is September 2, 2013.

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.

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

Continuous/On Call positions:

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

For current job listings, complete 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.



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!

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- Community Education

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Ojibwa Community Library

409 Superior Ave., Baraga, MI 49908
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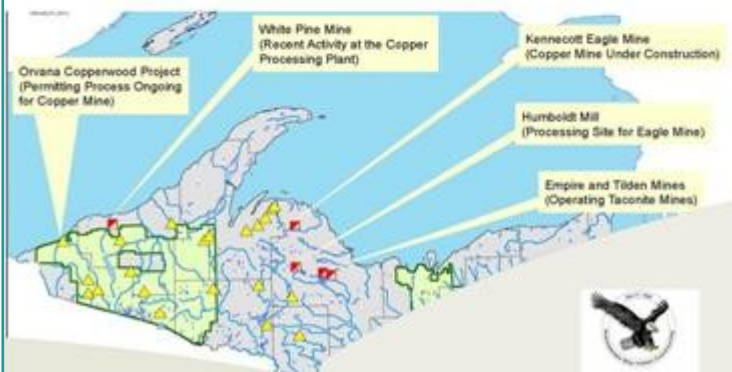
KBIC Mining Forum

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

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