

WIKWEDONG DAZHI-OJIBWE

The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwe

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PRIMARY ELECTION HELD AT KBIC

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community held their Primary Election on Saturday, November 2, 2013. Baraga District results:

Fred Dakota (Inc.) 89 votes;
Elizabeth "Popcorn" Mayo (Inc.) 84 votes;
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr. 80 votes;
Donald Shalifoe, Sr. 82 votes;
Bruce K. LaPointe, Sr. 65 votes;
Jerry Magnant 40 votes;
Marty Curtis 34 votes;
Michael Cardinal 32 votes;
Donald Stolp, Sr. 6 votes.

L'Anse District results:
Michael F. LaFerner, Sr. (Inc.) 78 votes;
Toni Minton (Inc.) 70 votes;
Eddy Edwards 62 votes;
George DeCota 41 votes;
Timothy A. Friisvall 29 votes.

Fred Dakota, Elizabeth "Popcorn" Mayo, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr., Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Toni Minton, Eddy Edwards, and George DeCota have secured the required number of votes to be placed on the General Election Ballot.

The General Election will be held on Saturday, December 14, 2013, from a ballot of:

Associate Judge:
Violet M. Friisvall Ayres (Inc.)



Baraga District Voters, November 2, 2013

John Davis

Baraga District:

Fred Dakota (Inc.)
Elizabeth "Popcorn" Mayo (Inc.)
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.
Donald Shalifoe, Sr.

L'Anse District:

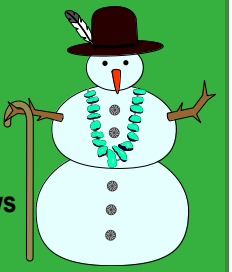
Michael F. LaFerner, Sr. (Inc.)
Toni Minton (Inc.)
Eddy Edwards
George DeCota



Merry Christmas!

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:

- November 9, 2013 Tribal Council Meeting
- KBIC Primary Elections Held
- KBIC Youth—Halloween Celebrations
- KBIC Youth Fund Guidelines
- Solar Array Dedication Held
- Ojibwa Community Library Literacy Night, "Empowering Futures"
- Ojibwa Senior News
- Deepest Sympathy

KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY YOUTH PROGRAM HOLD HALLOWEEN CELEBRATIONS

Marquette area youth attended a Halloween Party on October 26th at the Harvey Community Center where they participated in costume judging for prizes, played a number of games, and enjoyed Jets Pizza.

On October 27th, a Halloween Party was held at the Niiwin Akeaa Center in Baraga. In addition to costume prizes being awarded, youth participated in a cake walk, broke a piñata filled with candy, and jumped in a number of bounce houses rented for the occasion. Face painting was also available. A bake sale was held in conjunction of the party with proceedings to help fund the Youth Programs.

The parties were organized by the KBIC Youth Committee and Director with the help of the Youth Programs staff and a number of community service workers.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Above, Alexis Lamson receives a face painting by provider Charlotte Loonsfoot. Below, Lilianna Gauthier (pirate) enjoys a bounce house. Right/top, Kobe Forcia (Itsy-bitsy spider) enjoying one of the bounce houses. Right/bottom, Laila Dowd (popcorn) 1st place winner in the age 3-5 category.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.



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A bunny rabbit and her carrot... sisters: (bunny) Kadynce Loonsfoot and (carrot) Aaliyah Loonsfoot.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

NOVEMBER 9, 2013 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on November 9, 2013, at the Marquette Community Center, in Harvey, Michigan. President Warren C. Swartz, Jr. presided over the meeting with Elizabeth D. Mayo, Susan J. LaFernier, Toni Minton, Jennifer Misegan, Robert (RD) Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Jean Jokinen, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Carole L. LaPointe, Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, and Don Messer, Jr. present.

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

Pat Brown presented Council with the Marquette Senior Citizens' Christmas Party details. Their celebration will be held at the Holiday Inn. Additional funds above the budgeted \$1500 were sought by Ms. Brown to cover the cost. **Motion by Jennifer Misegan to approve the additional expenses for the Marquette Senior Citizen's Christmas Party for the meal at the Holiday Inn, supported by Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**

Sandy Carlson requested information on the Christmas Gift Check/Sovereignty Check disbursement. Council informed her and others present the amount has been determined to be \$1900 for eligible members. Baraga County checks will be disbursed on November 25th, and Marquette County checks will be disbursed on November 26th.

Carrie Ashbrook requested Council address the problems which occurred with having Marquette youth employed with the Summer Youth Program for the prior two years. The problems occurred with background clearances being conducted within the locations where the youth are stationed. Background checks were unable to be completed for all adult employees at those locations within the timeframe prior to the Summer Youth Program commencing. Council's consensus is to work proactively on this issue to allow the Marquette youth to be employed for the next summer's program.

Marilyn Abbott discussed concerns with the erosion problems at the Pinery Cemetery. Council is aware of the problem and informed her that Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., Director of Cultural Resources, is working on addressing the erosion issue.

Treasurer Jennifer Misegan brought forward the donations for November 2013. **Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to approve the November 2013 donations in the amount of \$5,000.00**

for Marine Corps League's Toys for Tots, \$200.00 for the Bethel United Pentecostal Church for their Community Thanksgiving Dinner, \$350.00 for the Baraga Alumni Basketball Games, \$1,000.00 for the Salvation Army, \$500.00 for the Baraga Fire Department's Children's Christmas Party, \$1,000.00 for John Hellyer's Cell Phone (special needs), for a total of \$8,050.00, supported by Susan J. LaFernier, ten supported (Mayo, S. LaFernier, Minton, Curtis, Dakota, M. LaFernier, LaPointe, Matthews, Messer), one opposed (Jokinen), 0 abstained, motion carried.

Council moved into closed session with Marilyn Abbott regarding Housing issues; Adrian Abbott regarding Housing issues; Tony Rabi-taille, Chairman Aanikoosing, Inc. with Board of Director's Update; and Jennifer Misegan with Attorney's Contract on the agenda. Upon returning to open session, Council made the following motion. **Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo not to renew Lindy Grell's attorney contract and to let it expire as of December 16, 2013, supported by Fred Dakota, seven supported (Mayo, S. LaFernier, Minton, Misegan, Dakota, M. LaFernier, Messer), three opposed (Curtis, Jokinen, LaPointe), 0 abstained, one absent (Matthews), motion carried.**

~ submitted by Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2013

Activities reported by the Secretary, Susan J. LaFernier, for the month of October 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. A wonderful fall is upon us as we prepare for the snowy, cold season that is another one of the seasons of our area!

A conference call was held on October 30th with our Natural Resource Department personnel and the EPA regarding the public notice for the comment period by the public and state for our Treatment as a State for water quality standards. KBIC will be the first Tribe in Michigan to receive this most important status hopefully in early 2014.

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. There is still time to get your flu shot.

NATIVE VOTE 2013—every vote and voice counts. The October 22nd Secretarial Election was held, and the decision regarding removing the Secretary of Interior from our Constitution-Article VIII Amendment A Amendments was duly rejected by a vote of 47 For and 131 Against. A total of 337 voters were entitled to vote per Jenevieve M. Gillett, Acting Superintendent of the B.I.A. Michigan Agency and Chairman of the Election Board for this election. The L'Anse-Baraga Primary Election was also held on November 2, 2013, and congratulations to the winners who now advance to the General Election to be held on December 14, 2013. Thank you to everyone who voted in these elections. We have not reached our goal for Keweenaw Bay to have 100% of our registered/eligible members vote! We have 818 eligible voters. Four-hundred-four (404) of the 669 registered voters voted in the Primary Election, and 149 eligible votes are not registered.

Remember to continue to pray for each other and 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.

We wish everyone a blessed, Merry Christ-

mas!

During October 2013, the Tribal Council held one Regular Tribal Council Meeting on October 5, 2013, at the Ojibwa Motel Conference Room. This meeting is covered in the November 2013 Newsletter. Tribal Council held seven Special/ Finance Council Meetings. Following are the unapproved motions from October.

At a council meeting held October 3, 2013, the following actions were taken:

- Approved a motion to build the new Zeba Community Center at the Zeba Ball Field;
- Approved the bid from Kirkish Furniture for the Baraga Casino carpeting;
- Approved the sub-recipient agreement with the Aanikoosing, Inc. for the HUD Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) to purchase the gas tanks for Marquette;
- Approved the Service Agreement with Orchard, Hiltz, and McCliment, Inc. OHM Nuclear Density Testing Services for the fish ladders (culverts) north of L'Anse;
- Approved \$100,000.00 for travel/training in the General Fund for necessary travel, and the CEO's office will administer the travel funds;
- Approved to collaborate between the Health Center and the Substance Abuse Programs (New Day) to provide billing at the Health Center.

At a council meeting held October 9, 2013, where Council viewed a Power Point Presentation, by Michael Crump, President/Owner of Innovative Gaming Solutions: Marquette, Baraga Casinos and Gaming Commission Operations Evaluation.

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

- Approved the Emergency Medical Technology Loan Program;
- Approved the Vocational Technical Student Guaranteed Loan Program and to check with the attorney regarding drug testing of applicants;
- Approved the KBIC Request for Proposals for Ecologist Assistance with the KBIC Wildlife Management Plan (ANA Grant);
- Approved to table a request for the FY 2014 USGS Joint Funding Agreement for stream gauges on the Yellow Dog, Salmon Trout, and East Branch Salmon Rivers until Council can discuss with our Mining Consultant;
- Approved the Entertainment Agreement with Carole K. Carver/Tiger Productions for the "Pressbox Fantasia Female Revue" on November 16, 2013;
- Approved the Services Agreement with Mabel Lewis-Hill for language immersion

services for one year;

- Approved a Big Boat Commercial Fishing License to Tammy Seymour and to pro-rate the fee pending available tags.

At a council meeting held October 15, 2013, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the FY 2014 Budgets;
- Approved a 3% raise for FY 2014 (clarification at a later date).

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

- Approved the September 27, 2012 Tribal Council meeting minutes;
- Approved the KBIC Community Assistance Program (CAP) revised guidelines effective October 1, 2013;
- Approved to suspend four committees: Economic Development Committee, Natural Resources Committee, Alcohol Advisory Board, and the Parks and Recreation Committee;
- Approved the 3% raise for FY 2014 for all government and enterprise employees, except those whose increases are identified in their contract or are serving in interim, temporary, or on-call positions, will be effective on their anniversary date. Employees hired on or after October 1, 2008, have an effective date of the month and day they were hired in their current position, and employees hired prior to October 1, 2008, in their current position have an effective date of October 1st;
- Approved the motor vehicle title (application) fee from \$15.00 to \$22.00 to cover the cost of the title and duplicate title (cost of paper);
- Approved the changes and increases for license plates and registrations fees;
- Approved the Hunting/Fishing/Trapping card fee increases;
- Approved \$1,900.00 for this year's Christmas Gift Check which will also be changed to be called the "Sovereignty Check";
- Approved the KBIC TERO Pre-Employment/Job Readiness Fund Policy with changes;
- Approved the (Tier II) Services Agreement with Kirkish Furniture for the Baraga Casino carpeting;
- Approved the USGS Joint Funding Agreement FY 2014 for the stream gauges on the Yellow Dog, Salmon Trout, and East Branch Salmon Trout Rivers;
- Approved the MOA between KBIC and GLIFWC for their payment of the above stream gauges with USGS;
- Approved the Tribal Council Secretary's Report for September 2013;
- Introduced by motion proposed ordinance

2013-04 Tribal Code Title 20 Natural Resources Chapter 20B: KBIC Mining Moratorium and waived the reading;

- Approved Cody Blue and Don Carlson as the alternates for the Election Board for the Primary and General elections and Lauri Denomie for the Primary Election;
- Approved Resolution KB 1952-2013 Mark J. Misegon Recreational Lease;
- Approved the Project Agreement with the Board of County Road Commissioners of Baraga for preliminary engineering services for the Wadaga Road and Tailor Road improvements;
- Approved the Project Agreement with the Board of County Road Commissioners of Baraga for engineering and construction work for the replacement of the Skanee Road Bridge crossing the Ravine River;
- Approved the Project Agreement with the Board of County Road Commissioners of Baraga for engineering and construction work for the replacement of two existing bridges crossing the Menge Creek;
- Approved the Project Agreement with the Board of County Road Commissioners of Baraga for engineering and construction work for the replacement of culverts at Denomme Creek, Roubillard Creek, North Branch of Gomanche Creek, and the South Branch of Gomanche Creek;
- Approved the (Tier II) Services Agreement with L'Anse Furniture Mart for \$13,935.00 for the Head Start Building carpeting;
- Approved an amendment to the (Tier II) Kirkish Furniture Services Agreement for the Baraga Casino carpeting;
- Approved the bid from LaCourt Bottled Gas Company for a guaranteed price for the heating season November-May 2014;
- Defeated a motion to uphold the Assistant CEO's termination decision—Government employee #004-13;
- Approved to overturn the Assistant CEO's decision in the appeal of termination—Government employee #004-13, to reinstate her and give an additional 90-day probation period effective today;
- Tabled the Youth Programs' Activity Fund Guidelines until next Thursday's meeting;
- Approved to offer the position of Marketing Manager for the Ojibwa Casino to Jackie Swartz.

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

- Approved a request from Michael P. Lahti to remove his name from the Superior Auto Works 41 business license, and a new license application will need to be filed;
- Approved the consultant agreement with Mary Hindelang, Ph.D., to provide ecological consulting services for \$12,000.00 from the ANA Grant;
- Approved the revised KBIC Youth Program Activity Fund Guidelines with the changes effective October 1st;
- Approved to change the CAP Guidelines in the Applications Section: Tribal I.D.'s must match the address of the applicant (take out physical address);
- Approved Resolution KB 1954-2013 to gain VPN connectivity to the B.I.A.'s TAAMS (Trust Asset Accounting Management System) to access records pertaining to the lands and resources of the Tribe for official purposes (for J. Ayres, G. Jondreau, K. Marshall);
- Approved the (Tier II) Services Agreement with Fischer Biological Consulting LLC for Walleye pond operations/site layout recommendations;
- Approved the (Tier II) Services Agreement with Larson Well Drilling LLC for a Walleye pond well;
- Approved the Service Agreement with LaCourt Bottled Gas for a price protection rate of \$1.60 a gallon through May 31, 2014;
- Approved the (Tier II) Services Agreement with Hope Works (Becky Panasiewicz) to establish an "Enablement Prevention Program" for \$25,200.00 to be paid from the Healing to Wellness Court grant;
- Approved to separate the Casino General

Manager positions: Dale Shalifoe will be the GM in Marquette, and David Haataja will be the GM in Baraga. They will have to attend the KBOCC classes, and David Haataja's wage will be adjusted back to his prior wage with the yearly increases;

- Approved the letter to Millenium Services to terminate the services (Independent Contractor Agreement on November 28, 2013) and to have Charles Brumleve, Mining Consultant provide a list of current projects he is working on.

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

- Approved the October 4, 6, 11, 18, 25, 2012 Tribal Council meeting minutes;
- Approved the bid from Michigan Sales & Equipment, Inc. for a 5600 F-series Tool Cat for \$41,242.50 the Transfer Station;
- Approved the bid from Bobcat Plus, Inc. for the five (5) tool cat attachments for \$17,775.67 for the Transfer Station;
- Approved the bid from Bobcat Plus, Inc. for a E42 T4 Compact Excavator for \$46,548.60 for the Transfer Station;
- Approved to remove the "Other Resources" line (regarding must use the LIHEAP) in the Tribal Elders Heating Assistance Program Guidelines and to revise the form;
- Defeated a motion to remove the entire second paragraph from the CAP Guidelines page one (1) Purpose (regarding what the program does not assist with);
- Approved to take out the "scheduled vehicle maintenance as identified in the owner's manual" in the CAP Guidelines page one (1) Purpose (will now be funded);
- Approved the (Tier II) Services Agreement with Rebecca Panasiewicz/Hope Works for a Positive Peer Group Counseling Program from the Tribal Court's Healing to Wellness grant;
- Approved to appoint James R. Bittorf to fill the vacancy of the Appellate Court Justice;
- Approved the MOA with Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College;
- Approved a \$50.00 Pines card and up to \$3,000.00 for the Baraga Seniors' Dinner and up to \$1,500.00 for the Marquette Seniors' Dinner;
- Approved to transfer Richard (Rick) Shalifoe from the DHHS building maintenance to the Department of Public Works where the maintenance personnel will rotate between the governmental offices;
- Approved the Medicare Part D Plan implementation (by the DHHS Department prescription medication for those 65 and older);
- Approved the adjudication of Holley Makela;
- Approved to uphold the CEO's decision in the Enterprise appeal of termination #005-13.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan J. LaFernier, Secretary

KBIC Sex Offender Registry: Community Education Meeting

Friday, December 6th, 2013

9:00am – 12:30pm

Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room

This meeting is open to the public. Any concerns about KBIC's sex offender registry can be addressed here. Topics to be discussed will include:

- The current status of sex offender registration for KBIC.
- The rules concerning sex offenders and attendance at school events.
- Increasing public awareness of the SORNA program.
- Any issues related to sex offender registration.

For more information, please contact:
Chuck Miller – SORNA Coordinator, KBIC Tribal Police, 353-6626 or cmiller@kbic-nsn.gov



Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Office of Violence Against Women 24-Hour Crisis Line 906-353-4599



The holiday season has arrived! Along with the Holidays come the parties....work parties, family parties, New Year's Eve parties and lots and lots of food.....and sometimes alcohol.

Even though we see near-perfect images of the holidays on TV or Hallmark cards, we tend to forget that the holidays can also be very stressful. This stress combined with too much alcohol can be a recipe for increased violence. Professionals all across the country know that alcohol is NO EXCUSE for Domestic Violence. However, statistics show that in over half of all arrests for domestic violence alcohol has been a contributing factor.

So take time this holiday season to remember that someone in your community is suffering at the hands of an abusive person. Right now there is someone who feels so frightened to leave their partner that they are willing to stay "until after the holidays are over." Right now there is a child who is witnessing abuse. Right now you can reach out to that person in your family or circle of friends and let them know that you care.

Other ways you can help:

Volunteer at the Shelter! (You can get an application by calling 906-353-4599.) Sign up to become an on-call worker. Host a fund raiser or a food drive for the Shelter (there are no grant funds to aid people with food and/or personal needs when they arrive in a shelter – often times, they arrive with only the clothing on their backs and have nothing until they get the resources they need which can take up to a month or longer.)

Donate to the Nimii Giimi Wang Transition Home

Food Items Needed:

- Frozen Venison/Meat
- Butter/Margarine
- Milk/Dairy
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Salt/Sugar/Baking Soda/Baking Powder
- Bread/Yeast
- Fruits/Vegetables



Personal Needs:

- Shampoo/Conditioner (Not Travel sizes)
- Deodorant
- Diapers/Wipes
- Razors



Due to the rising costs of materials and in order to cover those costs, the Tribal Council approved increases to the following Motor Vehicle and Licensing Fees:

Motor Vehicle/Licensing Fees

Approved by Tribal Council 10/17/2013

Title Fee	\$22.00
Duplicate Title Fee	\$22.00
Seniors Citizens (aged 55 and older) get a \$5.00 discount on registration transactions except plate transfers and one free plate or renewal each year per household.	
New Plate	\$35.00
Replacement Plate	\$30.00
Plate Renewal	\$25.00
Motorcycle Plate	\$15.00
Trailer Plate	\$15.00
Plate Transfer	\$ 5.00
New Veteran's Plate (1 st plate issued – free)	\$25.00
ATV/Snowmobile Registrations	\$15.00/3yrs
Boat Registration	\$15.00/3yrs
Collector's Plate (includes postage)	\$50.00
Regular Hunting/Fishing/Trapping Cards	\$15.00
Senior Hunting/Fishing/Trapping Cards	\$ 5.00
Visitor Hunting/Fishing/Trapping Permit Minimum charge is (Price varies for each Tribe)	\$15.00
Second Set Deer Tags	\$ 5.00
H/F/T Replacement Card	\$10.00
Bait Permits	\$10.00
Camping Permits	No Fee
Handicapped Permits	No Fee
Personal Overnight Netting (Subsistence)	No Fee
Enrollment Cards (1st Card) (\$10/ea. after)	No Fee

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2013

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

- Barack Obama proclaimed November 2013 as National Native American Heritage Month. He called upon all Americans to commemorate this month with appropriate programs and activities, and to celebrate November 29, 2013, as Native American Heritage Day.
- I have an update to report on the Treaty farming case related to pigs. The Judge denied the DNR's motion to dismiss. He didn't buy their argument that the 1854 Treaty terminated the usual privileges of occupancy reserved in the 1842 Treaty. In the 1842 Treaty, the Indian signatories ceded large portions of the western Upper Peninsula of Michigan but reserved "the right of hunting on the ceded territory, with the other usual privileges of occupancy." Brenda Turunen is a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. She lives and works on her family farm.
- I attended an United Tribes of Michigan meeting in Mount Pleasant, MI. We met and discussed a number of issues including an initiative titled Honoring our Children Initiative. The purpose is to engage Tribal Leaders and Tribal citizens in creating a plan to improve the full range of factors important to the well-being of Tribal Children ages 0-8, including quality education, safe communities, and good health. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community is participating in this project. The next step in the planning process is to participate at a summit being held in Petoskey on December 10th and 11th. We are sending a team down there to develop a proposal to submit to the WK Kellogg Foundation. At the meeting, Tribes in Michigan need to come to a consensus and agree to the plan.
- Also at the United Tribes meeting, a discussion took place regarding Environmental Accords with the State of Michigan and Federally-recognized Tribes in Michigan. I informed those in attendance that the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community would not be signing any accord without any recognition of our inherent sovereign right to govern ourselves and that recognition is recognized by the Governor of the State of Michigan. In addition any Environmental accord to be considered would have to be legally enforce-

able in a Court of Law. In 2004, an accord concerning protection of shared water resources didn't help us in resolving our outstanding issues related to the Eagle Mine. I also reminded other Tribes in attendance that we are at a meeting of the United Tribes of Michigan, and if one tribe is opposed, all others should be too.

- While in Mount Pleasant, MI, at the United Tribes meeting, I became aware of another meeting. This meeting was about the 1993 gaming compact in which the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community is a part of and has standing. I decided to invite myself and immediately asked why the Community wasn't invited to participate in the discussions. I was told that since our gaming compact didn't expire and that some in attendance didn't feel the need to include the Community. I informed those in attendance that the Community intends to participate in further discussions and would appreciate if they would forward any and all documents related to the proposed gaming compact.
- Recently I attended a dedication ceremony for the solar panels that were installed at the Community's commodity food warehouse in Zeba, MI. At this ceremony, Dustin Denkins of Waterfront Solar, LLC, the company that installed the system, provided us with a tour and described how the system worked. A number of Tribal Council Members also attended the dedication, and it was great to see some students there from the local area high schools. One of the tasks we wanted these students to do was to install the last solar panel which they did. We thought it was important to include the youth of our Community because it is their project, and we wanted to dedicate the system with them in mind and let them know that this is their system and to take care of it. It is a step in the right direction; it fits within our strategic plan, and the Community is very proud of that solar system. I have been told it is one of the biggest solar system arrays of solar panels in Upper Michigan. This is an opportunity to use some of that free energy.
- One of the cases that we are watching at the Supreme Court level is the Bay Mills Indian Community versus Michigan. Michigan's original complaint sought only perspective relief that cannot be obtained by suit against tribal offices. Michigan amended its complaint seeking damages present, and no

important policy issue with which to gain question of governmental authority. In Michigan, we are concerned about tort victims. It could have sought protection for them in its compact as New Mexico did. The case should be remanded to proceed against tribal officials under Michigan's amended complaint. I feel the Bay Mills Indian Community's suit should be dismissed by tribal immunity from suit. That hearing will be taking place on December 2nd at the Supreme Court level, and it has a huge impact on sovereignty of all Indian nations in the United States.

- The Community had a vacancy in the Appellate Court system, and the Tribal Council appointed Council James Bittorf. He has accepted and will be taking his oath of office.
- At a previous meeting Council had discussed the Christmas parties of both Baraga and Marquette seniors. Council approved a \$50 gift card per senior, \$1500.00 for the Marquette Senior Citizen's party, and \$3000.00 for the Baraga Ojibwa Senior Citizen's party.
- I recently attended a Title Ten meeting which is an ordinance relating to hunting, fishing, and trapping. We are in the process of reviewing Title Ten, and there are a number of recommendations the committee is reviewing and will be presenting to Council for approval shortly.
- Last week the Community was visited by Dr. Susan Hedman, Regional Administrator for EPA Region 5, Chicago, Illinois. She informed us our application for treatment as a state relating to water quality standards was approved at the regional level and is going to move forward for a thirty day compact. This is huge news! The Community has been working for a number of years trying to achieve this status, and it is good to hear that the EPA has taken look at it and has confirmed that the Community does have the capacity to do its own water quality here on or near the L'Anse Reservation. It's good news that we will be able to exercise our sovereignty by regulating those water quality standards on or near the L'Anse Indian Reservation.

This concludes my report.

Respectfully submitted,
Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President

KBIC CONTRACTS GUARANTEED PRICE PROGRAM WITH LACOURT BOTTLED GAS COMPANY

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community has contracted with LaCourt Bottled Gas of Baraga, to provide a Guaranteed Price Program for Liquefied Petroleum (LP) gas for the 2013-2014 heating season (Nov 1, 2013 – May 31, 2014). Enrolled KBIC members can participate in the program by contacting LaCourt Bottled Gas to either sign up for or switch to the program. The maximum price members will pay at their main residence (commercial properties, second homes, camps, etc. excluded); during the heating season is \$1.60 per gallon plus any applicable taxes. The program also guarantees that if LaCourt Bottled Gas price falls below the set pricing, the members pricing will fall correspondingly. Members may be required to provide their KBIC Enrollment Card as proof of membership to participate in the program. LaCourt Bottled Gas's credit policies apply, and they have the right to deny participation in the program at their discretion. LaCourt will be delivering fuel to members at their current retail price and providing the guaranteed price at the time of payment if within the terms of their credit policies. The service area for the program covers from Baraga; easterly to the M-95 Junction, westerly to Rousseau Road, northerly to Broemer Road, and all of Baraga County. If your LP gas bill is currently paid for by KBIC through the Senior/Disabled Heating Program, your bill will be sent directly to KBIC for payment for this heating season. If you aren't using LaCourt Bottled Gas and are part of the Senior/Disabled Heating Program, please contact LaCourt Bottled Gas to have your tank switched out. If you have questions or need more information regarding the program, please contact LaCourt Bottled Gas directly at 906-353-6126 or the CEO's office at 906-353-4104.



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TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

Activities reported by the Treasurer, Jennifer Misegan, for the month of October 2013. Donations approved for the month of October were as follows: **Special Olympics \$500.00, March of Dimes \$500.00, L'Anse Yearbook \$200.00, Baraga Yearbook \$200.00, American Cancer Society \$500.00, Howl-O-Scream Haunted House \$100.00, and L'Anse Football Team 5th Quarter Event \$210.00.**

The Fiscal Year 2014 budget was approved on October 15, after many meetings and reviews. This was a very difficult budget as I reported last month. When we began the process, we had a proposed deficit of \$2.9M. Many modifications were made after careful evaluation. It was very difficult to reduce expenses without making adjustments to programs and services. In the middle of the budget process, we had a consulting company, Innovative Gaming Solutions, come in to conduct an evaluation of our Casinos. They had many suggestions for increasing revenue which will positively impact the bottom line of both properties. The largest expenses causing the proposed deficit were the Capital expenses that the Casinos had requested which totaled \$2.5M. In the end, the budget was approved without any of the Capital expenses; however, those projects may be permitted once there have been improvements in performance at each Casino. We will be closely monitoring to insure that the budgeted projections are met, the suggested changes are made, and that the house profits increase. Management is aware of their responsibilities and will be held accountable.

On October 30, I attended a Retirement Committee meeting. An Investment Review of the 401(k) plan along with the Defined Benefit plan was conducted with Julie Riolo of Wells Fargo. We were informed that we currently have 545 participants in the 401(k) with approximately 30% having outstanding loans. The plan is doing very well. We asked for and will be receiving some educational materials to provide to the employees in the paychecks stressing the importance to save for retirement. The Defined Benefit plan is also doing well. It is well diversified with very little risk.

I have been very busy working on the annual Christmas Gift Check/Sovereignty Check disbursements. Payments will be made to those members 18 years and older residing in Baraga and Marquette Counties as of September 1, and still residing there at the time of distribution. Baraga checks will be given out Monday, November 25, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and in Marquette, Tuesday, November 26, from 12:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Members are reminded to be prepared to provide address verification when picking up their checks.

As always, if anyone has any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,
Jennifer Misegan, Tribal Council Treasurer

CEO REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2013

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

- The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community now has a Facebook page. Be sure to "Like" us, so you're able to receive information related to new or modified programs and services, events, and activities taking place, and other useful information being shared.
- The Tribe has contracted with LaCourt Bottle Gas Co. of Baraga to provide guaranteed pricing of LP gas for its buildings and members residing in the service area. This year's price is guaranteed at \$1.60 per gallon and is effective for the heating season covering November 1, 2013 through May 31, 2014. There is a slight change to the program this year for members who participate. LaCourt delivers the gas at their current retail price; upon payment within their credit terms, the guaranteed price is provided. The service area covers areas leading out of Baraga as follows: north to Broemer Rd. on US-41, east to the M-95 junction on US-41, and west to Rousseau Rd. on M-38.
- The Tribe hired Innovative Gaming Solutions (IGS) to perform a comprehensive evaluation of its gaming and gaming support operations. The evaluation included four components: an off-site initial review of documents provided to them related to the areas being evaluated, an eight-day on-site visit to interview staff and view the operations first hand, a preliminary report of their findings to Council, and a comprehensive written report. The comprehensive 288 page report was received this week and will be reviewed by Council and management in two weeks. Plans will be developed, including timelines, and then implemented to address the findings. Based on the preliminary report, a proposal to contract for training with IGS was also received and will be considered by Council during their review of the comprehensive report.
- The FY14 Budget review sessions continued in early October with final approval by Council on October 15. Sarah Maki, Asst. CEO, is in the process of sending departments their approved budgets along with notations regarding changes that were made during review of their submissions.
- The Affordable Care Act, also known as "Obama Care", provision for open enrollment began on October 1. Employers were required to provide notices to their employees of this provision. Both our enterprise and governmental employees were informed. The Tribe has until January 1, 2015, to comply fully with all the employer provi-

sions of the act. This is a very complex and ever changing issue of which staff is doing their best to stay on top of.

- The Tribe has instituted an Emergency Medical Technology Loan Program. The Tribe serves as co-signor on loans to eligible KB members residing in Baraga County desiring to participate in an EMT program. The program is administered through the Tribes TERO Office located within the Tribal Center. Interested members can contact Debbie Picciano who directs the TERO Office.
- The Tribe received official notice of funding for its Low Income Heating Energy Assistance Program (aka LIHEAP). Guidelines for this year's program will be posted on the Tribe's website and Facebook page next week.
- With the FY14 budget approval, came changes to quite a few of the programs the Tribe provides. To read or hear more about the changes to specific programs, tune into the Tribe's radio stations – 105.7 and 98.7, subscribe to the Tribe's newsletter, visit the Tribe's website, contact the related department, or check its Facebook page regularly.
 - * The guidelines for the Community Needs Assistance Program, directed by the Community Assistance Programs Office, included a change to the service area which now includes Baraga County and the Marquette Trust property. Other changes were made to the immediate family member listing, funded items in the non-medical section, and additional requirements in the medical section.
 - * The Youth Activity Fund program, which is overseen by the Niiwin Akeaa Facility Programs Director, includes Baraga County and the Marquette Trust property as the service area. Eligible recipients are enrolled KB member parents or an enrolled KB member child. The amount per child is again \$250 for FY14. Other changes should be viewed by using the sources listed above.
 - * The Motor Vehicle and Licensing Department has changes in fees charged for license plates, registrations, licenses, and titles. Contact the department or use the sources listed for a complete list of those changes as well.
 - * The Tribe has approved the Health Center to work with Medicare Part D eligible clients in signing up for the program during open enrollment which is occurring now through early December and paying for the monthly plan fee. For eligibility requirements, individuals will need to

contact the Health Center directly.

- * The Commodity Food program has added deductions that will assist members and their families in meeting income guidelines. There is a new deduction for rent/utility of \$400, a small increase in the allowable net monthly income, a deduction for meals provided to a home care attendant of \$189, and an amendment to the out-of-pocket medical deduction which allows monthly medical expenses over \$35 to be deducted.
- * Seniors and disabled individuals received a packet of information and forms one of which was for the heating assistance program. In the information provided it required recipients provide their household income for eligibility in the LIHEAP program. That requirement has been removed and individuals who would like to apply for the LIHEAP program would provide their income at that time.
- In my reports in prior months I indicated that the Tribes Solid Waste Facility would be operational this fall. Several issues, including the US Government shut down, has delayed opening until the spring of 2014. Equipment for the facility is funded by an HUD ICDBG grant of which we were unable to access funds from until the reopening of the government. Lead time for equipment needed to operate the facility and complete construction has extended into the winter months. Also, an issue with right-of-ways has delayed installation of the electricity needed. Work on completion of the construction and installation of equipment will continue through the winter months.
- In a final note, based on a recommendation by the Cultural Committee, I requested that both language classes that have been held at the Cultural Building, be relocated until the new classroom being planned as an addition to the center is completed. The reason for the decision is due to the medicines that are kept there, the processing of the medicines, the files of those treated, and the need to keep them secure. Gary Loonsfoot Jr., Cultural Resources Director, has made arrangements for alternate sites for the classes to be held.

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

SOLAR ARRAY DEDICATION HELD, ZEBA, MICHIGAN

The dedication ceremony for the solar array at the Commodity Foods Warehouse in Zeba, MI, was conducted on Wednesday, November 6, 2013. President Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. and Councilors: Susan J. LaFerner, Carole La-Pointe, Jean Jokinen, and Don Messer Jr. also participated in this event. President Swartz welcomed those in attendance and described that conserving natural resources by utilizing green energy is an activity identified within the Community's Comprehensive Strategic Plan.

The solar array was funded primarily through a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The Michigan Economic Development Corporation assisted in providing matching funds.

According to Dustin Denkins, owner of Waterfront Solar, LLC, the system is projected to save \$4,864.14 in electrical energy costs in the first year of operation. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community will be monitoring the actual savings against these projections. Should the pilot-project produce the anticipated savings, other green energy systems will be considered for additional facilities, including commercial, administrative and residential. Ultimately, the goal is to create jobs through training and employing Tribal Members to conduct site preparation including digging and setting the footings, installing the pipe and framing and connecting to electrical systems.



Above, L'Anse/Baraga High School students assist with installing the last solar panel. Our youth were included because it is their project and reminding them that this is their system and to take care of it.

~ Photo and article submitted by Gregg Nominelli, Economic Developer.



Saturday, December 14th 2013 KBIC Youth
Harvey
Community Center Christmas Party

Gifts will be handed out beginning at 3pm

Pizza and refreshments will be served. Food and dessert donations are always appreciated.

For questions or to volunteer, please call the youth office at 353-4643 or 4646

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Sunday, December 15th 2013 KBIC Youth
Niiwin Akeaa
Community Center Christmas Party

Gifts will be handed out beginning at 3pm

Dinner will begin at 4pm

Food/dessert donations are always appreciated

To help with decorations or party activities, please contact the community center office at 353-4643 or 4646.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
Employment Opportunities**



Continuous/On Call positions:

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| * Pharmacy Technician (on call) | * Receptionist (fill-in) |
| * Facility Attendant (on call) | * Board Operator (on call) |
| * Registered Nurse (on call) | * Cashier (part time) |
| * Licensed Practical Nurse (on call) | * Account Executive/Sales (full time) |
| * Internal Sales Specialist (full time) | * Pre-Primary Teaching Assistant (on call) |
| * OVW Unit Manager (on-call, part time) | * Community Service Supervisor (on call) |
| * Pharmacist (on call) | * Unit Manager (New Day) |
| * Receptionist/Clerical Worker (on call) | * Family Aide |
| | * Van Driver (on call) |

For current job listings, complete job announcements, applications, and closing dates contact: KBIC Personnel Department, 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49908-9210 or 906-353-6623, ext 4176 or 4140 or visit: www.ojibwa.com.

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

**ATTENTION
TRIBAL TRAPPERS!**



The KBIC Natural Resources Department is in need of **full pine marten carcasses** (minus the pelt) for research on pine marten diet, genetics, health, and age.

We will need the following information with the carcass:

- Registration/Tag number for the animal;
- Township, range, and section where the animal was harvested. (a plat book is available to use in the KBIC Licensing Dept.)

If you're interested in donating to this study, please contact Wildlife Biologist, Pam Nankervis or Wildlife Technician, Kyle Seppanen at 524-5757 ext. 19 or 27. We can pick the carcass up, or you can bring it to the KBIC Natural Resources Department in Pequaming.

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**KBIC Youth Program Activity
Fund Guidelines**

The purpose of this fund is to assist KB Tribal member parents and those raising KB Tribal member children. Each fiscal year, a per-child amount is approved by the KBIC Tribal Council. The amount is currently \$250. The fiscal year begins on October 1 of each year. The fund services those residing in Baraga County and the Marquette Trust property area. A separate Activity Fund Request Form must be completed for each eligible child.

To qualify for the fund:

1. The parent of the child or the child must be enrolled KB members.
2. They must reside in the service area.
3. The child must be age 0-17 or in high school. Upon graduating from high school, the child is no longer eligible for the program.
4. The parent or the guardian may be required to provide proof that they have physical custody for the child that they are submitting receipts for:
 - a. If someone else is submitting receipts for a grandchild or other relative, the parent or guardian who has custody of the child must sign the form in agreement.
 - b. Court documents or birth certificates are examples of proof. (Please note, this information must be submitted each new fiscal year).
5. ORIGINAL receipts are required for all submitted funding reimbursements. If a receipt includes purchases for more than one child, the child's name must be noted next to the item on the receipt.
6. Only purchases made within the past 90 days will be reimbursed.
7. It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to keep track of how much is spent each fiscal year for each child.
8. Checks will be mailed once they are processed. If you don't receive your reimbursement after 14 business days of submission, please call the youth office at 353-4643 or 353-4644.
9. Requests that qualify for reimbursement through the program include:
 - a. activity fees
 - b. organized extracurricular activities
 - c. athletic fees, athletic equipment
 - d. after-school or summer camps
 - e. school related activities
 - f. school clothes and supplies
 - g. diapers/wipes
10. Travel is funded, and the funding can be banked (funding can carryover and be used in following years) through the eligible child's high school career (7-12 grade).

Purchases that do not qualify include: (this list is not all inclusive)

- a. bicycles
- b. formula, other infant supplies (ex: cribs, changing tables, jumpers)
- c. electronics

The Niiwin Akeaa Programs Director has the discretion to deny any item or receipt.

~Approved 10/24/2013 Tribal Council

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Welcoming Skyler Rain Sandman-Shelifoe, born Saturday, November 9, 2013, at 8:25 a.m. to Jessica Lynn Koski and Minogheezhig Sandman-Shelifoe. Skyler weighed 7 lbs, 12 ounces, and was 20 1/4 inches at birth. Grandparents are: Cheryl (Mike) Boyd, Roy (Beth) Koski II, Darlene Sandman, and Fred (Peggy) Shelifoe.



December is

Family Health History Month

at the LaPointe Health Center

Visit the community health information table on the 2nd floor at the LaPointe Health Center through the month of December to learn why knowing your family health history is an important part of your story. Family members inherit more than just hair and eye color. You can inherit risks for health problems like heart disease, diabetes, and cancer. Learning the best way to create a family health history and use it, could save your life or the life of a loved one.

While you're at the table check out the baby pictures of our Health Center family. Guess who they are and enter to win the drawing at the end of the month. You could win gift cards, slippers, and much more.



ATTENTION KBIC MEMBERS

THE KBIC TRIBAL COUNCIL HAS AUTHORIZED A VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL STUDENT GUARANTEED LOAN PROGRAM FOR UP TO \$5,000 FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS 18 AND OLDER RESIDING IN BARAGA OR MARQUETTE COUNTIES.

- A. MUST BE ACCEPTED INTO A LICENSED/ACCREDITED VOCTECH PROGRAM
- B. MUST BE ABLE TO PASS A DRUG TEST PRIOR TO RELEASE OF FUNDS
- C. MUST COMPLETE LOAN APPLICATION DOCUMENTS FROM SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK IN BARAGA

THE KBIC TRIBAL COUNCIL HAS ALSO AUTHORIZED AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY [EMT] LOAN PROGRAM FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS 18 AND OLDER RESIDING IN BARAGA COUNTY. MAXIMUM AMOUNT IS LIMITED TO THE COST OF ENROLLMENT IN EMT PROGRAM.

- A. MUST BE ACCEPTED INTO AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM
- B. MUST BE ABLE TO PASS ALL SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS – BACKGROUND, DRIVER'S LICENSE, AND HEALTH REQUIREMENTS
- C. MUST COMPLETE LOAN APPLICATION DOCUMENTATION FROM SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK

UPON COMPLETION OF THE EMT COURSE AND THE STUDENT HAS OBTAINED AN EMT LICENSE THE LOAN WILL BE FORGIVEN AND PAID FOR BY THE KBIC – PROVIDED STUDENT BRINGS IN THE VERIFICATION AND LICENSE

PRE-EMPLOYMENT/JOB READINESS FUNDING – UNEMPLOYED OR NEWLY EMPLOYED [WITHIN 30 DAYS] KBIC TRIBAL MEMBERS 18 AND OLDER RESIDING IN BARAGA COUNTY OR MARQUETTE TRUST PROPERTY ARE ELIGIBLE FOR UP TO \$150 EVERY 3 YEARS FOR ASSISTANCE TO GAIN EMPLOYMENT OR SEEKING TRAINING FUNDS FOR EMPLOYMENT.

REMINDER – PLEASE STOP BY THE TERO OFFICE TO FILL OUT A JOB SKILLS APPLICATION FOR THE **JOB SKILLS BANK!**

THE JOB SKILLS BANK IS A LISTING OF AVAILABLE PEOPLE LOOKING FOR JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND TRAINING ON OR NEAR THE RESERVATION OF THE KBIC!

AS A KBIC MEMBER YOU HAVE FIRST PRIORITY FOR THESE OPPORTUNITIES SO DON'T HESITATE TO GET HELP!

FOR INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS ON THESE PROGRAMS PLEASE CONTACT:

Debbie Picciano, TERO Director
Phone: 353-4167
E-mail: debbie.picciano@kbic-nsn.gov

TERO IS HERE FOR YOU!

KBIC YOUTH "No School Activity Day"

The KBIC Youth Program held a "No School Activity Day" at the Niiwin Akeaa Community Center on Friday, November 15, 2013. Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC) staff promoted a "Learning To Make Traditional Foods" program with the youth. The youth assisted with a meal of fish, wild rice soup, salad, and berries.

Other activities included: crafts, language hour, movies and popcorn, fitness fun, outdoor adventures, and a number of game opportunities.



The program was open to KBIC youth or children of KBIC members in grades K-6 who attend L'Anse or Baraga area schools. For more information on future "No School Activity Days" contact the KBIC Youth Program at (906) 353-4643 or (906) 353-4644.

OJIBWA LIBRARY NEWS

Book Club members, please call the library in December about our new book for January and our new meeting place.

I want to take a minute of your time to explain our policy when either Kathy or myself are not working. We make every effort to post dates and times (on the main door) when we are taking time off. Of course, there are times when we can't give prior notice and we try to have a notice. I also post library news on our Facebook

page: Ojibwa Community Library.

For you Duck Dynasty fans, we have another book: *Si-Cology 101* by Si Robertson.

Kathy and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

~ submitted by Mary Bergerson,
Tribal Library Director



KBIC RECEIVES ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE GRANT

Dr. Susan Hedman, Regional Administrator for EPA Region 5, Chicago, Illinois, attended a Tribal Council meeting on November 7, 2013, to personally present the certificate of award to KBIC for receiving a \$30,000.00 Environmental Justice Grant from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). Dr. Hedman said, "The grant will be used by KBIC Natural Resources Department to learn how often members in this community eat fish from local waters; what kind of fish they eat; and which lakes, rivers, and streams they use for fishing. This is important because of the cultural significance of fish to this community and because of the health risks especially to children and younger women associated by eating fish contaminated by mercury and other contaminants. KBIC members will be able to use the information gathered by the study to make better decisions about which fish they should eat and how often. This is one of 39 Environment Justice Grants the EPA is making nationwide this year, and it was a very stiff competition, so I wanted to personally congratulate KBIC on being selected for this award, and I look forward to seeing the results of the study and what the Community does with the results of the study."

President Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. thanked Dr. Hedman for coming to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and personally presenting their award. President Swartz said, "We are a fishing tribe, and we have always depended on that resource. Fish has always been a part of our diet. Most of us have grown up on our resources; the fish and the game that were harvested by our parents. So it is important to us to take a look at those consumptions and see if we can continue to eat those fish. I know there are some fish that are in certain bodies of water that are mercury contaminated, and there are fish advisories that have been posted for pregnant women and small children."

Additionally, Dr. Hedman informed the Community that the USEPA has reviewed KBIC's Clean Water Act Program (CWA) eligibility application and has determined that the application is complete and can move forward for a thirty day compact. The applica-



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Left to right, KBIC Natural Resource staff: Char Spruce and Katie Kruse, President Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr., Dr. Susan Hedman, and Natural Resources Director Lori Sherman.

tion may be read online at www.epa.gov/region5/water/wqs5/wqstribes.html or at the following locations: Baraga County Clerk, KBIC Tribal Center, KBIC Tribal Court, or U.S. EPA Region 5.

Dr. Susan Hedman was appointed by President Barack Obama to be the Region 5 Administrator on Earth Day of 2010. She directs EPA's operations in six states in the Great Lakes Region (Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota) as well as 35 Federally Recognized Tribal Governments. One of her most important roles is that of Great Lakes National Program Manager in which she oversees restoration and protection of the largest fresh water system in the world. She leads a team of over 1000 scientists, engineers, lawyers, environmental specialists, and administrative staff in the Region 5 office.

OJIBWA COMMUNITY LIBRARY LITERACY NIGHT, "EMPOWERING FUTURES"

The Ojibwa Community Library held their Literacy Night, "Empowering Futures" on October 24, 2013, at the Niiwin Akeea Center, in Baraga, Michigan. It was an opportunity for the members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and KBOCC instructors and students to share their creative talents with the community. Stories and poems were presented by: Shirley Brozzo, Clara Corbett, Sally Brunk, Joe Kirkish, Cecilia Chosa, Jessie Koenig, Sarah Garver, and Helene Shalifoe. Drawings by Sydni Voakes were also on display. The Literacy Night was funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.



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Left: Tribal Library Director Mary Bergerson with Sydni Voakes. Right: Shirley Brozzo. Shirley is a consultant for the Empowering Futures Grant, mentoring the girls of the DHHS Positively You group. She is a KBIC member, serves as the Associate Director of the Multicultural Education and Resource Center at NMU since 1994, and holds a Master of Fine Arts Degree in Creative Writing. She is also a Contingent Assistant Professor with the Center for Native American Studies at NMU and a published writer.

Below: Helene Curtis Shalifoe, KBOCC student who shared some of her stories.



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Left: Sally Brunk. Sally is a writer and poet. She centers on the bond of family and the Native American way of life. Sally's work is published in the anthologies *Sharing Our Stories of Survival*; *Native Women Surviving Violence*, *Voice on the Water*, *Great Lakes Native America Now*; and *Quill and Parchment: Motherhood*. Sally has her own book of poetry entitled *The Cliffs: Summer Soundings*.

Right: Clara Corbett. Clara's work was published in *Voice on the Water*, a collection of stories, poems, and images that echo the lives of contemporary American Indians living in Michigan.

DECEMBER 2013 Calendar Events

Dec 3: Loving Families for Growth and Change Program;

Dec. 5: Constitutional Committee Meeting, 1 pm, Council Chambers;

Dec. 7: Reg. Sat. Council Meeting, 9 am, Ojibwa Resort Conference Room; Ride and Learn:

Dec. 14: General Election; Marquette County KBIC Youth Christmas Party;

Dec. 15: Baraga County KBIC Youth Christmas Party;

Dec. 18: Veteran's Meeting, 7 pm;

Dec. 24-26: Gov't Offices Closed, Christmas Holidays;

Dec.31-Jan.1: Gov't Offices Closed, New Years Holidays.

~ 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.

Deepest Sympathy

James Douglas Stahl (May 28, 1933-August 7, 2012)

Long time resident James Douglas Stahl passed away on August 7, 2012, in Lake Havasu City at the age of 79. Jim, as he was known to his family and friends, was born May 28, 1933, in L'Anse, Michigan, to Douglas and Bernadette (Clement) Bendry. Following graduation from high school, Jim enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and was honorably discharged, holding the rank of sergeant following three years of service. He then went to work in public safety as a police officer and firefighter before relocating to Lake Havasu City in 1972 where he was a business owner and later an inspector for the Lake Havasu City Engineering Department. Among his many hobbies were woodworking, blacksmithing, fishing, and hunting.



Jim is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Louise, of Lake Havasu City; sons: James "Chip" (Jamee) Stahl, of Lake Havasu City, Frank (Lori) Stahl, of Lake Havasu City, Michael (Andree) Stahl, of Mesa, and Charles (Wendy) Stahl, of Needles, Calif.; daughters: Dorothy "Dotti" (Bo) Dugan, of Santan Valley, and Roxanne (Bob) Zimmer, of Flagstaff; sister, Mary Ann Stahl, of Deerfield Beach, Fla.; 20 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren.

A Scripture service was held August 18, 2012, at Lietz-Fraze Funeral Home with Deacon Tom Coe officiating. Military honors followed conducted by the Lake Havasu Detachment No. 757 of the Marine Corps League.

The family requests that donations be made in Jim's memory to St. Jude Children's Hospital through the St. Jude Tribute Program P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 142 Memphis, TN 38148-0142.

Carlotta R. Beauprey (June 2, 1948-November 15, 2013)

Carlotta Raye Beauprey, age 65, of Assinins, MI, passed away on Friday, November 15, 2013, at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. She was born in Assinins, on June 2, 1948, the daughter of the late Lawrence and Leone (LaCosse) Denomie. Carlota grew up in Assinins, graduated from Baraga High School, and attended Ojibwa Community College and Michigan Technological University. On August 12, 1985, she married Joe Beauprey in Newport, Rhode Island. Carlota worked for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community for several years and served on the KBIC Education Committee and Indian Child Welfare Committee. She was appointed by Governor Engler to the Michigan Commission on Indian Affairs and served on the Michigan Child Abuse and Prevention Board and Children's Trust Fund. She also served as Chairperson for the Board of Regents for Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College, and was a member of the Regional Job Training Partnership Board. Carlota was a member of the Most Holy Name of Jesus Church, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, and the Ojibwa Seniors.

Carlota is survived by her loving husband Joe, children: Paul DesRochers, Stacey (Dan) Koski, Matthew (Shannon) DesRochers of Baraga, Joan DesRochers of Negaunee, Bob (Jean) Beauprey, Tony (Kristi) Beauprey of Sidnaw, Jerita LaPlante of Covington; numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren; brothers: Robert (Marilyn) Denomie and Lawrence (Ann) Denomie both of Assinins; sisters: Deloris Eberl and Betty (Gordon) Villwock both of Milwaukee; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her sisters Joan Bemis and Patricia Imig.

A Memorial Mass was held on Friday, November 22, 2013, at Holy Name of Jesus Church, Assinins, MI, with Father Nick Thompson, celebrant. Following the services a fellowship luncheon was held at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens, Baraga, MI. Spring interment will take place in the Sidnaw Cemetery. The family was assisted by the Reid Funeral Home, L'Anse, MI.

NEWS FROM THE OJIBWA SENIOR CITIZENS

The Senior Travel Committee will meet on Wednesday, December 4, 2013, at 12 noon at the Center.

The Senior Christmas Dinner is on Saturday, December 7, 2013. Sign-in will start at 4:00 p.m. with dinner at 5:00 p.m. Please call Dave Firestone in the Nutrition Office at the Senior Center (353-6096) by December 5, 2013, to let him know you will be attending the Christmas Dinner.

The December Senior Meeting will be held on December 9, 2013, at 12:15 p.m. Information on the Green Bay trip and Island trip will be available at the Christmas Dinner. The Green Bay trip will leave on

December 11, 2013, at approximately 12:30 p.m., and the trip to the Christmas Show on Ice at the Island Resort will leave on December 13, 2013, at approximately 12 noon. Those seniors participating in these trips will be receiving a letter outlining trip details.

January 2014

Regular Senior Meeting—January 8, 2014.
Pasty pre-preparation—January 22, 2014, 12:15 p.m. (right after lunch)
Pasty sale—January 23, 2014. Volunteers are needed at 5:00 a.m. or as early as possible. We are usually done by 11:00 a.m.

Your Vote Matters!
Re-Elect

Mike LaFermier, Sr. & Toni Minton

To Represent you in the L'Anse & Marquette District
and

Fred Dakota & Elizabeth "Popcorn" Mayo

To Represent you in the Baraga District
KBIC Tribal Council General Election

- Experienced, Responsible Leaders
- Dedicated, Fair, Caring, and Open-Minded
- Remembering our past and preparing for our next seven generations

Stability is important and much needed in our government.

Please Vote Saturday, 12/14/13 - 10 am-6 pm
Zeba Methodist Church ~ Ojibwa Senior Citizen Building

Megwetch for your continued support!

Paid Political Ad.

Loving Families for Growth and Change

Learn about drug abuse and what happens when we rescue.



Learn about how to truly help your loved one.

Everyone is invited to attend a presentation at the Ojibwa Senior Center on Dec. 3rd at 8pm.

Free coffee and a chance to win a \$50 dollar gas card.

Loving without rescuing is necessary for you, your loved one and your family. Come learn the difference between rescuing and loving.

**AFDO/Seafood Alliance
HACCP Training Course
Ojibwa Casino Resort—16449 Michigan Ave.
(M-38), Baraga, Michigan 49908
December 10-12, 2013**

December 10

8:00 a.m. EST Chapter 1, Welcome and Course Objectives (Ron Kinnunen), Chapter 2, Prerequisite Programs (Jim Thannum), Chapter 3, HACCP Preliminary Steps (Jim Thannum), Chapter 4, Seafood Safety Hazards (Beth Waitrovich), Chapter 5, Hazard Analysis (Ron Kinnunen)

12:15 p.m. Lunch, Chapter 6, Determine Critical Control Points (Jim Thannum), Chapter 7, Establish Critical Limits (Beth Waitrovich), Chapter 8, Critical Control Point Monitoring (Ron Kinnunen), Chapter 9, Corrective Actions (Jim Thannum)

5:30 p.m. Adjourn

December 11

8:00 a.m. EST Chapter 10, Establish Verification Procedures (Beth Waitrovich), Chapter 11, Record-Keeping Procedures (Jim Thannum), Chapter 12, The Seafood HACCP Regulation (Jim Thannum)

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 a.m. Commercial Processing Example—Smoked Fish (Ron Kinnunen), Smoked Fish Regulations (Ron Kinnunen), Chapter 13, Sources of Information on Preparing HACCP Plans (Beth Waitrovich), Regulations Related to Homeland Security (Ron Kinnunen), Review and Preparation for Developing HACCP Plans

5:30 p.m. Adjourn

December 12

8:00 a.m. EST Seafood HACCP Course Review, Work Sessions on Conducting Hazard Analysis and Developing, HACCP Plans (break

into groups)
11:30 a.m. Lunch
12:30 p.m. Work Sessions Reports (Discussion, Questions, and Answers)
3:30 p.m. Adjourn

Registration Deadline is December 3, 2013. Include \$100 Check payable to "NCAFDO". Mail to: Ron Kinnunen, Michigan Sea Grant, 710 Chippewa Sq. #202, Marquette, MI 49855.

Course No. 4088

First Name: _____ MI: _____

Last Name: _____

Company: _____

Address 1: _____

Address 2: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Country: USA

Phone: _____ Ext.: _____

FAX: _____

E-mail: _____

Training Location: City—Baraga State—MI _____

Training Date: December 10-12, 2013

Professional Affiliation: (please circle one)

Industry Government Education
Consultant Other

AFDO Region: (please circle one)

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**FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON
INDIAN RESERVATIONS (FDPIR)
NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS*
(Effective October 1, 2013)**

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

48 Contiguous United States:					Use this amount
Household Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standard	+	SNAP Standard Deduction	=	FDPIR Net Monthly Income Standard
1	\$ 958	+	\$152	=	\$1,110
2	\$1,293	+	\$152	=	\$1,445
3	\$1,628	+	\$152	=	\$1,780
4	\$1,963	+	\$163	=	\$2,126
5	\$2,298	+	\$191	=	\$2,489
6	\$2,633	+	\$219	=	\$2,852
7	\$2,968	+	\$219	=	\$3,187
8	\$3,303	+	\$219	=	\$3,522
Each additional member					+ \$335
Alaska:					Use this amount
Household Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standard	+	SNAP Standard Deduction	=	FDPIR Net Monthly Income Standard
1	\$1,196	+	\$260	=	\$1,456
2	\$1,615	+	\$260	=	\$1,875
3	\$2,035	+	\$260	=	\$2,295
4	\$2,454	+	\$260	=	\$2,714
5	\$2,873	+	\$260	=	\$3,133
6	\$3,292	+	\$274	=	\$3,566
7	\$3,711	+	\$274	=	\$3,985
8	\$4,130	+	\$274	=	\$4,404
Each additional member					+ \$420

FDPIR Income Deductions—see 7 CFR 253.6(e)

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.

Medical Expense Deduction — Households that incur monthly medical expenses by any household member who is elderly or disabled are allowed a deduction in the amount of out-of-pocket medical expenses paid in excess of \$35 per month. Allowable medical expenses are provided at 7 CFR 273.9(d)(3).

Home Care Meal-Related Deduction — Households who furnish the majority of meals for a home care attendant are allowed an income deduction equal to the maximum SNAP benefit for a one-person household. In Fiscal Year 2014, the amounts are as follows:

- 48 Contiguous U.S. States
- October 1, 2013—October 31, 2013 = \$200
- November 1, 2013—September 30, 2014—\$189

For Alaska, please select appropriate link below.

- [October 1, 2013—October 31, 2013 = \\$200](#)
- [November 1, 2013—September 30, 2014—\\$189](#)

See 7 CFR 272.7(b) for area designations in Alaska.

Standard Shelter/Utility Expense Deduction — Households that incur at least one monthly shelter or utility expense are allowed a standard income deduction (see chart below). Allowable shelter/utility expenses are provided at 7 CFR 273.9(d)(6)(ii).

FY2014 FDPIR Standard Shelter/Utility Expense Deductions - Based on Region*

Region	States Currently with FDPIR Programs	Shelter/Utility Deduction
Northeast/Midwest	Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Wisconsin	\$400
Southeast/Southwest	Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Texas	\$300
Mountain Plains	Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming	\$400
West	Alaska, Arizona, California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Washington	\$350

*If the geographic boundaries of an Indian reservation extend to more than one region per the identified regional groupings above, then a qualifying household has the option to receive the appropriate shelter/utility expense deduction amount for the State in which the household resides or the State in which the State agency's central administrative office is located.

Melissa Hronkin Named 2014 Michigan Art Education of the Year and Elementary Level Art Educator of the Year

Michigan Art Education Association (MAEA) September 11, 2013

Melissa Hronkin was selected by the Michigan Art Education Association to receive the 2014 Michigan Art Educator of the Year Award and Elementary Level Art Educator of the Year Award! This award recognizes the exemplary contributions, service, and achievements of one outstanding MAEA member annually. This award was presented to Ms. Hronkin during the MAEA Annual Conference banquet at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, on October 26, 2013.

Suzanne Butler Lich: "Melissa is dedicated to art education and goes far beyond the confines of her classroom. She is actively involved, providing quality art experiences for children and adults in the community."

Melissa Hronkin teaches Elementary art at Houghton Portage School District in Houghton, MI, and at local colleges as an adjunct instructor. This Fall semester, she is teaching Art Appreciation and Digital Photography at Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College. She received her BFA at the University of Alaska, Anchorage, MFA at the Minneapolis College of Art and Design, teaching endorsement at Northern Michigan University, and an MA in Art Education at The Ohio State University.

Melissa has been a regional co-liaison for MAEA Region 16-18 for 12 years and served at the NAEA delegate in 2008-2009. She co-chaired the 2003 Fall Conference held in Sault Ste. Marie, and is currently co-chairing the 2013 Conference held on Mackinac Island. Melissa spearheaded the 2013 UP Summer Professional Development Retreat held at Finlandia University's International College of Art and Design. She is active in community arts organizations, and teaches summer arts camp for youth and community art classes around the UP.

The membership of MAEA includes elementary, middle level and secondary art teachers, higher education professionals and student members, representatives from Michigan's art museums, the State Department of Education, arts councils and major colleges and universities throughout Michigan. MAEA was founded in 1949 and has provided an exemplary networking opportunity and collegial support for visual art educators throughout Michigan ever since. The Michigan Art Education Association is unified with the National Art Education Association and is currently one of the largest state art organizations in the nation with over 1,000 members. For more information visit the MAEA website at www.miarted.org.

MAEA President, Amy Marsh, amyelizabethvp@gmail.com
MAEA Award Chair, Diane F. Heath, contact # 586-306-2337, email: dhealth@rochester.k12.mi.us



The Michigan Art Education Association's mission is to promote quality visual arts education through leadership, service, and professional development.

**KBIC Seasonal Flu Vaccine Clinic
Vaccine Clinic, KBIC Health Dept. 2nd Floor**

Thursday, December 5th, 1:00—4:00 p.m.
Walk-In Basis ~ While Supplies Last

Vaccine is available for Tribal Members, descendants, and non-native household contacts.

Bring your insurance card if you have one.
For more information contact:

New deductions, you may now qualify! Check it out!

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 on income eligibility please contact:

Angela Shelifoe

KBOHCDC Program Administrator

906-353-7117 X106

Angie@kboha.com

~ NOTICE ~

TO ALL KBIC SENIORS 55 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, AND PERMANENTLY PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED-DISABLED PERSON:

SNOW PLOWING REQUIREMENTS

Head of Household Name: _____

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Member's Enrollment #: _____

Reside on the Reservation (Baraga County): _____ Yes _____ No

Physical Address: _____

L'Anse _____ Baraga _____

Telephone Number: (906) _____

Proof of Age — Birth Date: _____

Sign up at the front desk at the Tribal Center with proof (Enrollment Card, Driver's License, and/or proof of disability) or mail the information to:

KBIC Tribal Center
ATTN: Front Desk Receptionist
16429 Bear Town Road
Baraga, MI 49908

The Tribal Council will consider plowing privileges for those with permanent, physical disabilities within a "five" mile radius off the Reservation. Please submit a request and the above information.

* approved 01-14-2011
Tribal Council Meeting

NOTICE:

FY 2014 Community Assistance Programs (CAP) Office

Funding has been approved & applications are available in the CAP office for the following programs!



Before you apply, see *Income Guidelines* below!

LIHEAP

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

Direct Assistance Programs (DAP)

One-Time Payment to Heating/Electric Vendor

Your choice of either full payment on heating bill or half on heating and half on electric.

CSBG

Community Services Block Grant

Emergencies/Crises

Housing, Energy, Food, etc.

Non-Emergencies/Crises

Education, Testing, Training, Employment Services, etc.

Income Guidelines

Household Size/Annual Gross Income Allowable

1-\$22,756 2-\$29,758

3-\$36,760 4-\$43,762

5-\$50,764 6-\$57,766

In accordance with 45 CFR 96.85, 60% of each State's estimated median income for a 4-person family is multiplied by the following percentages to adjust for household size for LIHEAP: 52% for 1 person, 68% for 2 persons, 84% for 3 persons, 100% for 4 persons, 116% for 5 persons, 132% for 6 persons. For each additional member above 6 persons, add 3 percentage points to the percentage for a 6-person household (132%), and multiply the new percentage by 60% of the State's estimated median income for a 4-person household.

Income Guidelines

Household Size/Annual Gross Income Allowable

1-\$13,962 2-\$18,912

3-\$23,862 4-\$28,812

5-\$33,762 6-\$38,712

7-\$43,662 8-\$48,612

9-\$53,562 10-\$58,512

For each additional household member add: \$4,950.00

FEDERAL FUNDS

Fiscal Year: October 1, 2013 thru September 30, 2014

LIHEAP-Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program: Heating/Electric Funding and Shut-offs

CSBG-Community Services Block Grant: Utility Shut-offs, Emergency Food Assistance, New Employment, New Education-Training Expenses, Emergencies Services, etc.

TRIBAL FUNDS

Fiscal Year: October 1, 2013 thru September 30, 2014

These funds became available on October 18, 2013 and applications are currently being accepted throughout the fiscal year thru September 30, 2014. Tribal funds are payor of last resort and intended to assist only, not to cover full payment.

Non-Medical Assistance: Home Repairs/Replacement of Appliances-Equipment; Utility/Heating Disconnection Assistance; Vehicle Repair or Tire Replacement; and Out-of-Area Funeral Allowance.

Medical Assistance: Medical specialist appointments, Lifeline services, family hospitalizations and/or surgical procedures, etc.

Additional Assistance: Fire Assistance and Local Funeral Assistance

BIA/GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Calendar Year: January 1 thru December 31, 2014

TRIBAL ELDERS/DISABILITY PENSION CASH/HEATING ASSISTANCE

Fiscal Year: November, 2013 thru October, 2014

ALL Gross Income for each member of the household, 18 yrs. of age and older must be submitted for all programs except Tribal Funds and will be considered in making a determination on each request.

IMPORTANT UPDATE



Applications will not be accepted if your tribal ID address and those of all the KBIC members in your household do not match the address on your CAP Household Application. The Enrollment office is the KBIC's central contact office. It is your responsibility to update your tribal ID and make sure that all KBIC members residing in your household update their ID's, as well, with the Enrollment before applying for any of the programs in the CAP office.

If you have any questions or want additional information, please contact the CAP office at (906) 353-8137. Applications for all programs are available in the CAP office and online at: www.ojibwa.com

Attention Patients 65 and over

Open Enrollment for Medicare Part D plans for prescription drug coverage through *Humana*, is now available to patients that use the KBIC Pharmacy, who reside in our Contract Health Service Delivery Area (CHSDA)!

The KBIC Tribal Council has approved payment of this Medicare Part D premium for you, if you qualify! It is easy to enroll with one of our Patient Assist-ers!

The 2014 enrollment period is from October 15, 2013, to December 7, 2013.

We DO need a copy of your Medicare card and any other insurance you may have or a spouse has for you, so please provide that to us if you have not done so already. We may ask for more information once we meet with you. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Please call our patient assisters at (906) 353-4539, or (906) 353-4507 if you have any questions. We are looking forward to working with you.

By signing up for Medicare Part D, we are able to be reimbursed for your prescription drugs. These revenues will go back into the community health ser- vices! Help BUILD our community today!

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 906-249-4200

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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

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



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

Federal law, through the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, granted Tribes exclu- sive 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 Commu- nity 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.

**KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY
 OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT
 SERVICES**

427 N. Superior Ave. • Baraga, MI 49908
 In Tribal Court Building
 Phone: 906-353-4566 • Fax: 906-353-8132
 • Email: ocss@kbic-nsn.gov

"Your Children...Our Priority"

We provide the following services:

- Establishment, Enforcement and Modification of Child Support Orders
- Paternity Establishment
- Location of Custodial and Non-Custodial Parents
- Community Education

[tp://www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/ocss.htm](http://www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/ocss.htm)

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

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.

All Tribal Veterans' Meeting at the Light- house, Sand Point, will be held every third Wednesday of the month at 1900 hours. All Tribal Veterans are Welcome!

Ojibwa Community Library
 409 Superior Ave., Baraga, MI 49908
353-8163 oclib@up.net

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

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 1832—Present

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Pastor:
Rev. Stephen Rhoades

Church office 524-7939
 Parsonage 524-7936
 e-mail lumc@up.net

**Catholic Community of
 Baraga County**
 Holy Name of Jesus
 Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

Pastors
 Father Corey Litzner
 Father Nicholas Thompson

Confessions: Sunday before Mass
 Sunday Mass 12:00 p.m.

353-6565
saintann@up.net

2014 KBIC FORESTRY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The KBIC Education Department announces the availability of the 2014 KBIC For- estry Scholarship application. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community has a vital inter- est in the preservation of the land and forests on and near the reservation. The Tribal Council has approved one scholarship for a college student pursuing a Forestry de- gree. The scholarship amount is \$2,500 for the 2014 Winter/Spring semester. Appli- cants must meet the following criteria:

- Enrolled Tribal member
- Resident of Michigan, Wisconsin, or Minnesota
- Attending an accredited college/university in Michigan, Wisconsin, or Minnesota
- Enrolled as a full-time student
- Pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Forestry documented by their college

Eligible students must complete an application, submit an essay detailing their in- terest in their chosen 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, Educa- tion Director at 906-353-6623, ext. 4117 or at amy@KBIC-nsn.gov. The application deadline is December 16, 2013, at 4 p.m.