

WIKWEDONG DAZHI-OJIBWE

The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwe

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GENERAL ELECTIONS HELD AT KBIC

KBIC held their annual General Election on Saturday, December 17, 2011. KBIC registered voters residing in Baraga cast their ballots at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens building in Baraga, while those residing in the L'Anse district cast their ballots at the Zeba Methodist Church. A Primary Election was held November 5, 2011, for the Baraga District which put the top four candidates on the General Election ballot with the candidates who were approved for the General Election in the L'Anse District.



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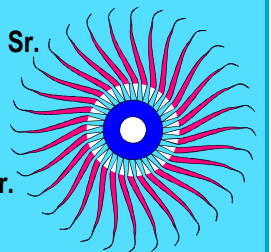
KBIC voters register with election workers. Left to right, Beth Fish, Jerry Lee Curtis, and Mark Misegan.

Baraga District candidates were Gary Loonsfoot, Sr. (incumbent), Isabelle Welsh (incumbent), Robert D. "RD" Curtis, Jr., and Carole LaPointe. L'Anse District candidates were William E. Emery (Incumbent), Elizabeth C. Matthews (Incumbent), Lyndon Ekdahl and Jean (Halverson) Jokinen.

Preliminary counts were announced by the election workers, immediately following closing of the polls on Saturday, December 17, 2011. In the Baraga District, Gary Loonsfoot, Sr. received 186 votes, Isabelle Welsh received 154 votes, Robert D. "RD" Curtis, Jr. received 220 votes, and Carole LaPointe received 219 votes. Robert D. "RD" Curtis, Jr. and Carole LaPointe have secured three year terms in the Baraga District. In the L'Anse District, William E. Emery received 183 votes, Elizabeth C. Matthews received 224 votes, Lyndon Ekdahl received 158 votes, and Jean "Halverson" Jokinen received 190 votes. Elizabeth C. Matthews and Jean "Halverson" Jokinen have secured three year terms in the L'Anse District. Election results are on the agenda to be considered for certification by Tribal Council at the meeting scheduled for January 7, 2012. Following certification, the twelve seat council will make nominations and vote for their executive council.

Tribal Council Members:

Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President
William E. Emery, Vice-President
Susan J. LaFernier, Secretary
Toni Minton, Asst. Secretary
Elizabeth D. Mayo, Treasurer
Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews
Eddy Edwards
Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.
Jerry Lee Curtis
Frederick Dakota
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.
Isabelle H. Welsh



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- December 3, 2011 Tribal Council Meeting
- KBIC Holds General Election
- Proposed Gaming Facility in Marquette County Approved
- KBIC Christmas Celebrations
- Mining Updates
- January is Radon Action Month—How clean is your air?
- New Employees
- Deepest Sympathy

Happy New Year

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS HELD AT KBIC



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

"Whose this man with the big white beard?"
Yancey DeCota, Jr. visits with jolly old Saint Nickolas.

KBIC held the Youth Christmas party on Sunday, December 18, 2011, at the Niiwin Akeea Recreational Facility in Baraga, MI. The youth party was held for KBIC members and children of KBIC members of all ages. The children got to visit with Santa. Mrs. Claus was unable to attend because she had the North Pole Flu. All youth received a bag of candy and a special gift from the Community, and the teenagers received a Walmart gift card. Little Caesar's Pizza was served along



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Above: Brody Clements with Santa. Below: Helpers: Ashley Beck, Cassidy Beck, and Vanessa Beaver.



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with a variety of desserts. The event is planned and organized by the KBIC Youth Coordinator, Cheryne Clements, and the KBIC Youth Assistants with the help of numerous community service workers and teen volunteers.

DECEMBER 3, 2011
TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on December 3, 2011, at the Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room in Baraga, Michigan. President Warren C. Swartz, Jr. presided over the meeting with William E. Emery, Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Jerry Lee Curtis, Fred Dakota, Eddy Edwards, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, and Isabelle Helene Welsh present. President Warren C. Swartz, Jr. shared numerous *Thank You* and *For Your Information* items addressed to Council.

President Warren C. Swartz, Jr. gave the President's Report (page four), Secretary Susan J. LaFernier gave the Secretary's Report (page two); Treasurer Elizabeth D. "Popcorn" Mayo gave the Treasurer's Report (page three); and President Swartz presented the CEO Report for Larry Denomie III (page four). Council passed the Department Head Reports for October 2011.

Susan J. LaFernier presented Resolution KB1863-2011, KBIC Support for Derek Bailey for Congress. There are no resources more vital to the continued existence and integrity of Northern Tribes than our lands, resources, and Treaty Rights. Derek Bailey has proven his commitment to the protection of the Great Lakes environment and Tribes of Northern Michigan. Derek Bailey is the Tribal Chairman of the Grand Traverse Band (GTB) of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians and is running for the Democratic nomination for Michigan's 1st District of United States Congress. Derek Bailey understands the issues facing Tribes. He will be a strong advocate for Tribes and will respect the Tribe's best interests in Washington D.C. as a Congressional Representative. **Motion by William E. Emery to approve Resolution KB1863-2011, supported by Michael F. LaFernier, eleven in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**

Elizabeth D. Mayo, Treasurer, presented donation requests for December 2011 to the Council for their consideration. **Motion by Susan J. LaFernier to approve \$500 for the Baraga Fire Department's Annual Kid's Christmas Party; \$250 for the Baraga-L'Anse Alumni Basketball game; for a total of \$750, supported by Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., eleven in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried. Motion by William E. Emery to approve a donation of \$7,525 for the Ojibwa Seniors' Christmas Party, supported by Fred Dakota, eleven in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**

Council entered into closed session with the Mining Appeal decision on the agenda prior to adjournment with one motion following. **Motion by William E. Emery to appeal Judge Manderfield's decision on the Part 632 permit with emphasis on the "Place of Worship" issue, supported by Michael LaFernier, Sr., six in favor (Emery, S. LaFernier, Minton, Curtis, M. LaFernier, Matthews), five opposed (Mayo, Dakota, Loonsfoot, Edwards, Welsh), 0 abstained, motion carried.**

~ submitted by Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2011

Activities reported by the Secretary, Susan J. LaFernier, for the month of November 2011.

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.

The Government Christmas Party Task Force has worked very hard to plan for the December 3rd employee party at the Big Bucks Bingo Hall and many thanks goes to them. After dinner there will be a comedian act and prize give-away. The Task Force wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

The employee W.H.I.P.P. (Wellness, Health, Intervention, Prevention Program) Task Force and volunteers continue to have monthly meetings. It is never too late to encourage and begin positive lifestyle changes that will help us live longer, healthier, happier lives. The "Maintain, Don't Gain" challenge has begun for the holidays and ends on January 6th. The challenge is to maintain your current weight throughout the holiday season. Mino-Bimaadizin "Live Well." Also the "Walk and Talk" program begins on Monday, December 5, 2011.

Many thanks to our Natural Resource Department who coordinated the first old/used tire collection on November 16-18, 2011. Also many thanks to our Enrollment Department and the committee who worked on the Christmas Gift check guidelines, verifications, and distribution of the checks. This is a huge job and we appreciate all of their help.

I am saddened to report that a 107 page opinion affirming the granting of the Part 632 Mining permit to engage in sulfide ore mining in Marquette County, Eagle Rock, Michigan has been made on November 21, 2011, by Judge Paula Manderfield in the 30th Circuit Court for the County of Ingham on our Contested Mining Case. The case involved KBIC, the Huron Mountain Club, National Wildlife Federation, and the Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve v. the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and Kennecott Eagle Minerals Company. Judge Manderfield has not yet issued an opinion/decision on the Part 631 Groundwater Discharge Permit. Please let us know if you would like a copy of the decision.

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."

Continue to pray for each other as well as to honor and remember all of our veterans, service men and women, and their families. Remember those who are

ill, our economic struggles, and all who have lost loved ones. Let us continue to be thankful for our beautiful area. We pray for peace in the world. Thank you God and Creator for the year that soon will be ending and for the great blessings of our land, loved ones, and friends. We wish everyone a blessed Merry Christmas and a New Year that brings good health and happiness!

During November 2011, the Tribal Council held one Regular Tribal Council Meeting on November 12, 2011. This meeting is covered in the December 2011 Newsletter. Tribal Council held three Special Council Meetings. Following are the unapproved motions from November.

At a council meeting held November 3, 2011, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the March 10, and March 17, 2011 Tribal Council meeting minutes;
- Approved Resolution KB1858-2011 Cindy L. Knapp residential lease;
- Approved the Christmas gift check amount of \$1850 for those 18 years of age and over;
- Approved Resolution KB1859-2011 2% funds distribution for Baraga County;
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- Approved the appointment of David Haataja as the General Manager for the Baraga and Marquette Casinos, to continue training for Dale Shaliofoe, Baraga Assistant General Manager and to evaluate in six months;
- Approved the consultant agreement with Gundlach Champion, Inc. to conduct a study to assess the need for, and feasibility of, the construction, operation, and maintenance of an adult and juvenile detention and correctional facility, or federal security, or similar facility on Tribal lands within the jurisdiction of the Community;
- Approved the Services Agreement with The Great American Disposal Company for hauling and recycling used tires (Natural Resources Department);
- Approved the Demolition Contract with Associated Constructors, LLC, Marquette (for the demolition and removal of the Los Tres Amigos Building for \$49,275);
- Approved the Services Agreement with L&H Utility Contractors, Inc. to provide directional drilling services (for two IHS water and sewer sites);
- Motion defeated to approve an Equipment Lease with Shawn Taisto for the lease of a quad dump truck for \$7,250.

At a council meeting held November 10, 2011, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the bid from Cummins NPower, LLC for \$7,842.35 to repair the patrol boat motor (Tribal Police/Conservation);
- Approved H. James St. Arnold to the slate of candidates for the Ojibwa Community College Board of Re-

NOVEMBER 2011 TREASURER'S REPORT

Activities reported by the Treasurer, Elizabeth D. Mayo, for the month of November 2011.

Christmas checks were given out during the month of November. There were 1,130 checks issued at \$1,850 each; which amounted to \$2,090,500. Tribal members were extremely happy with this amount.

We received September 2011 fiscal year end financials. It appears that Tribal Council overspent \$7,812.61 on the sponsorship and donations line item. With this being said, I will move on to the approved sponsorship and donations for the month of November:

- \$1,200 John Hellyer;
- \$250 Special Olympics;
- \$100 A retired senior program for Marquette County;
- \$500 American Cancer Society (match donation);
- \$500 March of Dimes match donation;
- \$5,000 Toys for Tots;
- \$180 L'Anse Yearbook full page ad;
- \$1,000 Salvation Army request;
- \$3,000 Community Needs Assistant Program;
- \$1,900 KBIC Head Start/Early Head Start for Christmas gifts;

Donations total—\$13,630.

Tribal Council denied the request of Negaunee Township to acquire lands to preserve for future walking, hiking, and other recreational uses of trails. They were also requesting money to evaluate current business property assessments. The request was for \$5,000 a piece. The money they wanted us to approve is the money that has been earmarked for the water/sewer infrastructure improvements.

We also denied a \$600 request by Justin Gauthier to compete in the MMA cage fighting.

This concludes my report for the month of November.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth D. Mayo, Treasurer

- gents;
- Approved Resolution KB1861-2011 opposing the Michigan Moose Hunting Advisory Committee's harvest recommendation of ten bull moose from the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, until substantial biological evidence is collected which demonstrates that the existing moose population can reproduce at a rate sufficient to withstand hunting stress while maintaining long-term population growth;
 - Approved the bid from Public Service Garage in Marquette for a 2012 GMC Sierra truck with plow for snow removal for the Marquette Casino for \$36,840.71;
 - Approved the November 5th KBIC Baraga Primary Election results;
 - Approved Brenda Brunk and Victoria Emery as Election Board alternates (workers);
 - Motion defeated to approve a request from Justin Gauthier for a donation of \$600 for the MMA Woodland Boxing event in Escanaba on November 12th;
 - Approved the renewal of John Hebert's business license for the H&H Café;
 - Approved the Professional Services Agreement with Dale Schmeisser, R.D., Ph.D., for the Community's Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program;
 - Approved Robert Lamson to continue as the Interim Maintenance Director in the absence of Arlan Friisvall;
 - Approved the promotion of Keith Lofquist from part-time to full-time in the Public Works Department Maintenance Worker.
- At a council meeting held November 17, 2011, the following actions were taken:
- Approved the March 24, 2011 Tribal Council meeting minutes;
 - Approved the Tribal Council Secretary's Report for October 2011;
 - Approved Resolution KB1862-2011 to request the Secretary of Interior to call an election within 90 days of receipt of this Resolution for the purpose of amending Article VIII, Section 1 of the KBIC Constitution;
 - Approved an additional \$3,000 to the Community Needs Assistance Program (budget) for postage, ads, and supplies;
 - Approved the Community Needs Assistance Program (CNAP) Guidelines with the revisions;
 - Approved a donation to the KBIC Early Head Start/Head Start for Christmas gifts for 76 children @ \$25;
 - Approved to draft a resolution of support for Derek Bailey who is running for the Democratic nomination for Michigan's 1st District of the United States. He is currently the Tribal Chairman for the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians;
 - Motion to deny a 2% request from the Negaunee Township Board for \$10,000 for two projects. The request was submitted late;
 - Approved an additional \$800 for the Radio Station's Comedy Club's with Funny Business;
 - Approved the Independent Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan Preferred Rx Program Participation Agreement for the Health Center Pharmacy and approved the Vice President to sign;
 - Approved the purchase of a generator from Cummins NPower, LLC for \$79,000 for the Health Center from M&I funds;
 - Approved the Service Agreement with Martin Fletcher Locums Tenens (temporary basis) coverage which involves the provision of medical doctors to the Community's Department of Health and Human Services;
 - Approved the Funding Agreement with the Village of Baraga for up to \$126,000 for the reconstruction of the main street in Baraga which is included in the Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) System of KBIC;
 - Approved back pay up to \$3,000 pending funds to June 20, 2011, for the Government (reclassification) Grievance #006-11.
- Respectfully submitted,
Susan J. LaFerner, Secretary

PRESS RELEASE — FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

December 20, 2011

President Chris Swartz announced today that "the proposed new Casino at the old Marquette County Airport site has taken a major step forward. Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs of the United States Department of Interior, Larry Echo Hawk, today approved a proposed gaming facility in Marquette County, determining it would be in the best interest of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and would not be detrimental to the surrounding community."

"I undertook a careful and thorough review of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's application. The tribe's application satisfies the rigorous standards contained in the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and our regulations," Echo Hawk said, "The tribe demonstrated that it has a significant historical connection to the proposed gaming site, and its proposal to move an existing gaming facility closer to its reservation has strong support from the local community."

The tribe hopes to construct a new casino on the site of the old Marquette County Airport in Negaunee Township. It would replace the current Ojibwa II Casino at Harvey in Chocolay Township. "It is quite a Christmas present," said President Swartz, "We're very excited as we've been working on this for a long time."

The land into trust was filed in 1999, and the application for the Secretary's two part determination was filed in 2006. Swartz said that the approval was the second part of a three-step approval process. The third is the approval by Governor Rick Snyder.

We hope the Governor will look at the Secretary's determination and conclude that moving the gaming operation from Chocolay to the Airport property is in the best interests of all the parties," Swartz said.

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community is located in Baraga County, Mich., and has approximately 3,310 members. The tribe has been operating and regulating a class III gaming facility in Marquette County, about 90 miles from its headquarters, since 2000. The tribe is proposing to relocate this existing facility to a new location within Marquette County, on an 80-acre parcel at the site of the former Marquette County Airport. The new site is 18 miles closer to the tribe's reservation than its existing facility. Under a 2000 settlement agreement with the state of Michigan, the tribe has agreed to close its existing off-reservation gaming facility if its proposal to relocate to the Airport property receives final approval, and it begins gaming activities on the new site.

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community submitted its application under The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act "Secretarial Determination" exception, which requires the Secretary to determine the proposed gaming establishment is in the best interest of the tribe and its citizens, and would not be detrimental to the surrounding community. The governor of Michigan must concur in this determination before the land can be acquired in trust for the tribe for gaming.

CEO REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2011

The month of November 2011 included the following activities and reportable items:

- The Tribe received a one year Department of Justice grant in the amount of \$150,000 to conduct a feasibility study and community needs assessment regarding detention facilities. Gundlach Champion of Houghton, MI was awarded a contract to conduct the study and will also involve the involvement of three KBIC members in performing the study: William Jondreau, Dennis Gerard, and Leslie Haataja. The study will identify if the need exists for construction, operation, and maintenance of an adult, or juvenile detention, or correction facility, or federal security or similar facility on Tribal lands within the jurisdiction of the KBIC. We will provide updates as this process continues along with a final report of the findings.
- On November 17th Council approved Resolution KB1862-2011 which relates to amending language to the Tribe's Constitution Article VIII Section 1. The amendment in short would remove the Secretary of the Interior from the process of amending the Constitution. The resolution has been submitted to BIA for language review, and if accepted, the BIA will call for an election of eligible KBIC voters. This would include a separate election registration which is conducted by the BIA. The KBIC Constitution Committee will provide additional information through meetings and/or literature prior to the election being conducted to familiarize members with the amendment.
- The Tribe's Health Center was approved to purchase a backup generator for the facility. The generator will allow the facility to remain operational during power outages providing services to the community. It is not certain whether the generator will be in place prior to this winter.
- A limited amount of Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) funding has been awarded to KBIC. The Community Assistance Programs office is accepting applications for the program which is depending on income eligibility. The funds will be disbursed on a first-come-first-served basis. The CAP office is also adjusting its hours of operation to accommodate keeping up with record keeping and processing of program paperwork. The office will be open to the public from 8 a.m. through 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday including lunch time. They will, however, be accessible for emergencies the last hour. Clients needing to drop off documents after 3:30 p.m., can do so by dropping them off at the CEO's office.
- David Haataja has been assigned General Manager of the Ojibwa Casinos. Dave had, until the new assignment, served as GM of the Harvey location.
- The Tribe's Weed and Seed program, supervised by the Tribal Police Commissioner, will be finished out

under the direction of Liana Loonsfoot. She began working on November 21st and will fill the post until the grant formally ends in March of 2012.

- An additional employee change to note is the hiring of the Tribe's SORNA Coordinator. Stacey Koski, who has transferred from the Tribe's Office of Child Support Services, will be filling the role which involves coming into compliance with the Sex Offender Registry Notice Act and includes registering sex offenders within the reservation boundaries of the KBIC. The office is located within the Tribal Police offices on US 41 North of the Pines Convenience Center.
- In a final note, the Tribal Government Employee Christmas Party is taking place later today. Many thanks to all who volunteered to make the event happen, which will prove to be a huge success once again. Employees will enjoy mingling with fellow employees and guests from 5 p.m.—6 p.m. with dinner being served at 6 p.m.. Two comedians will take the stage from 7 pm—8:30 pm, and special prize drawings for employees will take place immediately following.

As always, if anyone has questions, concerns, or issues that the CEO's office can assist with, please don't hesitate to stop, e-mail, or call.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry J. Denomie, III, CEO



PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2011

The following is a list of activities that occurred in the office of the President for the month of November 2011:

- I signed a letter to the EPA Region 5 in Chicago, Illinois, regarding the NPDES permit required for mineral exploration activities on the L'Anse Indian Reservation. I informed Tinka Hyde that in September, 2011, mineral exploration cored drilling activities were conducted by a Rio Tinto/Kennecott exploration contractor within the boundaries of the KBIC reservation and that a permit was required for storm water discharges for the mineral exploration core drilling activities.
- I appointed Tom Smithson to the Appellate Division of the Tribal Court, and the Tribal Council concurred with the selection.
- I signed a letter to the Indian Health Service requesting the amount due to the Community for Fiscal Year 2005 for underpayment by IHS for contract support costs in the amount \$575,326.00.
- I wrote a letter to Diane Rosen, BIA Midwest Regional Director, regarding our application by the KBIC for a two part determination, dated March 29, 2006. I informed her that the consultation with the local units of government have been completed and the Community requests that the Secretary proceed to make a two part determination regarding the Airport Parcel.
- We received some unfortunate news regarding the Eagle Mine. Judge Manderfield issued her decision which affirmed the granting of the Part 632 Permit. This is not good news, and the Community needs to decide whether or not to appeal to the Michigan Court of Appeals.
- The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community was approved for participation in the Section 184 Native American Home Mortgage Loan Guarantee Program, exclusively on fee simple lands, as evidenced by a Memorandum of Understanding executed January 29, 2003.
- I submitted comments on behalf of the Community regarding the federal government's position regarding the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement renegotiations.
- As Council knows, I wrote a letter to Heather Funke regarding the termination of her lease at the Ojibwa Village Trailer Court.
- I wrote a letter to Mary Loonsfoot about the decision of the Tribal Prosecutor not to pursue criminal charges. She had informed me that the Tribal Prosecuting Attorney did not process a specific case. Mary was unhappy and upset. After look-

ing into the facts, the Tribal Prosecuting Attorney decided not to pursue the case. Mary asked me if there was anything I could do. I told her, "No, according to the Tribal Code book, section §1.24, the discretion is solely under the purview of the Tribal Prosecuting Attorney, and there is nothing that I could do to help her."

- I wrote a letter to the BIA requesting a Secretarial Election for the proposed constitutional amendment. I have not heard back from them as of yet.
- Benjamin Buck, Field Investigator with the National Indian Gaming Association, visited. I authorized him to look at Class II items and other things regarding criminal history background checks of employees in the Class II operations of the Casino. He is authorized to do so through the scope of the compact.
- I also have been involved in a number of preliminary hearings involving Tribal Construction and the KBO settlement. As Council knows, a number of things have occurred and we will discuss that more in closed session on Thursday.

This concludes my report.

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

Mining Updates,

by Jessica Koski, Mining Technical Assistant

KBIC Asks MDEQ to Deny Copperwood Mine Permit Application

On December 7, the KBIC submitted comments to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) regarding the Orvana Copperwood mine Part 632 permit application. This proposed copper mine is located within Treaty of 1842 ceded territory, about 70 miles west of the L'Anse reservation and 1.5 miles from Lake Superior in Gogebic County. Key concerns include:

- Orvana would mine within 200 feet of Lake Superior and intentionally plan for mine collapse and surface subsidence. Amendments to the mine plan could conceivably allow Orvana to mine beneath Lake Superior.
- A permanent tailings basin would fill in 8,000 feet of streams, about 60 acres of wetlands, and destroy two local watersheds. The tailings waste would reach 14 stories (140 feet) high and cover 346 acres. These tailings would leach heavy metals and other contaminants for centuries.
- Orvana's mine plan does not follow industry standard of backfilling waste rock and tailings, which would greatly reduce environmental impacts. The company failed to adequately consider this possibility.
- A water-intake system would pump 500,000 gallons of fresh Lake Superior water per day for mine operations. Waste water, subject to questionable treatment standards and technologies, would be discharged into Namebinag Creek, a stream that discharges into Lake Superior.

Additional tribes and groups expressed similar concerns and found Orvana's application inadequately developed and not meeting the basic Michigan Part 632 mining regulation requirements.

The MDEQ will review comments and make a preliminary decision on the mine permit. If the MDEQ proposes to approve the permit, a public hearing would be held (likely in Gogebic County). Orvana must also apply for and receive additional permits including but not limited to permits for the water-intake structure, filling of wetlands, waste water discharge, and discharge of contaminants to the air.

Judge Manderfield's Decision on the Eagle Project

On November 23, Michigan Circuit Court Judge Paula Manderfield issued a decision affirming the MDEQ's approval of the Kennecott Eagle Project on the Yellow Dog Plains. Manderfield found every environmental concern nullified by Kennecott and MDEQ testimony, insignificant, or subject to agency discretion.

In regards to sacred Eagle Rock, Manderfield found Michigan's mining regulations only intended to protect built structures of worship. Despite testimony by tribal members and religious practitioners, Manderfield supported her decision based on Kennecott's archaeological data indicating nothing culturally significant about the area. This decision overturned Judge Richard Patterson's previous recommendation that Eagle Rock was a place of worship requiring mitigation from mining impacts.

Prior to Manderfield's decision, in September of 2011, Kennecott started initial blasting to construct a portal into and beneath Eagle Rock. Tunnel construction is continuing. Mine production is anticipated to start by 2013. Kennecott is also actively exploring additional mineral deposits near the Eagle site and throughout the western U.P.



Portal construction at Eagle Rock, September 2011.

Following news of Manderfield's decision, the KBIC Tribal Council voted to continue legal action. On December 12, the KBIC, together with the National Wildlife Federation, Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve, and Huron Mountain Club, filed an appeal

asking the Michigan Court of Appeals to overturn Manderfield's decision. They are opposing the mine on grounds that it poses unacceptable risks to air and water quality. "It is very important to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community to protect Eagle Rock as a sacred place," said **KBIC President Chris Swartz**, "and we are hopeful that this appeal will result in the Court of Appeals reversing the decisions of the circuit court."

Humboldt Mill Site Investigation

The Kennecott Humboldt Mill, about 23 miles from the L'Anse reservation, is the permitted site where sulfide-bearing nickel and

copper ore from Eagle would be processed and associated toxic tailings would be disposed.

While the Eagle Mine presents concerns for the generation of Acid Mine Drainage (AMD) due to the high pyrite content of the ore body, the Humboldt Mill is even more likely to be a future source of AMD as 2.5 million tons of sulfide-bearing tailings would be deposited into the Humboldt pit lake—which already contains 1.8 million tons of mine tailings from the former Ropes Gold Mine.



Southwest corner of the Humboldt pit lake proposed for Eagle Mine tailings disposal.

Baseline environmental data in Kennecott's permit application for the Humboldt Mill revealed 26 hazardous contaminants leaking off site. Concerned with the level of pollution, KBIC forwarded this data to the U.S. Environmental Protection

Agency (EPA) and requested EPA conduct a Preliminary Site Assessment under the federal CERCLA program. The EPA has since conducted assessment of the site, including on-site visit and water quality sampling, and anticipates issuing a report early this year rating the site following CERCLA guidelines and determining next steps needed to address site contaminants.

Tribal members using the Middle Branch of the Escanaba River, the Black River, or the general area for subsistence or recreational fishing, can notify the KBIC Natural Resources Department if they wish to help the EPA in rating the Humboldt site.

News throughout the Basin

Big news on the mining front in Wisconsin is debate over the introduction of a new 183-page iron-mining bill on December 8. This bill, as proposed, would streamline the permitting process, provide exemptions from some environmental standards, and eliminate citizen lawsuits and contested case hearings. The bill has been introduced in response to Gogebic Taconite's tentative proposal to open a large \$1.5 billion iron-ore taconite mine in the Penoque Hills, which Gogebic Taconite has stated will create hundreds of jobs. The Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, just downstream from the Gogebic Taconite's proposed mine, would like an independent economic study conducted. The tribe says the corporate study inflated job numbers and failed to consider tourism, forestry, and fishing jobs that would be threatened, as well as the regions pristine qualities, including nearby Lake Superior and the Apostle Islands.



The Penoque Hills in Wisconsin.

There are additional prospective mining developments in Wisconsin. Tamerlane Ventures Inc. has been petitioning Oneida County to grant mineral leases for exploratory drilling. Aquila Resources and Hudbay Minerals, in a joint

venture, are actively exploring untapped base-metal deposits in the Great Lakes area. Aquila and Hudbay recently acquired rights to the "Bend" copper-gold deposit in WI's Chequamegon National Forest (35 miles southeast of the former Kennecott Flambeau Mine) and they are expected to submit a permit application for the Back Forty project, a zinc-gold massive sulfide deposit near the Menominee River in Michigan by mid-2012.

In Minnesota, the proposed Polymet open-pit copper sulfide mine is currently under environmental review. The review has slowed while the company conducts modeling and works with state and federal agencies to figure out how it could meet air and water regulations. The EPA found the original Environmental Impact Statement "environmentally unsatisfactory—inadequate." Environmental review of the Polymet proposal may set the precedent, much like the Eagle project in MI, as a half-dozen or more additional copper mines are proposed throughout northeastern Minne-

Baraga Youth Party continues:



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Jeani Jaye Aho tells Santa what's on her list this year.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Marianah Klug Ochoa poses with Mr. Claus.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Noah Evans enjoys an afternoon visit with Sr. Nick.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Leighann Cadeau was very excited to spend time with Santa.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

A terrifying start ended in a new friendship for Jesse Jones, Jr.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Mikey Morningstar finished his visit reaching for his Christmas candy.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Shayna Pittsley listening carefully to Santa Claus.



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Payton Rain LeClaire is not quite sure about this visit with jolly St. Nick.

CHILDREN ENJOY THE MARQUETTE CHRISTMAS PARTY

The KBIC Childrens' Christmas party for Marquette County residents was held at the U.P. Childrens' Museum, on Sunday, December 18, 2011. Children and their families enjoyed a delicious dinner which included Caesar's Pizza, got to visit with Santa Claus, and received a gift from the Community. This party was organized by the KBIC Youth Coordinator, Cheryne Clements, and the KBIC Youth Assistants, with the special help of volunteer Kristine Maki, and a number of other community volunteers.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Brothers: Ryan and Justin Burbey visit with Santa.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Conner and Beau Mager are happy with gifts from St. Nick.



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James and Hailey Johnson enjoyed their visit with Santa Claus.



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Savanna, Hunter, and Sierra Verboczki happily receive their gifts.



Braydon Orlich gets a big present.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Taylor, Kaitlyn, and Kimber Shelafoe.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Maila and Dakota Halquist get presents from Santa.



Anen and Rion Fontaine.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Ashley, Joshua, and Caleb Kinnunen.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Elsie Madosh is happy with Santa's gift to her.

Mining updates continues:

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Mining Film Series

The "Mining Impacts on Native Lands" Film Series has several films lined up. Watch for an upcoming poster. They will be held the second Wednesday of each month, 12:30pm at the Ojibwa Seniors Center and 6pm at the Ojibwa Casino Chippewa Room. This is a great opportunity to hear mining updates, receive educational materials, and participate in discussion. The 2012 films include:

1. "Under Rich Earth" discusses human rights and mining corporations in the Junin community of Ecuador;
2. "Locked Out" about Rio Tinto's relationship with workers and communities in the U.S. and abroad;
3. "Four Corners: A National Sacrifice Area" tells the stories of native people impacted by coal strip-mining and uranium mining and milling;
4. "In the Light of Reverence" about Native American religious freedom rights in relation to mining and other developments in the U.S.;
5. "Tar Creek" about the largest Superfund site in America left by a large lead and zinc mine in northeast Oklahoma near Native communities;
6. "Poison in the Rockies" discusses threats to water quality and ecosystems in Colorado due to mining;
7. "American Outrage" about two Western Shoshone sisters and their court case about the confiscation of their land for gold mining interests.

How Clean is Your Air? January is RADON ACTION MONTH - Test Your Home Today!!

The KBIC Natural Resources Department is distributing FREE self-test kits (while supplies last) to Tribal Members during Radon Action Month. Contact Char Spruce at (906) 524-5757, extension 14, for more information.

What is radon? Radon is a colorless, odorless, and tasteless radioactive gas. Radon is formed by the natural radioactive decay of uranium in rock, soil, and water. Once produced, radon moves through the ground to the air above. When radon undergoes radioactive decay, it emits ionizing radiation in the form of alpha particles.

How does radon get into a building? Most indoor radon comes into the building from the soil or rock beneath it. Most of the gas moves through cracks and other openings in the foundation. Once inside, the radon can become trapped and concentrated. Radon may also be dissolved in water, particularly well water. After coming from a faucet, about one ten thousandth of the radon in water is typically released into the air. The more radon there is in the water, the more it can contribute to the indoor radon level. The average outdoor air level is about 0.4 pCi/L, but it can be higher in some areas. While radon problems may be more common in some geographic areas, any home may have an elevated radon level. New and old homes, well-sealed and drafty homes, and homes with or without basements can have a problem. **Testing your home is the only way to know if radon is present.**

What health effects are associated with radon exposure? Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States. There are currently no conclusive data on whether children are at greater risk than adults from radon. No specific subtype of lung cancer is associated with radon exposure.

Only smoking causes more cases of lung cancer – **if you smoke and have long-term exposure to radon, your chances of getting lung cancer are greatly increased.** Radon gas decays into radioactive particles that can get trapped in your lungs when you breathe. As they break down further, these particles release small bursts of energy. This can damage lung tissue and lead to lung cancer over the course of your lifetime. Breathing radon does not cause any *short-term* health effects such as shortness of breath, coughing, headaches, or fever, so it is not possible to know if you have been exposed right-away.

What is the "acceptable" level of radon in air? The EPA states that any radon exposure carries some risk; no level of radon exposure is always safe. However, EPA recommends homes be fixed if an occupant's long-term exposure will average **4 picocuries per liter (pCi/L)** or higher.

How often is indoor radon a problem? Nearly one out of every 15 homes has a radon level EPA considers to be elevated—4 pCi/L or greater. The U.S. average radon-in-air level in single family homes is 1.3 pCi/L. Because most people spend as much as 90 percent of their time indoors, indoor exposure to radon is an important concern.

January has been declared as National Radon Action Month by the Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) as an effort to take action against radon by educating people on the risks of exposure, testing, and mitigation. Learn more at <http://www.epa.gov/radon/nram/>.

Still Time to Enter Prize Drawing for CWD Surveillance

Help us reach our goal (114 specimens) and protect the health of our local deer population! KBIC Natural Resource Department collected 85 heads from hunter harvested and road-killed white-tailed deer so far. Please help! We still need 29 heads to reach our statistically significant sample number of 114 specimens. KBIC Natural Resource Committee generously contributed funds for a prize drawing for those who submit heads. We will continue to collect heads eligible for the prize drawing up until January 24, 2012, with the prize drawing taking place on January 25, 2012. Specimens can be deposited in collection boxes located at the KBIC Natural Resource Department in Pequaming or at the MI DNR on US41 in Baraga. If you would like us to pick up specimens from your place of residence between January 3-24, call 524-5757 x18. Two entries are allowed per participant. Prizes offered are: pop-up deer blind, snow shoes, portable heater, spotting scope, cold weather sleeping bag, and a high quality thermos. Winners will be notified by phone. Thank you to all who have donated. Miigwech!

A Winter Boost From The Sunshine Vitamin



Vitamin D is sometimes called the sunshine vitamin because our bodies can synthesize vitamin D in the skin when it's exposed to the sun's ultraviolet rays. During these short, gray days of January most of us don't get enough sun exposure, so people who spend their winters in the UP are at risk of a drop in their vitamin D level. This has a negative effect on bone health, immunity, cancer risk and mood.

In earlier times, when people spent more time outdoors, they synthesized enough vitamin D during the sunny summer months to last all year. Now, when we spend more

time indoors year-round and we cover more skin, we don't build up enough vitamin D stores to last through the winter. When the body does not have enough vitamin D, calcium absorption goes down, and over time this can lead to weaker bones and more fractures.

Vitamin D research shows that an adequate vitamin D level can help fight the winter blues, also known as seasonal affective disorder (SAD). Vitamin D is not the only factor; light/dark cycles, a drop in exercise and overeating during the holidays can also affect mood. However, the vitamin D effect might be important in people who have low vitamin D levels to begin with. The sunshine vitamin is also important for keeping a strong immune system, and may protect against breast and colon cancer.

Vitamin D doesn't occur naturally in a lot of foods. It is found in fatty fish like salmon, catfish and sardines, in some mushrooms, and in egg yolks. Because of its well known partnership with calcium, vitamin D has been added to milk for many years. But many people can't or won't drink milk, so it's now added to other foods, too. Some yogurts and cheeses are fortified with vitamin D, as are many cereals. Look for the term "vitamin D3" or "vitamin D2" on the package. It won't necessarily appear on the Nutrition Facts label but will be listed on the Ingredient list.

Low blood level of vitamin D is not uncommon. Elderly people, people with darker skin, and people who do not drink milk are at higher risk of having a low vitamin D level. Your vitamin D status (blood level) can be determined fairly easily through a blood test. Your doctor can help you decide whether you might be at risk and order the blood test if it's appropriate. Treatment of low vitamin D level is straightforward: you will be advised to take a vitamin D supplement and then recheck the blood in a few months. However, taking high doses of vitamin D without the help of your doctor is not recommended. At very high doses, vitamin D can be toxic so work with your medical team to keep your bones healthy and your mood sunny during these not-so-sunny winter months.

Applications are available for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG). You can pick up all applications at the Community Assistance Programs (CAP) office. You can also download and print the ALL IN ONE APPLICATION from our tribal website: <http://www.ojibwa.com> under the "Services" link.

Please keep in mind that funds for both programs are limited this year due to a decrease of federal grant funding. You will not be receiving the full amounts as you may have been accustomed to receiving in past years.

Please feel free to call 353-8137 if you have any questions regarding this program or any other programs offered through the Community Assistance Programs office.

To all the good people of Baraga County and KBIC:

Chi miigwech for all your kindness and support during our dear nephew's passing (Gerald Shalifoe), and also for the passing of our cousin, Sam Maki.

Chi miigwech for the Christmas Gift Check our Tribal Council awarded us this year.

~ the Shalifoe gang (and there are a lot of us eh), Ishkadens

OJIBWA SENIORS' CHRISTMAS DINNERS HELD

Baraga, MI—The Ojibwa Senior Christmas Dinner was held at the Ojibwa Senior Citizen's on Sunday, December 11, 2011. Seniors received their choice of a BP or Pines gift card and enjoyed carols by soloist Courtney Clisch.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Judy Smith, Eleanor Moede, and Ginny Ann Jermac enjoying time with friends at the Senior's Christmas Dinner.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Lois Bedell and Loretta Hugo as they registered guests for their Senior Christmas Dinner.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Spruce/Seppanen Family enjoy visiting while attending the Ojibwa Senior Citizen's Christmas Dinner.

Marquette, MI—The Ojibwa Senior Christmas Dinner was held at the Wahlstrom's Restaurant and Lounge on Sunday, December 4, 2011. Senior's enjoyed a festive feast and received gift cards.



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Myrna Abbott and Linda Pilot enjoy spending time with family and friends at their Christmas Dinner celebration.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Pat Bawden and Lisa Havican enjoy a Christmas meal prepared by staff at Wahlstrom's.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Pete and Charlotte Shelfoe.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS (FDPIR) NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS* (Effective October 1, 2011)

*The net monthly income standard for each household size is the sum of the applicable Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) net monthly income eligibility 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	\$ 908 +	\$147 =	\$1,055
2	\$1,226 +	\$147 =	\$1,373
3	\$1,545 +	\$147 =	\$1,692
4	\$1,863 +	\$155 =	\$2,018
5	\$2,181 +	\$181 =	\$2,362
6	\$2,500 +	\$208 =	\$2,708
7	\$2,818 +	\$208 =	\$3,026
8	\$3,136 +	\$208 =	\$3,344
Each additional member			+ \$319

Alaska:			Use this amount
Household Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standard	SNAP Standard Deduction	FDPIR Net Monthly Income Standard
1	\$1,134 +	\$252 =	\$1,386
2	\$1,532 +	\$252 =	\$1,784
3	\$1,930 +	\$252 =	\$2,182
4	\$2,329 +	\$252 =	\$2,581
5	\$2,727 +	\$252 =	\$2,979
6	\$3,125 +	\$260 =	\$3,385
7	\$3,524 +	\$260 =	\$3,784
8	\$3,922 +	\$260 =	\$4,182
Each additional member			+ \$399

FDPIR Income Deductions—see 7 CFR 253.6(f)

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

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

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

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

FDPIR Resource Standards—see 7 CFR 253.6(d)

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

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

ATTENTION KBIC MEMBERS:

The following Committees/Boards have vacant seats:

Election Board –
Three (3) regular seats

Constitutional Committee –
One (1) alternate seat

Please submit an application (located at the Tribal Center in Kim Klopstein or Peggy Minton's office) by 4 p.m. on January 20, 2012, to:

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

Deepest Sympathy

SAMUEL E. MAKI

(March 12, 1958—November 23, 2011)

SAMUEL E. MAKI, age 53, of Green Bay, WI, and formerly of Baraga, passed away suddenly Wednesday, November 23, 2011, at Marquette General Hospital. Samuel was born March 12, 1958, in Duluth, MN., the son of the late Samuel and Jeanette (Monguse) Maki. He attended the L'Anse schools, graduating in 1976. Sam was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. He was a commercial fisherman in the local area and moved to Green Bay in 1999. He was employed as a sandblaster for a structural construction company. Sam enjoyed music including country and soft rock, trivia, art, and was an avid Chicago Bears fan.

Sam is survived by his special friend Sherri; sons: Jacob (Sarah) Maki of Baraga, Samuel Layne (Brittany) Maki of Pontiac, Casey and Seth Maki, both of L'Anse; daughter Shawnee (Mike) Stein of L'Anse; and grandchildren: Alicia, Matthew, Damien, Steven, Jaycee, Jackson, Abel, Mark,

Tara, Zachary, and Sonja. He is also survived by sisters: Jeanette Clem of Baraga, Dolly (David) Wettberg of Baraga, Judy (Larry) Fullmer of Prescott, AZ., Diane (Rick) Lesson of Glen Fork, W.V., Linda (Mark) LaPine of L'Anse; 150 nieces and nephews, and numerous cousins. Besides his parents, Sam was predeceased by his son Samuel and sister Amelia.

Funeral services for Mr. Maki were held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, November 30, 2011, in the Ceremonial Room located in the Ojibwa Senior Citizens Building, Baraga. Father John Longbucco officiated. The family greeted friends on Wednesday from 10 a.m. until the service at 1 p.m. in the Ceremonial Room. Following the service, a luncheon was held at the Senior Citizens Center.

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!

New Employees



Picture by Lauri Denomie.



Picture by Emily Evans.



Picture by Emily Evans.

Sarah M. Beaver was recently hired as the Administrative Assistant for the Office of Violence Against Women (OVW) Programs and Services. Sarah is a KBIC member, the daughter of Virginia (Ginny Ann) Jermac. Sarah lives in Baraga with her daughter, Vanessa Beaver, and prides herself as doing the best she can as a single parent. Sarah states, "In my free time, I enjoy beadwork, attending powwows, and hanging out with family and friends. I have had various jobs throughout my years on our reservation and I am appreciative of the opportunities that I have had."

Like father, like son. Mathew J. Shalfoe, Jr., son of Mathew and Nancy Shalfoe, was sworn in by the Honorable Bradley T. Dakota as he began his appointment as KBIC's newest Tribal Police Officer. Matt Jr., who has lived on the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community all of his life, resides in Baraga with his two sons, Logan (age 10) and Tyler (age 8). Matt Jr. states, "I have worked for the Tribe most of my life, with the last ten as a Security Guard at the Ojibwa Casino. I look forward to serving my community and filling the shoes of my dad, who was the first Chief of Police for the KBIC's Tribal Police Department. Above (right) Matt Sr. places the badge he wore on his son immediately following his son's oath of office."

Sarah has worked for the past two months as a fill-in with the OVW department and states, "I enjoy working with this team of people and helping in our community in this way. I am super excited and eager to be given yet another opportunity to serve my people within the position of OVW Administrative Assistant. Chi miigwech!"

A great opportunity for Native undergraduates who are sophomores or juniors.

Native American Congressional Internship: This ten-week (10) summer internship in Washington, D.C. is for Native American and Alaska Native students who wish to learn more about the federal government and issues affecting Indian Country. The internship is fully funded: the Foundation provides round-trip airfare, housing, per diem for food and incidentals, and a stipend at the close of the program. The application deadline is January 31, 2012.

The Udall Scholarship: This \$5,000 scholarship is awarded to 80 undergraduate sophomores and juniors pursuing careers related to Tribal Public Policy, Native Health Care, or the Environment (you must be a Native American/Alaska Native to be eligible in the first two categories). Udall Scholars also get to attend the Udall Scholar Orientation and are immediately plugged into a growing and active alumni network. The application deadline is March 5, 2012.

More information is available at <http://www.udall.gov/>, and feel free to contact me if you have any questions!

JANUARY 2012 Calendars Events

- Jan 2:** New Year's holiday—Gov't offices closed;
- Jan 6:** Constitutional Committee Meeting, 1 pm, Council Chambers;
- Jan. 7:** Reg. Sat. Council Meeting, 9 am, Ojibwa Resort Conference Room;
- Jan 16:** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—Gov't offices closed;
- Jan. 18:** Veteran's meeting 7 pm;
~ submitted by newsletter editor

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



KBIC Even Start Family Learning Center

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 	2 CLOSED	3 AE/ECE 9am-4pm Home Visits 9am-12pm PACT/PE 1pm-2pm	4 AE/ECE 9am-4pm Home Visits 9am-12pm PACT/PE 1pm-2pm	5 AE/ECE 9am-4pm Home Visits 9am-12pm PACT/PE 1pm-2pm	6 AE/ECE 9am-4pm Home Visits 9am-12pm PACT/PE 1pm-2pm	7
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JANUARY 2012

ATTENTION: ALL TRIBAL COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN

Applications for **Small Boat and Large Boat Commercial Fishing Licenses** for the Year **2012-2013** Commercial Fishing Season are available at the License Department located in the KBIC Tribal Center. The new license year will begin: May 1, 2012. Applications must be returned to the **Licensing/Motor Vehicle Office** by: **Friday, February 10, 2011**. All applications for licenses will be reviewed and selected by the Tribal Council. The license fees are: \$75.00 for Small Boat-On Reservation; \$200.00 for Small Boat-Off Reservation; and \$500.00 for Large Boat-Off Reservation. All tribal members who apply must have completed the required **U.S. Food and Drug Administration Hazard Analysis and critical Point (HACP) training** and present a copy of the certificate with the application. A **Boat Safety Fishing Vessel Examination** with a certified official must be completed and that documentation must be provided. The application also requests fishing vessel information including the vessel name, number & length.

For: Boat Safety Inspections, contact the Tribal Police/Conservation Department at **353-6626** to make an appointment, or contact **U.S. Coast Guard/Hancock** at **482-1520**.

Tobacco Free Day Wednesday, November 30th

Congratulations to our drawing winners: Lynn Aho from the KBOCC; Robert Chenoweth, Donna Carriere, Stan Spruce, and Tammy Moilanen from the Baraga Casino; Heather Chapman from the Attorney's Office; Brenda Malmgren from Public Works; Robin Gauthier from Housekeeping; Rick Shalifoe III from DHHS; Debbie Monty, Shawn Seymour, and Jean Fredrickson from the Marquette Casino.



Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College

Spring 2012 Schedule of Courses

"Catch Your Dream Through A Superior Education"

Spring 2012	Course	Instructor	Day	Time	Room
January 9 through April 27	Business				
	BS210 Marketing (3 credits) <i>Prerequisite: BS110</i>	J. Westman	Tues	5:30pm-8:20pm	Rm 111
Orientation Thursday, January 5, 2012 5:30pm	Fine Art				
	AR105 Ojibwa Beadwork (3 credits) <i>Native American Awareness elective</i> <i>Course limited to 10 students</i> <i>Course Fee \$50</i>	J. Racette	Mon	5:30pm-8:20pm	Rm 111
Locations/ Contacts: Main Campus 111 Beartown Baraga, MI 49908 Library/ Science Center 409 Superior Baraga, MI 49908 KBOCC Annex 325 Superior Baraga, MI 49908 Main Line (906) 353-4600 Admissions/ Registration Information 906-353-4640 Financial Aid 353-4605 Library Phone 353-8163 Science Lab 353-8162 Website www.kbocc.org	AR116 Sculpture (3 credits) <i>Course Fee \$80</i>	D. Mues	Thurs	5:30pm-8:20pm	Rm 111
	Early Childhood Education				
Advising Early Childhood Education Mary DeLine 353-4608 Environmental Science Andrew Kozich 353-4639 Liberal Studies Jesse Koenig 353-4609 Undeclared Lynn Aho 353-4618	CE110 Developmentally Appropriate Practice (3 credits) <i>Prerequisite: CE101 or instructor's permission</i>	M. DeLine	Mon	5:00pm-7:50pm	Rm 113
	CE 111 Infant and Toddler Programming (3 credits) <i>Prerequisite: CE101 or instructor's permission</i>	M. DeLine	Wed	5:00pm-7:50pm	Rm 113
Website www.kbocc.org	CE276 ECE Practicum (4 credits) <i>Prerequisite: Sophomore standing</i> <i>Course Fee \$20</i>	M. DeLine	Thurs	Sessions as arranged	TBA
	English				
Website www.kbocc.org	EN101 Reading Skills (1 credit)	S. Schwartz	Thurs	5:00-5:50 pm	TBA
	EN102 College Composition I (3 credits) <i>Prerequisite: EN095 or Placement</i> <i>Composition requirement</i>	J. Koenig	Tues, Thurs	2:00pm-3:20pm	Rm 113
Website www.kbocc.org	EN202 College Composition II (3 credits) <i>Prerequisite: EN102</i> <i>Composition requirement</i>	S. Schwartz	Mon, Wed	5:00pm-6:20pm	TBA
	EN255 Modern Native American Literature (4 credits) <i>Prerequisite: EN102 or instructor's permission</i> <i>Course taught at Harvey location</i>	G. Chailier	Wed	4:30pm-6:20pm	Harvey Community Center Build.
Website www.kbocc.org	EN280 Creative Writing (3 credits) <i>Prerequisite: EN102</i>	J. Koenig	Tues, Thurs	5:00pm-6:20pm	Rm 115
	Humanities				
Website www.kbocc.org	EN220 Storytelling in the Digital Age (4 credits) <i>Humanities elective</i> <i>Course fee \$35</i>	J. Koenig	Mon, Wed	10:00am-11:50am	Rm 112
	Information Systems				
Website www.kbocc.org	IS110 Principles of Information Systems (4 credits) <i>Prerequisite: IS105 or instructor's permission</i>	C. Anderson	Tues, Thurs	3:30pm-5:20pm	Rm 112
	Liberal Studies				
Website www.kbocc.org	LS297 Capstone Seminar for Liberal Studies Majors (3 credits) <i>Prerequisites: sophomore status, pre or co-requisite EN202 or EN205.</i> <i>Course Fee \$20</i>	T. Marshall	Arranged	Arranged	Arranged
	Mathematics				
Website www.kbocc.org	MA096 Basic Math (2 credits) <i>Does not count toward graduation credits.</i>	C. Anderson	Tues, Thurs	10:30am-11:50pm	Rm 113
	MA105 College Algebra (4 credits) <i>Prerequisite: MA104 or placement</i>	C. Anderson	Tues, Thurs	1:00pm-2:50pm	Rm 113
Website www.kbocc.org	MA201 Probability and Statistics (4 credits) <i>Prerequisite: MA105</i>	C. Anderson	Tues, Thurs	3:00pm-4:50pm	Rm 113
	Ojibwa Studies				
Website www.kbocc.org	OS250 Ojibwa Language and Culture II (4 credits) <i>Prerequisite: OS110</i> <i>Humanities and Native American Awareness Elective</i>	J. Racette	Wed	5:30pm-9:50pm	Rm 115
	Science				
Website www.kbocc.org	GS105 Introduction to Earth Science (4 credits; 3 hrs. lecture, 3 hrs. lab) <i>Lab Science elective</i> <i>Lab Fee \$120</i>	A. Kozich	Tues, Thurs	5:00pm-7:50pm	Room 1 Library/ Science
	BI206 Principles of Ecology (4 credits; 3 hrs. lecture, 3 hrs. lab) <i>Lab Science elective</i> <i>Lab Fee \$120</i>	A. Kozich	Tues, Thurs	10:00am-12:50pm	Room 1 Library/ Science
Website www.kbocc.org	BI210 Botany (5 credits; 3 hrs. lecture, 4 hrs. lab) <i>Prerequisite: BI101</i> <i>Lab Science elective</i> <i>Lab Fee \$150</i> <i>Course limited to 6 students</i>	E. Johnston	Mon, Wed	5:00 pm-8:20pm	Science Lab
	ES297 Capstone Seminar for Environmental Science Majors (4 credits) <i>Prerequisites: sophomore status, EN205, MA105. Pre or co-requisite ES298.</i> <i>Course Fee \$20</i>	T. Marshall	Arranged	Arranged	Arranged
Website www.kbocc.org	Social Science				
	OS215 Contemporary Native American Issues (4 credits) <i>Social Science and Native American Awareness Elective</i>	J. Koski	Tues, Thurs	5:30 pm -7:20 pm	Rm 113
Website www.kbocc.org	SO201 Marriage and the Family (4 credits) <i>Social Science Elective</i>	K. Koenig	Mon, Wed	12:00 noon-2:20 pm	Rm 111
	PY210 Child Psychology (4 credits) <i>Prerequisite: PY101</i> <i>Social Science Elective</i>	F. Taddeucci	Wed	5:00pm-8:50pm	Rm 111

SENECA EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Seneca Promotions is looking for Promotional Models to represent the Seneca brand throughout the United States. Models will promote sales and profitability by providing exceptional customer service to store owners by scheduling and appearing onsite. Must be reliable, outgoing, energetic, individual who can bring some fun to these events as they promote and encourage sales of the Seneca Products.

Responsibilities:

- Hand out promotional items, demonstrate products, and converse with customers.
- Must maintain poised and polished appearance at all times while conducting promotions.
- Inform prospective purchasers about Seneca products, prices, and where to purchase.
- Be able to communicate in a team atmosphere and work independently.
- Report job completions to Supervisor

and obtain information about future Promotions.

- Passion for sales and ability to communicate brand effectively with customers.
- Make sure the brand display is appropriate and that implementation complies accordingly to company standards.
- Follow all the procedures for preparing promotional items including set-up and take-down.
- Must be able to work all shifts including nights, weekends and holidays as necessary.

Skills:

- Beautiful outgoing personality and positive attitude.
- Previous customer service experience preferred.
- High School diploma or equivalent required.
- Must have a valid driver's license.
- Must be willing to travel throughout

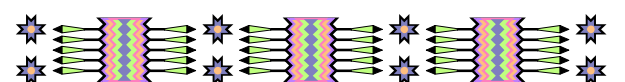
the United States and possess a passport or willing to do so.

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* RN	* Youth Program & Facility Attendant
* Account Executive/Sales	* Family Aide

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.

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