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KBIC COUNCIL MEMBERS SWORN IN AT JANUARY'S SATURDAY'S COUNCIL MEETING

The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on January 7, 2012, 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



Photo by Lauri Denomie.

Newly elected and re-elected council members were sworn in by President Swartz at the January 7, 2012, Saturday Tribal Council meeting. Left to right: Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Robert D. "RD" Curtis, Jr., Carole LaPointe, Jean "Halverson" Jokinen, and President Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr.

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. Mayo gave the Treasurer's Report (page two); and Larry Denomie III gave the CEO Report (page five). Council passed the Department Head Reports for November 2011.

Peggy Minton, a member of the Election Board, presented the December 17, 2011, General Election results for certification. Results for Tribal Council in the Baraga District were: Robert D. "RD" Curtis, Jr. 220 votes, Carole LaPointe 219 votes, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr. 186 votes, and Isabelle Helene Welsh 154 votes. Results for Tribal Council in the L'Anse District were: Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews 224 votes, Jean "Halverson" Jokinen 190 votes, William "Gene" Emery 183 votes, and Lyndon Ekdahl 158 votes. Of the 651 registered voters, (782 eligible to be registered), 406 voters (62%) voted in the General Election. **Eddy Edwards motioned to approve the December 17, 2011, General Election results, supported by Jerry Lee Curtis, eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**

New and re-elected Tribal Council members (Robert D. "RD" Curtis, Jr., Carole LaPointe, Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, and Jean "Halverson" Jokinen) were sworn in by President Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr.

Reorganization nominations were made and secret ballot vote totals fol-



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President Swartz presented William E. Emery (left), Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., (center), and Isabelle Welsh (right) with recognition gifts. All three expressed their appreciation of having been given the opportunity to represent and serve the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. William E. Emery has served the community for 33 years as a Tribal Council member.

low: One nomination for President: Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. - **Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. was named President.** Two nominations for Vice President: Elizabeth D. Mayo (eight votes), Carole LaPointe (four votes) - **Elizabeth D. Mayo was named Vice President.** Two nominations for Secretary: Susan J. LaFernier (eight votes), Carole LaPointe (four votes) - **Susan J. LaFernier was named Secretary.** Two nominations for Assistant Secretary: Jerry Lee Curtis (seven votes), Carole LaPointe (five votes) - **Jerry Lee Curtis was named Assistant Secretary.** Three nominations for Treasurer: Toni Minton (seven votes), Carole LaPointe (three votes), Eddy Edwards (two votes) - **Toni Minton was named Treasurer.**

Council scheduled a Government Employee Appeal of Dismissal Hearing for case #001-12 to be heard on January 19, 2012, at 11:00 a.m.

Elizabeth D. Mayo, former Treasurer,

Tribal Council Members:

Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President
Elizabeth D. Mayo, Vice-President
Susan J. LaFernier, Secretary
Jerry Lee Curtis, Asst. Secretary
Toni Minton, Treasurer
Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews
Eddy Edwards
Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.
Frederick Dakota
Carole LaPointe
Jean (Halverson) Jokinen
Robert D. (RD) Curtis, Jr.



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- January 7, 2012 Tribal Council Meeting
- KBIC Pharmacy Automates Refills
- Fall Walleye and Lake Trout Stocking
- KBIC Holds Hazardous and Electronic Waste Collection
- Youngsters Learn the Gift of Giving
- New Employees
- Deepest Sympathy

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!

presented donation requests for January 2012 to the Council for their consideration. **Motion by Eddy Edwards to approve \$180 for the Baraga Area Schools 2011-2012 Yearbook ad and to deny the other requests, supported by Susan J. LaFernier, eleven in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**

Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to utilize Superior National Bank and Wells Fargo for depository of funds, supported by Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, ten supported (Minton, Mayo, J. Curtis, Dakota, Edwards, M. LaFernier, R. Curtis, LaPointe, Jokinen), 0 opposed, one abstained (S. LaFernier), motion carried.

Motion by Susan J. LaFernier to have the check signers remain the same as last year, one Executive Council Official and one other Council Member sign the checks, supported by Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews,

Tribal Council meeting continued:

eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.

Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to keep the Tribal Court check signers the same (Chief Tribal Judge, Associate Judge, Chief Court Clerk, twelve Council members) and the Child Support Enforcement Program check signers as the same as last year (Child Support Director, Child Support Specialist, Chief Tribal Judge, Associate Judge, Chief Court Clerk, twelve Council members), supported by Susan J. LaFernier, eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.

~ submitted by Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor

DECEMBER 2011 TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Donations made for the month of December were:

- \$7,525 Baraga County Ojibwa Senior Christmas Party;
- \$7,150 Baraga/Marquette Counties Ojibwa Senior gift cards (\$25 each);
- \$500 Baraga Fire Department 39th Annual Kid's Christmas Party;
- \$250 L'Anse/Baraga Athletic Booster Clubs for the alumni basketball game;
- \$1,000 RICC Annual Christmas Party — Hannah Misegan request;
- \$4,320.13 was spent for fifteen children who lost a parent this year;

Donations total—\$20,745.13

Tribal Council overspent the allocated budget amount this month due to Council not allocating the Senior Christmas parties along with the \$25 Senior gift cards. Next year we will add a line item in the Council's budget for these activities.

I would like to request a financial meeting be held sometime in February, either the 2nd or the 9th, to go over the casino audits and also have the new council members familiarize themselves with the financial responsibilities the Tribe has obligated themselves for fiscal year 2012.

It has been an honor and a great pleasure to have served the Community as the Treasurer of the Tribe for the last three months.

This concludes my report for the month of December.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth D. Mayo, Treasurer



**Ojibwemowin
Wadiswan**
(Language Nest)

Enrolling children 2-6 years of age. Our Ojibwe language Pre-K program uses a thematic approach with real world and hands on learning. For more information call: 201-2688.

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2011

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

On December 14, 2011, I attended the Health Board meeting and also the Department of Health and Human Service's Departmental Bi-monthly staff meeting and Christmas luncheon. Thanks to everyone for a great meeting and meal.

The employee W.H.I.P.P. (Wellness, Health, Intervention, Prevention Program) Task Force and volunteers continue to have monthly meetings. It is never too late to encourage and begin positive lifestyle changes that will help us live longer, healthier, happier lives. Mino-Bimaadizin "Live Well." The "Walk and Talk" Program (indoor walking program) began on Monday, December 5, 2011, and continues until April 13, 2012. Everyone should participate in at least 30 minutes of physical activity five times a week to stay fit.

I reported last month 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, was 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 still has not yet issued an opinion/decision on Part 631 Groundwater Discharge Permit. Please let us know if you would like a copy of the decision. The Tribal Council did make a motion on December 3rd to appeal the judge's decision on Part 632 to protect Eagle Rock as a place of worship along with the other groups.

Congratulations to R.D. Curtis, Jean Jokinen, Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, and Carole LaPointe on their recent election to the Tribal Council. We will miss Gene Emery, Gary Loonsfoot, Sr., and Isabelle Welsh for their years of service, wisdom, and guidance, and we wish them well with their continued care for our Community. I would also like to thank our entire staff at the Government and Enterprises for all of their work and dedication to our Tribe. In the coming weeks, I will be discussing how our departments and businesses can inform our Community more of the good and exciting work that they do because there have been many accomplishments!

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 during 2011. Thank you, God and Creator, for the year that ended and for the great blessings of our land, loved ones, and friends. Let us continue to be thankful for our beautiful area. We pray for peace in the world. We wish everyone a blessed New Year that brings good health and happiness!

During December 2011, the Tribal Council held one Regular Tribal Council Meeting on December 3, 2011. This meeting is covered in the January 2011 Newsletter. Tribal Council held four Special Council Meetings. Following are the unapproved motions from December.

At a council meeting held December 1, 2011, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the April 2, 2011 Tribal Council meeting minutes;
- Approved Resolution KB1864-2011 Diane Y. Charron residential lease;
- Approved Resolution KB1865-2011 which cancelled Daniel R. and Elizabeth H. Connor's residential lease and transferred to Bruce LaPointe;
- Approved the bid from D&H Welding for a 12' snow pusher for \$3,800 for the Public Works Department's end loader;
- Approved the amendment for the joint funding agreement with the U.S. Geological Survey for the Silver River steam gauges;
- Approved the replacement of the U.S. Geological Survey joint funding agreement for the Yellow Dog Plains steam gauges for FY2012 (from the October 20th motion);
- Approved the Project BE 11-G55 Dump Site Cleanup budget for \$103,000 (includes a \$27,000 match) which began October 1, 2011 (Natural Resources Department);
- Approved the IHS Amendment #1 to the Individual Well Uranium Study MOA Project BE 08-F62 for the installation of water filtration treatment systems in homes;
- Approved the travel costs for Ronald T. Edwards and David R. Mayo for \$653.60 each to attend the HACCP Training in Petoskey, MI on December 6, 2011;
- Approved a donation to the Baraga High School Band for \$396.45 for stainless steel travel cups to sell as a fundraiser for new instruments;
- Approved the renewal license for the KB Ojibwa Community College's Child Care Facility (for 20 children) effective December 1, 2011;
- Approved the renewal license for the Ojibwa BP Gas Station's taxed tobacco products;
- Approved the renewal of Ojibwa BP

Gas Station's liquor license;

- Approved the MOA with Medco Health Solutions, Inc. and the provider agreement to provide prescription drug management services for the Pharmacy;
- Approved to direct staff to prepare a lease for the KB Ojibwa Community College based on the original land use plan and look into buying the KBO building and leasing it to the College while they work on their additions;
- Approved the Services Agreement with Richard Tuisku (Dick Storm) at the Radio Station;
- Approved the wage (increase) for the Baraga/Marquette Ojibwa Casino's General Manager at \$130,000;
- Approved to change the Christmas Gift Check guidelines: for those who pass away between the October 1st date and the check distribution, the funds may be used for their funeral expenses.

At a council meeting held December 8, 2011, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the donation to the children of our four families who lost a parent in the last year of \$300 per child for Christmas;
- Approved to hire Advance Benefit Solutions, Inc. through the Employee Benefits Agency, Inc. effective January 1, 2012, to replace the MEBS program regarding the employees Blue Cross and Blue Shield health coverage;
- Approved a new business license for the "Jiaganish Wadokaged" Warrior's Helpers (Richard A. Geroux—American Legion);
- Approved a Services Agreement with the Western U.P. Health Department and the Department of Health and Human Services for the Title XV

Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening and/or Diagnostic Services;

- Approved giving Liana Loonsfoot, Weed & Seed Coordinator, Blue Cross and Blue Shield health insurance coverage during her temporary hire appointment until March 2012 to spend the grant dollars.

At a council meeting held December 15, 2011, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the April 7, 14, and 21, 2011 Tribal Council meeting minutes;
- Approved the confirmation for the on-site training program for "Conducting Background and Character Investigations under P.L. 101-630" to be held here on February 16-17, 2012, for \$9,950 for up to 40 persons;
- Approved Resolution KB1867-2011 Daniel R. and Elizabeth H. Connor residential lease;
- Approved Resolution KB1866-2011 FY 2012 Solid Waste Transfer Management Facility application for transfer station equipment and assistance to implement the facility project up to \$600,000;
- Approved a donation of \$1,000 for the Baraga County RICC (Regional Interagency Consumer Committee that serves people with disabilities) Christmas Party on December 21, 2011, at the KC Hall;
- Approved the renewal business license for the Red Apple Family Restaurant;
- Defeated a motion to stop all KBIC sales tax reimbursements on vehicles;
- Approved the change (in criteria) of the KBIC Sales/Use Tax Reimbursement Policy to state: "All owners must reside in the same household, unless owned entirely by Tribal members who are all living on the

Reservation;"

- Approved the addendum to the Professional Services Agreement with Ronald Demaray and Dorsey & Whitney for the continued preparation of potential IHS contract support costs claims.

At a council meeting held December 21, 2011, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the April 28, 2011 Tribal Council meeting minutes;
- Approved an additional \$600 to Jennifer Curtis for medical travel under the Community Needs Assistance Program;
- Approved an additional \$3,858.52 for sales tax on two vehicle purchases for the Baraga/Marquette Ojibwa Casino;
- Approved that leases be drafted for the KB Ojibwa Community College campus, the Green building in Baraga, and the KBO building for review;
- Approved Resolution KB1868-2011 Sandra J. Swartz residential lease modification to include her adult children as lessees;
- Approved Resolution KB1869-2011 Barbara J. Swartz residential lease modification to include her adult children et al as lessees;
- Approved to table a tie vote Resolution KB1870-2011 commercial/business lease for the Ojibwa Housing Authority from Victor Miron at the Ojibwa Industrial Park until the environmental questions have been answered;
- Approved to cancel logging operations at the Jondreau and Manitogiiig Allotments on Beartown Road.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan J. LaFernier, Secretary

KBIC Pharmacy has automated Prescription Refills

One feature of our new pharmacy phone system is automatic refills. This is the quickest way to obtain your prescription refill. How?

Simply dial **353-4555** (This phone number is on your prescription bag and all medications).*

Choose one of the FIVE options, and your prescription refill will be automatically sent to our certified techs to begin processing your refills.

We have also begun using "e-prescribing". "E- Prescribing" occurs when your doctor sends in the prescription *during* your office visit. The prescription then goes to a clearinghouse, payment sources are verified, and the prescription is sent to the KBIC pharmacy computers. This process takes about 10 minutes, and then it is forwarded to the tech computer here at KBIC. As soon as the tech gets your prescription, the refill process begins!

When you have had a referral from the KBIC physician, and you are bringing the prescription(s) they may have written, please have them verified by the KBIC physician FIRST!



Please allow two – three business days for processing refills and prescriptions.

***Note:** If you are an employee and try to dial 4-5-5-5, this will **not** trigger the automated system. You **MUST** dial the full number: **353-4555**.

What your Prescription Label tells you.

What happens when you call 353-4555?

You will hear a female voice that will give you the choices below:

1. PRESCRIPTION # AND CALLING FOR REFILL— punch in your Prescription number, followed by "#" key.
2. OTHER DOCTOR OFFICE, calling in a prescription.
3. PHARMACY HOURS, 8:00 a.m. To 4:30 p.m.
4. CONFIRM TIME OF PICK UP.
5. LEAVE MESSAGE FOR PHARMACIST OR TO HEAR MESSAGE AGAIN

Choose "1" for ordering your prescription. Enter the numerals only! Do not enter any letters!

Example:

From the label below, you will enter 6-0-0-4-8-9-1-#



PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2011

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

- Councilman Dakota, Greg Nominelli, and I participated in a discussion between Tribal Nations and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) on the Prevent All Cigarette Trafficking Act of 2009 (PACT) which revised certain existing provisions governing sales in cigarettes and smokeless tobacco products. The meeting took place in Washington D.C. at the Department of Justice building.

~ The PACT Act Consultation was very well attended with approximately 40 people and 20 tribes represented. We all met before the meeting, and our plan was to educate the DOJ about the importance of the issue to the tribes and to make it clear that the states are being aggressive because tobacco companies are withholding payments from them under the MSA. All of these points were made clear. We also emphasized that the industry is growing and is no longer on the edge of the law and pays all its federal taxes and most use tribal stamps.

~ In summary, I believe the DOJ had this consultation because they intend to change some of their pro-state guidance to pro-tribal, and this was the first step. Our strategy of telling compelling stories and putting into context the greed of our competitors and states while at the same time positioning ourselves as law abiding entrepreneurs was, I believe, very effective. I suspect that there will be some action soon by the DOJ withdrawing some of its previous negative guidance and then start the process of issuing new guidance. We also submitted our written comments.

- On behalf of the Community I submitted comments on the Orvana Copperwood Project. The proposed Copperwood Project is located within the Lake Superior watershed of Ironwood and Wakefield Townships of Gogebic County in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, approximately 70 miles from the L'Anse reservation and 45 miles from the Community's Ontonagon reservation lands.

~ In conclusion, the proposed Copperwood project and the potential adverse impacts associated with the project present a significant concern to the Community. The primary problems associated with the Permit Application include: (1) inadequate industry standard mining methods of backfilling tailings, (2) the large size of the proposed tailings basin, its destruction of streams and wetlands within the Lake Superior watershed, inadequate design and leachate collection system, and its distinct possibility of requiring perpetual care, (3) adverse and

cumulative impacts on Lake Superior and water resources within this ecologically important area, and (4) numerous incomplete Permit Application decisions, critical studies, and contingency plans. For these reasons, the Community is opposed to the issuance of a mining permit for the Copperwood Mine.

- The Council passed a resolution of support for Derek Bailey, Tribal Chairman of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, running for the Democratic nomination for Michigan's 1st District of United States Congress. He understands the issues facing Tribes and will represent the Tribe's best interests in Washington D.C. as a Congressional Representative.
- The KBIC was informed that our application for an Economic Development and Entrepreneurship grant in the amount of \$800,000 was approved. The grant is to develop a wholly-owned corporation and subsidiaries. The first subsidiary under the new corporation shall be the gas station and convenience center in Marquette. The grant provides funds to hire a CEO for the corporation, a manager of the subsidiary (the new gas station), and \$617,617 to acquire and operate subsidiary businesses. All businesses will have a Native American hiring preference under TERO. There is a \$200,000 cash match requirement and the commitment to utilize the \$600,000 HUD ICDBG funds for the new gas station in Marquette.
- Recently I was informed of Michigan's 142 Public Act 2011, which establishes a 1% tax on health care claims paid in the state of Michigan. The short version of this new 1% Health Care Claim Tax is that the state has imposed a 1% tax on all "health care claims" paid in Michigan, with certain exemptions identified in the BCBS's FAQ. The Act does not provide an exemption for Indian tribes or Indians on a reservation. The tax is imposed on health insurance claims paid by "health insurance companies" and "third party administrators" (TPA's), which process health insurance claims, effective January 1, 2012. The health care insurers and TPA's must remit the tax to the state of Michigan. According to the FAQ, BCBS (and presumably other health care insurers and administrators) will be passing this tax onto its "fully insured groups," "self funded groups," and "non group" (individual) plans, which would include KBIC's group health care plan, effective with the billing for the January premium. Several tribes are considering challenging the imposition of this tax on their "fully insured groups" or "self funded groups" plans, which ultimately could include a lawsuit against the health care insurers (or third party administrators) and/or the state of Michigan. The Tribe needs to review the financial impact of this tax on the Tribe and then consider whether or not to

legally challenge the imposition of the tax on the Tribe.

- I received Ojibwa Housing Authority's Annual Performance Report (APR), which is required annually by HUD. The APR contained the information and narratives as required.
- The Tribal Council decided to appeal the mining case to the Michigan Court of Appeals. As most of you know the future of the Salmon Trout River and its surrounding natural resources are at great risk. The destruction of Eagle Rock as a place of worship is ongoing. The absence of baseline environmental information to assess the impending environmental risks is evident on the face of the mining application. Under the statute, these critical deficiencies mandated denial of the permit from the outset.
- On Tuesday December 20, 2011, I received a telephone call from Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs of the United States Department of Interior, Larry Echo Hawk, informing us that he approved our proposed gaming facility in Marquette County, determining it would be in the best interest of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, and it would not be detrimental to the surrounding community. The land into trust was filed in 1999, and the application for the Secretary's two part determination was filed in 2006. The approval is the second part of a three-step approval process. The third is the approval by Governor Rick Snyder, who has one year to make his decision. 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. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped move this application forward.

This concludes my report.

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

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community; Hazardous and Electronic Waste and Tire Collection Events, by Warren Chris Swartz, Jr., President

12/14/2011, Baraga County, Michigan – During the month of November, KBIC Natural Resources Department (NRD), in collaboration with Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NWRPC), organized a hazardous and electronic waste "milk run" collection event. The event collected hazardous and electronic waste from municipalities, businesses, and schools in Baraga County free of charge for those who wanted to participate. Items accepted included: computer monitors, CPU, printers, faxes, copy machines, peripherals, TV's, floor copiers, batteries, poison solids, pesticides (solid or liquid), ballasts, and other items considered hazardous, especially those items containing mer-

CEO REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2011

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

- On December 8th, Council approved an administrative change in the Tribes Health Care coverage. The Tribe is contracted with BCBS of MI and also has a portion of coverage self-funded with MEBS, a third party administrator. Effective January 1st, Advance Benefits Solutions (ABS) will replace MEBS as the third party administrator. The change provides a minimum savings of \$4 per month per contract. Additionally, it was proposed that ABS will closely monitor the billing by providers and more savings due to improper billing by providers being caught could be realized. The change to employees is seamless once in place, but to complete the change over, employees and their adult family members listed on their policy had to complete required forms. Informational meetings are scheduled for all covered employees next week to provide them the opportunity to learn about the change and get their questions, if any, answered.
- Planning continues to take place regarding the development of the ANA Language Preservation Grant application. Ideas generated from community meetings conducted recently will be used to formalize the plan before it is submitted by the January 31st due date. Jean Jokinen, Grant Writer, Chris Chosa, THPO Director, and Gary Loonsfoot Jr., Language Coordinator, are working on the ap-

plication and will present a resolution for Council's approval prior to the deadline.

- On December 15th, Council approved a change to the Vehicle Tax Reimbursement Policy. The change requires that all owners of the vehicle reside in the same household unless owned entirely by Tribal members who are living within the reservation. Prior to the change, members listed as owners with a non-member who resided off the reservation received 50% of the tax on the vehicle.
- The HUD ICDBG grant application in the amount of \$600,000 for the Tribes Solid Waste Management project was submitted on January 4th. The funds, if approved, will be used to purchase equipment and complete site work for the project. Notice of approval is expected mid to late summer. The grant was written by Jim Stingle, Grant Specialist.
- The Tribe has received an additional \$28,969 in LIHEAP funding. LIHEAP applications are being processed with seniors receiving first priority, members with children second, and individuals last. With the additional funding it is estimated that most applicants will be served. Approximately 100 applications are in process and our office has assisted the CAP office with the review.
- The Tribe has been awarded a one-time \$800,000 HUD Rural Innovation Fund grant. The funding, if accepted by the Tribe, will be used to form a Corporation separate from the Tribal Government. A Chief Executive Of-

fice and business manager will be hired. Approximately \$600,000 is slated to acquire and operate an economic enterprise. As match to the grant, \$800,000 of the new gas station project in Marquette was committed in the application. The Tribe has until mid January to decide if they will accept the grant. Gregg Nominelli, Economic Developer, will be presenting to Council on January 12th. The grant was written by Jean Jokinen, Grant Writer.

- On December 15th, Ed Janisse, Eagle Radio General Manager, provided Council with a presentation regarding a plan to consolidate the two locations they currently operate. The plan could greatly reduce the financial losses of the operations which have occurred since its inception in 2001. Following the presentation and at Council's request additional consideration and research is taking place to tweak the plan which will be presented as a follow up later this month.
- In closing I would like to thank Council, staff, and the Community for allowing me to be a part of this great organization this past year. It is my opinion that together we have made great strides in moving the Tribe forward and that 2012 will prove to be an even more successful year.

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

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community; Fall 2011 Walleye and Lake Trout Stocking, by Warren Chris Swartz, Jr., President

10/4/2011, Baraga County, Michigan
– Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) recently stocked nearly 3,000 fall fingerling walleye into local waters. One thousand walleye were micro-tagged and stocked into Portage Lake. Tagging these fish will allow for future evaluation of stocking success. Another 1,200 were stocked into Huron Bay and over 500 walleye were stocked into Keweenaw Bay. Average length of walleye stocked was just over seven inches with some fish measuring over 10 inches. These fish were part of an extended growth trial at the KBIC walleye ponds. "The extended growth rearing trial was an experimental effort. We haven't held walleye stock this long before prior to stocking. Based on the results we consider the trial a success," stated KBIC Fish and Wildlife Biologist, Gene Mensch. This stocking effort follows a previous stocking of more than 300,000 walleye earlier this summer by KBIC.

In addition, KBIC also recently stocked 5,100 lake trout into Keweenaw Bay. The lake trout were surplus USFWS Iron River National Fish Hatchery (IRNFH) stock, and are marked with a unique finclip and fitted with an internal Coded Wire Tag (CWT) for future stock evaluation studies. Fish stocked were sub-fingerlings, averaging 3.5 inches in length. Natural Resource Department staff request that people watch

for lake trout from Lake Superior with finclips (missing adipose fins) as it's likely that these fish also have a CWT. We encourage people to retain the entire head of captured lake trout if they would like to help with our data collection and research.

You can contact KBNRD at 906-524-5757 (ext 12) if you capture a finclipped or tagged fish or for other information.

(right) KBIC Natural Resources Department Fisheries Technician, Glenn Tolonen, release sub-fingerling lake trout into Keweenaw Bay.



Nike N7+ Tempo

Nike has changed the look of the N7 shoe.

Starting February 1, 2012, there will be two styles of shoe for men and women, there are no children's sizes. Nike Air Native N7 shoes are designed with the Native consumer in mind. The shoes are Nike + enabled.

The new design of the Nike N7+ Tempo has the same fit as the older version. The shoe maintains its original wide width, thicker sock liner, and heel crash pad. The enhanced features include a new look and trail-specific traction elements for enhanced traction, grip, and performance over a variety of surfaces.

The shoes are available at the LaPointe Health Center. The cost is now \$57 per pair.

For more information or to order contact Heather Wood-Paquet at 353-4546.



2ND ANNUAL LAC VIEUX DESERT MID-WINTER POW WOW

"Strengthening Community Through Our Youth"

February 18 & 19, 2012
Watersmeet School Gymnasium
Watersmeet, Michigan

FEBRUARY 15TH	FEBRUARY 18TH	FEBRUARY 19TH
BLESSING FEAST	GRAND ENTRY AT 1:00PM	GRAND ENTRY
AT 5:00PM	FEAST - 5:00PM - LVD REC CENTER	AT NOON
AT HISTORIC	GRAND ENTRY AT 7:00PM	
PRESERVATION		
BUILDING		

\$5.00 Admission - Free for Students & Elders

Master of Ceremonies	Host Drum
Erik Awonohopay	Smokeytown
Baraga, MI	

Head Female Dancer	Head Male Dancer	Head Veteran Dancer
Crystal Reclott	Dana Warrington	Wes Martin
Wikwemikong, ONT	Menominee/Potawatomi	Oneida/Menominee/Ojibwe

10 Drum Payout Dancer Honorarium

MEN & WOMEN NORTHERN TRADITIONAL SPECIALS

Craft Vendors ONLY Please bring your own table.

RAFFLES

Hotel Accommodations: Dancing Eagles Resort Hotel (800) 285-2505
 For more information call (906) 358-4577 or visit www.lvdtribal.com
 Watersmeet School and Lac Vieux Desert Tribe are not responsible for lost or stolen articles.
NO DRUGS OR ALCOHOL

Blood Pressure & Blood Glucose Screenings

The KBIC Community Health Division will be providing blood pressure and blood glucose screenings on alternating Tuesdays at the Ojibwas Senior Citizens in the exercise room and the Superior View Apartment Complex in the community room. No appointment is needed, this is on a walk-in basis. The screenings will be from 11:30 a.m. - 12 noon.

Location dates through June are below.

<u>Senior Center</u>		<u>Superior View</u>	
January 17th	April 17th	January 24th	April 24th
January 31st	May 1st	February 7th	May 8th
February 21st	May 15th	February 28th	May 22nd
March 6th	May 29th	March 13th	June 5th
March 20th	June 12th	March 27th	June 19th
April 3rd	June 26th	April 10th	

New Employees



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Sheila Ekdahl has been hired as the new Motor Vehicle Clerk. Sheila has lived on the Rez her entire life, with the exception of a few years while she attended college. She currently resides in Baraga. Sheila states, "I have been blessed with three amazing children: DySean, Dhanya, and Breyelle. I enjoy being the best mother I can be to my children and enjoy spending time with friends and family. I've had various jobs throughout our tribe and have enjoyed the learning experience from each and everyone of them. I had the opportunity to start working in the Motor Vehicle Department during my summer youth program years and have continued to work with them as an on-call worker, thereafter. My supervisor and co-workers have always been so kind and helpful which makes the work environment easy to get used to. Chi miigwech for choosing me for this position, and I am looking forward to working for KBIC and helping all of our community with their licensing and titling needs. See you soon!"



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Geneva Brennan has been hired as the Office of Child Support Friend of the Court Specialist at the KBIC Tribal Court. Geneva lives in L'Anse with her husband, Tim. Geneva is a 1987 graduate of Indiana University with an Associates Paralegal Degree. Geneva has three daughters: Erin, Mary, and Kelsey, and a new grandson, Roman Patrick, who was born December 15, 2011.

Geneva has worked on-call for the KBIC Tribal Center in various departments including: the Attorney's office, Community Assistance Program, KB Outpatient Substance Abuse office, and the KBIC Dental Clinic. Geneva states, "My hobbies include skiing, kayaking, golf, crafting, and anything outdoors. I have enjoyed working with the various departments throughout the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and am grateful for the opportunity to serve in my new capacity as the Child Support Specialist. I look forward to speaking with you at anytime regarding your questions or concerns."



\$\$ FINANCIAL AID DAY \$\$

Wednesday, February 22, 2012, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Keweenaw Bay Tribal Center, 16429 Bear Town Rd. Baraga, MI

Financial Aid Counselors will be available to assist you on an individual basis to complete 2012-13 financial aid applications. Please call 353-4117 to schedule an appointment.

Sponsored by Educational Talent Search and the KBIC Education Office.
Open to the public.



WANTED:

Youth Basketball Coaches for Youth ages 10 - 17.

Must be willing to travel. Must pass a background check. Must be over the age of 21 years of age.

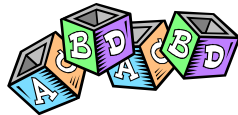
Practice is scheduled to start in March.

For more details, contact Cheryne at the Youth Office - 353-4643.

Pre-Primary Staff Share Expertise



KBIC Pre-Primary Director, Lisa Denomie, and teaching staff (right, green shirt) Nissa Morningstar and (left, green shirt) Stacey Somero have been invited to share their expertise, to local providers, by the Great Start Regional Resource Center on "Let's Move! Childcare". A presentation was held on January 18th, at the Ojibwa Senior Center in Baraga, MI. Each of the trainers has obtained the three-day Facilitator Training Certificate using the "I am Moving, I am Learning" (IMIL), which is congruent with First Lady Michelle Obama's Let's Move initiative. Adults who work with children make a major contribution to promote good health and strong bodies for children by intentionally integrating appropriate physical activities and wise nutritional choices into their daily routine, a proactive approach for preventing obesity in our children. Shown above with Stacey and Nissa are Angie from BHK and Kristie, a home daycare provider. Another presentation was offered on January 29th.



February is: National Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

Dating Violence 101

Teen dating violence and abuse is a pattern of destructive behaviors used to exert power and control over a dating partner. While we define dating violence as a pattern, that doesn't mean the first instance of abuse is not dating violence. It just recognizes that dating violence usually involves a series of abusive behaviors over a course of time.

Ten Warning Signs of Abuse

While there are many warning signs of abuse, here are ten of the most common abusive behaviors:

- > Checking your cell phone or email without permission
- > Constantly putting you down
- > Extreme jealousy or insecurity
- > Explosive temper
- > Isolating you from family or friends
- > Making false accusations
- > Mood swings
- > Physically hurting you in any way
- > Possessiveness
- > Telling you what to do

If you or a loved one is in a violent relationship, **please get help.**

- Call the **National Dating Violence Hotline 1.800.799.7233.**
- Seek on-line support at www.loveisrespect.org through their live-chat feature.
- Text 'loveis' directly to 77054 to begin a text chat with an advocate.
- Or locally call: **OVW Programs and Services 906.353.4598.....Working Together to End Violence.**

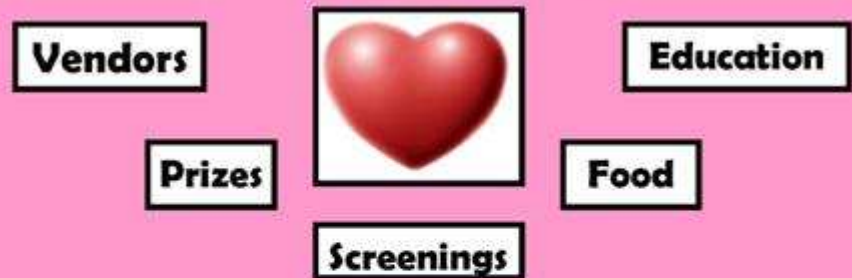


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Healthy Heart Fair

Tuesday, February 14th
11:00 am - 1:30 pm
KBIC Community Gymnasium
(located at the Ojibwa Community College
on Beartown Road)



If the Baraga Schools are closed due to inclement weather, this event will be cancelled.

This program is sponsored by:
KBIC Department of Health & Human Services and the WHIPP Task Force



Youngsters Learn The Gift Of Giving



Photo by Terri Denomie.

Shown above are some of the children of the KBIC Head Start and Early Head Start programs, all the Head Start classmates learned an important lesson, the gift of giving. Not being aware there was a local can drive, the KBIC Head Start and Early Head Start classes decided to begin their own non-perishable food drive to donate to the local St. Vincent DePaul Store. The donated goods were taken to St Vincent De Paul Store on Dec. 14, 2011, just in time for distribution to the community's Christmas Baskets which are made available for Baraga County in-need families.

In addition, employees of the KBIC Head Start and Early Head Start Program opted to donate cash and gifts for a needy cause in lieu of a gift exchange amongst themselves. The group donated cash and a Toys for Tots box overflowing with gifts!

ATTENTION — ATR clients who have one year in the program and have completed their phase (either phase 1, 2, or 3), and did their six month follow up. You are eligible and encouraged to attend the March 5, 2012, 5—8 p.m. session at the Chippewa Conference Room with special guest speaker, D/Lt. George Sailer of the UPSET Narcotics Team. You must register for this session! Please call R.D. Curtis at 353-8121. There will be nice prizes given away, but you must be present to win them!

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January 4, 2012

Mike Koskinen
Baraga County Board of Commissioners
16 N. Third Street
L'Anse, MI 49946

RE: Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Financial Contributions to Baraga County

Dear Chairman Koskinen:

Members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Council read, with a great degree of concern, the article in the *Daily Mining Gazette* which stated that members of the Community "use every service in the county but aren't paying for it," apparently quoting a member of the Baraga County's Finance Committee. The Tribal Council was concerned because this comment is fundamentally incorrect and demonstrates a total lack of knowledge and understanding of how many dollars the Community and its members provide in the way of financial benefits to the Baraga County community.

Pursuant to an agreement with the State of Michigan, the Community distributes payments semi-annually to the local units of government in Baraga County equal to 2% of the net profits from its slot machines at the Baraga Casino. The agreement provides that the payments "shall be based upon compensating said local units of government for governmental services provided to the Tribe and for impacts associated with the existence and location of the Tribal Casino in its vicinity; provided further, however, that out of said aggregate payment, each local unit of government shall receive no less than an amount equivalent to its share of ad valorem property taxes that would otherwise be attributed to the class III gaming facility if that site were subject to taxation."

The 2% distributions, which began in 1994, are made twice each year to local units of government within Baraga County. Over the course of the past five years, the 2% distributions to local units of government have totaled \$1,398,556.29.

For FY2011, in response to written requests by the local units of government in Baraga County, 2% funds were distributed to Baraga County, Baraga Area Schools, Baraga Township, Village of Baraga, L'Anse Area Schools, L'Anse Township, Village of L'Anse, Baraga Township—Baraga Ambulance, and Village of L'Anse—Fire Department.

Over the course of the past 21 years, the Community has been working with the Baraga County Road Commission and Bureau of Indian Affairs to have virtually all the major roads in Baraga County included in the Community's Indian Reservation Road Program. The Indian Reservation Road Program includes public roads to and within Indian reservations and trust lands and is funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Federal Highway Administration. In the years from 1990 to 2011, the total project costs for projects undertaken jointly by the Community and BCRC amounted to \$19,500,000 of which the Community contributed \$11,000,000 for these projects. (This funding amount does not include funding for improvements to roads owned and operated by the Community.) These projects included design and construction of bridges, improved paved roads, improved gravel roads, installation of large span culverts, stream crossing enhancements, road culverts and drainage repairs and improvements. For FY 2012-2013, it is anticipated that the Community will be distributing approximately \$1,000,000 in each of those years to fund additional improvements of Baraga County public road and bridge improvements that are part of the Indian Reservation Road Program.

In addition to the requests for 2% payments from local units of government, the Community receives numerous requests from various civic groups for donations each year. During the past five years the Community has donated approximately \$135,603 to various civic groups such as the L'Anse and Baraga High School Basketball Teams, Baraga Lumber Jack Days, Village of L'Anse Skate Park, Lock-In parties, Softball Associations, Yearbook Ads, Baraga County Little League, Baraga County Lumberjack Days Fireworks, Baraga County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Copper Country Mental Health, Superior Alliance of Independent Living, Keweenaw Family Resource Center, Bethel Church, Superior AmeriCorps, American Legion Post 444, Eagles Auxiliary, Bay Cliff Health Camp, March of Dimes, Baraga Fund Drive, American Cancer Society Relay for Life, Baraga Special Olympics, The Salvation Army, Toys for Tots, and Social Services Back to School Backpacks, to name a few.

With regard to the issue of governmental services utilized by the members of the Community, please be advised that the Community, and not Baraga County, provides to the members of the Community (8) Ishwaaswi

virtually all of the governmental services which are utilized by the members of the Community. The Community has a staff of 309 governmental employees whose jobs are dedicated to providing governmental services to the members of the Community, including the Health & Human Services Department medical and dental clinic (which includes three doctors, 11 nurses, one dentist, two dental hygienists, and two dental assistants), New Day Substance Abuse Treatment Center, Social Services Department, Tribal Court, Child Support Office, Tribal Police and Conservation Department, Natural Resources Department, Public Works Department, Community Assistance Program, Commodity Foods Program, Ojibwa Housing Authority, Ojibwa Community College, Head Start, and Pre-primary Education, to name a few of the departments of the tribal government and provide services to members of the Community. These departments are funded through revenues generated by the Community's business enterprises and through various federal grants and programs.

In addition, all medical and dental services provided to members of the Community that are referred to Baraga County Memorial Hospital or to local doctors and dentists are paid for by the Community or the Indian Health Services. In FY 2011, these payments totaled \$216,796.

It should also be noted that the 12 law enforcement officers of the Tribal Police Department, the 16 environmental and natural resources employees of the Natural Resources Department, and the 60 members of Bear Town Firefighters, in addition to providing services to the members of the Community, also indirectly, and sometimes directly, provide services to residents of Baraga County who are not members of the Community.

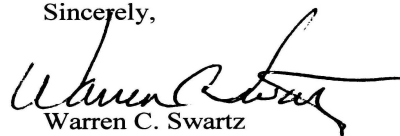
It goes without saying that the Community is the largest employer in Baraga County. In Baraga County alone (not including employees of Marquette County) the Community has 498 employees (government and casino) with a total annual wage payroll of approximately \$14,500,000 per year. A substantial portion of the Community's Baraga County employee annual payroll is spent in Baraga County, in support of local business. Moreover, approximately, 41% of the Community's Baraga County employees are non-Indians who receive approximately \$5,900,000 of the Community's annual wage payroll for Baraga County employees.

In conclusion, the statement quoted above to the effect that members of the Community "use every service in the county, but aren't paying for it" is fundamentally incorrect as demonstrated by the forgoing factual information:

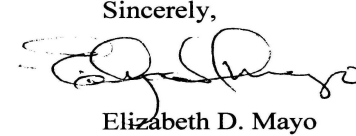
- The Community provides to its members virtually all of the governmental services utilized by its members at virtually no cost whatsoever to Baraga County.
- Over the past five years, the Community has paid \$1,389,556.29 as 2% payments, directly to units of local government, including Baraga County as direct compensation for governmental services and for impacts associated with the existence and location of the Community's Baraga Casino.
- Since 1990, the Community has funded over \$11,000,000 for improvements to the public roads and bridges in Baraga County, which is over 50% of the costs associated with those improvements, notwithstanding the fact that the members of the Community living in Baraga County only account for approximately 13% of the total population of the county.
- The Community makes donations of thousands of dollars each year to civic groups in Baraga County, which are over and above the 2% payments.
- As Baraga County's largest employer, a substantial portion of the Community's annual wage payroll of \$14,500,000 supports local business and indirectly, the entire Baraga County community.

Please don't hesitate to contact either Chris Swartz or Elizabeth Mayo at 906-353-6623 if you have any questions concerning the foregoing.

Sincerely,


Warren C. Swartz
President

Sincerely,


Elizabeth D. Mayo
Treasurer

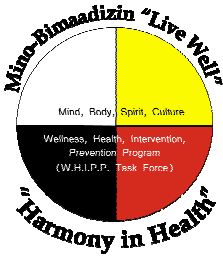
cc: Anne Koski, Baraga County Treasurer
Robert Teddy, Baraga County Sheriff
Joseph O'Leary, Baraga County Prosecutor
Harold J. Miron, Chairman, Baraga County Road Commission

LAKE SUPERIOR BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

"Home of the Midnight Two-Step Championship"

W.H.I.P.P. News....

Thank you to everyone who participated in the "Maintain, Don't Gain" Holiday Challenge that took place November 21, 2011, through January 6, 2012.



We had 34 KBIC employees complete the challenge, with 28 who maintained or didn't gain. We lost a total of 98 pounds over the Holiday season! That is AWESOME!! Congratulations to all who either maintained or didn't gain!

The 28 who maintained or didn't gain were put in a drawing for a chance to win a choice of a one-month membership to Free Spirit Fitness (KBIC Fitness Center), a \$20 Pat's Foods Card, or a \$20 Pines Card. A list of the drawing winners follows:

- George DeCota – Beartown FF
- Sheila Ekdahl – Licensing Dept.
- David Firestone – Ojibwa Seniors
- Gina White – Ojibwa Casino
- Larry Budreau – Ojibwa Casino
- Carole LaPointe – DHHS
- Lori LaFernier – OVV
- Mariah Dunham – Youth/Fitness
- Kristen Gabe – Ojibwa Casino
- Roberta Jondreau – OHA
- Connie Sullivan – Ojibwa Casino
- Norma Kokko – Accounting
- Lisa Denomie – Pre-Primary Program
- Jodi Hella – OHA
- Duane Misegan – Police
- Jim Stingle – Grants
- Vicky Emery – Accounting
- Brenda Aldrich – Ojibwa Casino II
- Gayle Freeborn – Ojibwa Casino II
- Peggy Winters – Ojibwa Casino II

If you're listed as a prize winner, please contact, Cheryne Clements, at 353-4643 or cheryne@kbic-nsn.gov.

In reality, everyone who finished is a WINNER! Please keep up the great work at continuing to live a healthy life style.

~ submitted by Cheryne Clements, Youth/Fitness Programs Director

Ojibwa Community Library News...

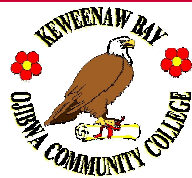
The library now has the book *Best Jobs for the 21st Century*. Careers are broken down in various ways, such as personality, job interests, age, etc. It is catalogued as a "reference book." It can not be checked out of the library.

The library will be receiving Michigan Income Tax books 1040 and Home Heating Credit books for your tax returns. If you need a more specific form, come to the library, and we can help you locate it on the state's website.

Library patrons with either an Android or Apple device can now access the library's regional on-line catalog. Access your device's website from the following applicable sites to check out all that is available for you. Please call the library for help. You may also click on our page @ www.ojibwa.com, click "Education" and there you will find the library's page. Android: https://market.android.com/details?id=sirsidynix.bookmyne&feature=search_result. Apple: <http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/bookmyne/id350625461?mt=8>

~ submitted by Mary Bergerson, Tribal Library Director

Distance Learning Technology Launched



Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College's newly installed distance learning technology was used for distance instruction for the first time on January 17.

John Westman taught the Marketing class while on an out-of-town business trip to the West Coast. Chris Anderson provided on-site technical support. Since video-conferencing is becoming more common in business, using the distance learning equipment in a business class was very appropriate to help familiarize students with business practices.

Instructors received an orientation to the new equipment before spring semester and have been using the audio-visual equipment in their classes. Jesse Koenig, Liberal Studies Department Chair, said "The new equipment will enable instructors to create a richer, multisensory learning environment."

~ submitted by Dr. Lynn Aho, Dean of Instruction, KBOCC



Deepest Sympathy

SHIRLEY A. SCHAFFER
(April 27, 1950—January 3, 2012)

SHIRLEY A. SCHAFFER, age 61, of Sparta, WI, passed away at her home Tuesday, January 3, 2012, after a courageous battle with cancer. Shirley was born April 27, 1950, in Michigan, to Julie Theresa Crebessa. Shirley married James Haley. She was a loving mom and grandma who cherished her family very much. Shirley was a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

Shirley is survived by her children: Christina (fiancé Jason Fleming) Schaffer of Cadott, WI, Annie Schaffer of Sparta, WI, and George Schaffer of Bangor, WI; a sister: Virginia (Terry) Hendricks of Milwaukee, WI; 17 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; along with other relatives and friends. Shirley was preceded in death by her husband, James Haley, and her mother. Funeral services and burial will be held at a later date in Baraga, Michigan. Torkelson Page-Smith Funeral Home of Sparta is assisting the family with arrangements.

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 dependent care deduction are allowed a deduction of actual dependent care costs paid monthly to a non-household member.

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

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

FDPIR Resource Standards—see 7 CFR 253.6(d)

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

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

ATTENTION KBIC MEMBERS:

The following Committees/Boards has vacant seats:

Indian Child Welfare/Justice Committee – Three (3) regular seats

Economic Development – One (1) regular seat

Please submit an application (located at the Tribal Center in Kim Klopstein or Peggy Minton's office) by 4 p.m. on February 17, 2012, to:

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

Hazardous and Electronic Waste and Tire Collection Events continues:

cury. A total of 31,169 pounds of waste were collected including 261 computer monitors and over 11,000 pounds of paint and related materials. KBIC NRD Response Program Specialist Katie Kruse would like to extend a special thanks to NWRPC staff for making several trips to Baraga County from Northwest Wisconsin to collect the waste. Similar collection events are also planned for 2012 and 2013, so additional opportunities will be available.

NRD also organized a tire collection event in November for all Baraga County residents. Over 300 used tires were collected during the event. Baraga County residents were provided free disposal for up to four tires with additional tires costing \$2 per tire. "The event went pretty well being that it was during the same week as the rifle deer opener, and it snowed just before the event." "Suggestions for the next event include shortening the event to one day, and increasing the number of free tires accepted per person," said KBIC NRD Environmental Specialist, Char Spruce. A total of \$140 was collected and will be used to pay for part of the tire disposal costs. KBIC NRD plans to host another tire collection in 2012.

Collecting and disposing hazardous and other waste materials is a critical part of preventing potential contaminant release to the Lake Superior ecosystem which helps protect this precious resource. Historically the lack of resources in the Baraga County area has meant that regular collection events have simply not been possible. With the help of U.S. EPA Great Lakes Restoration Initiative funding we will be able to

establish a regular collection program, leading to increased protections for our wonderful Lake Superior.



Unloading a truck full of tires during the November collection event. Photo credit: Char Spruce.



Northwest Regional Planning Commission truck at the KBIC NRD collecting hazardous and electronic waste for disposal. Photo credit: Keith Rolof.

VATICAN ANNOUNCES A 17TH CENTURY MOHAWK-ALGONQUIN WOMAN, BLESSED KATERI TEKAKWITHA, WILL BE CANONIZED A CATHOLIC SAINT.

A second critical miracle has been credited to prayers to the Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. Kateri, was a Native American ikwe, who died at the age of 24, in 1680. Five-year-old, Jake Finkbooner, of Ferndale, Washington, split his lip playing baseball in 2006. He developed a deadly flesh-eating strep infection, and lay near death at the Seattle Children's Hospital. Jake's father, Donald, a Native American of the Lummi Tribe, was urged by a parish priest to pray with Jake's mother to Kateri to seek a miracle from God. The priest indicated that Kateri had been deeply disfigured by smallpox and believed she would be a good person to call upon for this young child whose face and head were infected. After Jake received a visit by a member of the Tekakwitha Conference which serves and advocates Christianity to hundreds of thousands of Native Americans and is located in Great Falls, Montana, Jake's conditioned turned towards his survival.

This woman brought a small coined image of the Blessed Kateri and a prayer card to Jake's parents. Jake's mother read that prayer card to Jake every day. Today, Jake is being trained to be an altar boy and he still plays baseball.

The Vatican scrupulously investigates miracle claims for proof that recovery was not a result of medical or surgical attention. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention states about 10% to 15% of patients with Jake's variation of strep die.

Kateri Tekakwitha was born in what is now New York, to a Mohawk chief and Algonquin Christian mother. When she was four or five she was badly scarred in the smallpox epidemic which killed her parents and most of her family. She was then raised by two aunts and an uncle. Kateri was also known as Lily of the Mohawks. The date to celebrate her canonization is to be announced by February 2012.



KBIC Even Start Family Learning Center

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FEBRUARY 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 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**.

Childbirth Education Class

When: Tuesday, March 13, 2012, and Tuesday, March 27, 2012
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Where: Donald A. LaPointe Health Center, Conference Room 2nd floor

To Register call:
Laura Cladas RN at 353-4527
or Ruth Keller at 353-4543

Are you Pregnant???? We would like to invite you and your birth partner to join our two session Childbirth Education Class. This class will help you through the process of giving birth, including breathing and relaxation techniques. You will learn so much more from Health Care during Pregnancy to Health Care After Pregnancy.

This class will cover a wide variety of topics including prenatal care, physical and emotion changes during pregnancy, avoidance of drugs and alcohol, nutrition, signs and symptoms of labor, stages of labor and delivery, analgesia and anesthesia, types of deliveries, your local hospital OB routines, breastfeeding and infant feeding, immunizations, newborn bonding and attachment, infant car seat use, postpartum physical and emotional changes, exercises, and family planning.

Again, you are welcome to come to class. We look forward to seeing you.

FEBRUARY 2012 Calendars Events

- Feb. 3:** Constitutional Committee Meeting, 1 pm, Council Chambers;
- Feb. 4:** Reg. Sat. Council Meeting, 9 am, Ojibwa Resort Conference Room;
- Feb. 7:** Blood Pressure/Blood Sugar screenings at Superior View;
- Feb. 8:** Mining Impacts Film "Locked out:"
- Feb. 9:** Ojibwa Seniors regular scheduled meeting at 12:30 p.m.;
- Feb. 14:** Valentine's Day;
- Feb. 15:** Veteran's meeting 7 pm;
- Feb. 18-19:** LVD's Powwow;
- Feb. 20:** President's Day—Gov't offices closed;
- Feb. 21:** Blood Pressure/Blood Sugar screenings at Ojibwa Senior Citizens Center;
- Feb. 22:** Ojibwa Sr. Pasty Prep at 1 pm—volunteers needed; Financial Aid Day;
- Feb. 23:** Ojibwa Sr. Pasty Sale today (volunteers needed at 5:30 am);
- Feb. 28:** Blood Pressure/Blood Sugar screenings at Superior View.

~ 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.



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Tribal Member/Employees:	
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6 Months	\$90.00
Annual	\$160.00
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KBIC Youth Program Activity Fund Guidelines

Each fiscal year, a per-child amount is approved by the KBIC Tribal Council. The amount is currently \$250.00. The fiscal year begins on October 1. The fund services the following counties; Baraga, Houghton, Ontonagon, and Marquette. A separate Activity Fund Request Form must be completed for each child.

To qualify for the fund:

1. The child must be an enrolled KBIC member, or a child of an enrolled KBIC member, and both the child and parent/guardian must reside within the same household within the service area.
2. The child must be age 0-17 or in high school.
3. Parents may be required to provide proof to the Youth & Facilities Coordinator that they have physical custody for the child they are submitting receipts for (court document or signed consent by other parent).
4. Requests that will be paid must fall under one of the following criteria: organized extracurricular activity fees, athletic fees, in or out of school (examples – basketball, gymnastics, skating, hockey, skiing, swimming, football, etc.), athletic equipment (to be used for team sports), camps (sports, Bible, and culture), school-related activities (such as: Band, Youth in Government, Driver's Education, and school pictures), and school clothes. Educational travel is funded, and the funding can be banked through the eligible child's high school (7-12 grade) career (banked means each year's funding can carryover and be used in following years).
5. It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to keep track of how much is spent for each child. An original receipt for a qualifying purchase must be submitted for all funding reimbursements.
6. Submit the original receipt for purchase made within the past 90 days and completed Activity Fund Request Form to the Youth & Facilities Coordinator who will complete a purchase request form and forward the documents to accounting for processing (processing takes three-five days). The Youth & Facilities Coordinator will contact the parent/guardian to make arrangements for issuing the reimbursement check.

(Approved/Amended by Council 11/04/2010)



To the KBIC and Baraga County Community:

I would like to express a chi miigwech for all of the concerns expressed to myself regarding the theft of my picture disk out of my purse at the Donald LaPointe Medical Center. I am very grateful that it has been returned!

Sincerely,
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427 N. Superior Ave. • Baraga, MI 49908
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• Email: ocss@kbic-nsn.gov
"Your Children...Our Priority"
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<http://www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/ocss.htm>

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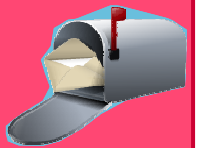
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Pastor: Rev. Stephen Rhoades
Church office 524-7939
Parsonage 524-7936



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.

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



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Confessions: Sunday before Mass 353-6565
Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m. saintann@up.net

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Employment Opportunities

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

- * Traffic Controller/Officer Manager — Feb. 3, 2012
- * Teaching Assistant II — Feb. 3, 2012
- * Nurse Practitioner — Feb. 10, 2012

On Call positions:

- * Community Service Supervisor
- * Unit Manager
- * LPN
- * RN
- * Account Executive/Sales
- * Cashier
- * Receptionist/Clerical Worker
- * Youth Program & Facility Attendant
- * Family Aide
- * Van Driver



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.

Ojibwa Community Library

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353-8163 www.oclib.up.net

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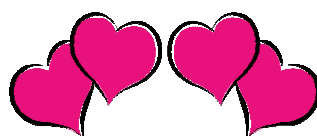
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The Language Program will once again produce a Community Calendar. Last year, we themed 'historical' photos of Tribal members from our past. This year's theme will be pictures of 'current families living on the reservation.' Recent family pictures are requested to be submitted to Gary Loonsfoot, Jr. or dropped off at the THPO Office located in the Tribal Center by February 27th. For more information call Gary at 353-4178.



Photo by Lauri Denomie.

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