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The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwe

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KBIC PARTICIPATES IN "LEARNING TO WALK TOGETHER" TRADITIONAL POWWOW HELD AT NMU

The 20th Annual "Learning to Walk Together" Powwow was held March 17-18, 2012. Hosted by the American Student Association (NASA), it was held at the Vandament Arena at NMU. Grand entries were held at noon and 6:00 p.m. on Saturday and at noon on Sunday. A traditional feast and hand drum competition were held at 4:00 p.m. at the Jacobetti Center on Saturday. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community is a proud sponsor of this annual event which provides our community a time to visit, feast, sing, and dance together with other nearby Tribal communities and relatives. Erick Awonohopay and Jody Gaskin emceed the weekend event. The KBIC Veteran Honor Guard was led by Head Veteran Dancer, Rodney Loons-

foot. Karlene and Donald Chosa served as Head Male and Female Dancers. Host Drum for the event was the Sturgeon Bay Singers with Winnebago Sons and Woodland Singers as co-host drums. Robert Blackdeer performed the duties of Arena Director and Sam Doyle served as Fire-keeper.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Derek Bailey (pictured above) enjoyed dancing and visiting with people during the weekend events at the 20th Annual "Learning To Walk Together" Powwow held in Marquette, Michigan, on March 17-18, 2012.

Derek Bailey, Tribal Chair of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, is running as a Democrat for Michigan's First Congressional District. Baily urged everyone to register to vote and to make their vote count in both the August 7, 2012 Primary Election and the November 6, 2012 General Election. (More information on how to register to vote is on page three.)

HELPING TO OVERCOME ADDICTIONS – KBIC DRUG COURT RELEASES FIRST GRADUATE



KBIC'S first Drug Court graduate, who wishes to remain anonymous, has com-

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
Robert D. (RD) Curtis, Jr.
Frederick Dakota
Eddy Edwards
Jean Jokinen
Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.
Carole LaPointe
Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **March 3, 2012 Tribal Council Meeting**
- **KBIC Participates in "Learning To Walk Together" Powwow**
- **KBIC Drug Court Releases First Graduate**
- **Safe Haven Youth Center Opens**
- **Degenauer Earns H.S. Bowling Recognition**
- **Drug Conviction Report**
- **Ojibwemowin**
- **Deepest Sympathy**

pleted all four phases of the program officially as of February 28th. The graduate, who worked hard to overcome addictive triggers and behaviors, was officially released from the Drug Court program successfully with the book being closed for all criminal convictions.

The KBIC Drug Court program has been designed for people, already in the court system, whose problems stem from addiction. Potential candidates are screened by the Drug Court team and given the option of going to Drug Court in lieu of being in Criminal Court. Drug Court keep individuals accountable through close supervision. For a minimum term of one year, Drug Court participants sign an agreement and are:

- required to appear in Court frequently so that the judge/team may review their progress;
- regularly and randomly tested for drug use;
- held accountable by the Drug Court judge/team for meeting their obligations to the Court, the



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Above—Men's Traditional Dancer, Rodney Loons-foot (Head Veteran Dancer). Below—young grass dancer, Avery Miller, dances with his great-uncle Donald Chosa (Head Male Dancer).



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

MARCH 3, 2012 TRIBAL COUNCIL

The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on March 3, 2012, at the Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room in Baraga, Michigan. President Warren C. Swartz, Jr. presided over the meeting with Elizabeth D. Mayo, Susan J. LaFernier, Jerry Lee Curtis, Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Eddy Edwards, Jean Jokinen, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Carole L. LaPointe, and Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews present. President Warren C. Swartz, Jr. shared numerous *Thank You* and *For Your Information* items addressed to Council.

Secretary Susan J. LaFernier gave the Secretary's Report (page three), Treasurer Toni Minton gave the Treasurer's Report (page two), and Larry Denomie III gave the CEO Report (page two). Council passed the Department Head Reports for January 2012.

Jessica Koski stated that she had a draft of the Advocacy Letter to the United Nations that she has proposed for Tribal Council signature. Council had given their support in her efforts to work with United Nations as it relates to the rights of indigenous people, at the February Saturday meeting. Council consensus was to review the draft before signing the document.

Council set a hearing date of March 8, 2012, 11:00 a.m. to conduct an Appeal of Termination Hearing on case #003-12.

Treasurer Toni Minton presented donation requests for March 2012 to the Council for their consideration. **Elizabeth D. Mayo motioned to approve \$600 for the KBIC Headstart Graduation, \$1500 for Class of 2012 BASH (Baraga-\$500, L'Anse-\$500, Marquette-\$500), \$250 for the American Indian Cancer Foundation—Powwow for Hope, \$500 for Special Olympics, \$8,000 for the Baraga County Lumberjack Days, and \$500 for the Baraga Booster Club, for a total of \$11,350, supported by Toni Minton, eight in favor (Mayo, S. LaFernier, J. Curtis, Minton, Dakota, M. LaFernier, LaPointe, Matthews), three opposed (R. Curtis, Edwards, Jokinen), 0 abstained, 0 absent, motion carried.**

Council adjourned with no further business on the agenda.

~ submitted by Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Shown above, (l) Loretta Hugo and (r) Darlene Genschow, at the February 4th Council meeting where Loretta was presented with an Ojibwa Senior Citizen's Recognition Award. An error occurred in the March 2012 issue. Loretta's correct Indian name is "Snowswirl." Miigwech and sorry for any inconvenience this may have cause.

~ Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor

CEO REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2012

The month of February 2012 included the following activities and reportable items:

- The proposed language to amend Article VIII Section 1 for amending KBIC's Constitution is still being considered by the Midwest Region of the BIA. The process calls for a 90 day period for which they had to provide a response to the request. Since the 90 day period has elapsed, a call was made to the MI Agency office of the BIA which confirmed that the regional office had the request and was aware of the timeline and would be providing an answer shortly.
- Both of the Ojibwa Casinos held employee recognition luncheons for those with 10, 15, 20, and 25 years of service. Recognition included gifts and certificates along with the luncheon. President Swartz along with David Haataja, GM of the properties, made the presentations.
- On the 16th and 17th, Sarah and I attended the Background and Character Investigation training provided by the Falmouth Institute. It was held in our hotel conference room and attended by staff that has involvement with the Tribe's Background Investigation Policy for employees, volunteers, and others subject to the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act. The training indicated a need to amend our policy which staff are working on and will present to Council for consideration in the near future.
- On the 21st, I participated in our annual update and initial health insurance renewal rate review meeting with Employee Benefits - our BCBS and ABS representatives. The rates will increase significantly if changes aren't made to the plans currently offered. Options to bring the increases down will be presented in mid March for Council consideration.
- Brigitte LaPointe, TERO Director/Work Force Coordinator, is finalizing plans for an Interview Skills and Techniques training for those who are involved in the hiring of employees. The training will take place during the next bi-monthly department head meeting scheduled for March 20th. Department managers, directors, Council, and the Hiring Committee will all be invited to participate in the training.
- There are several projects our office is coordinating. The Tribe's records are exceeding physical storage capacity and plans are underway to address the problem. A policy is under development and once complete will be used to begin the tedious process of purging documents that are no longer required to be kept. We will also be working on alternate methods for retaining records such as digitizing. The Accounting Manual used throughout the Tribe is also under-

going review and will most likely be revised or modernized at least. The Tribe lacks its own Food Code at this time and relies on the Indian Health Services aid in conducting reviews of facilities owned by the Tribe and members who are licensed by the Tribe to prepare and sell food. A draft version of a KBIC Food Code is under review and will be introduced by Council Secretary Susan LaFernier once ready for that step in the process.

- As part of providing outreach for the Tribe's Community Assistance Programs, Janice Halverson, CAP Administrator, is preparing information which will appear in the April edition of the Tribal newsletter. It will include all of the programs available through the office, the eligibility requirements and description of services provided for each program.
- The Health Department will be providing several new or expanded services. The Tribe has approved an agreement with Baraga County Memorial Hospital to provide Pediatric Physician Services at our center. The Tribe has also approved moving forward with contracting for an additional part time/fill-in Dentist. Once filled, the dental clinic will provide full services five days per week instead of four as it does currently. A Family Nurse Practitioner will also soon be on board. This will replace the position Doctor Reidy held until her resignation the end of January this year. The Health Department will be providing more information on the services in the coming weeks.
- On February 23rd, Council approved an increase in the Business License for Alcohol sales application fee. The new fee has been increased to \$2,000 per type of alcoholic beverage sold and took effect the date of the motion.
- On the 28th, I attended the first Tribal Drug Court graduation ceremony. The first graduate, who wishes to remain anonymous, met the stringent requirements of the program for one year and was officially released and honored during the ceremony. This is a huge accomplishment for the graduate and the Community because it shows it is possible to overcome addictive issues if one puts heart and soul into it. With the help and support of the Community throughout the year long process, it was also made possible. The program provides those in the system opportunities to deal with their issues in lieu of being sentenced to jail terms. We congratulate the graduate as everyone's support will help her on her new path.

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



TREASURER REPORT FOR THE MONTHS OF JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

Activities reported by the Treasurer, Toni Minton, for the months of January and February 2012.

The following donations were made in January and February 2012:

- \$180 (01/07/12) to the Baraga Area Schools for a 2011-2012 Yearbook advertisement;
- \$1,500 (02/04/12) to Mark Blaker for travel expenses;
- \$1,500 (02/04/12) to John LaFernier for funeral expenses;

- \$500 (02/04/12) to the U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow Reception;
- \$1,600 (02/16/12) to the 2012 Island Resort Sweetgrass Golf Championship Benefit for the Delta County YMCA.

A finance meeting was held February 23, 2012. Chief Financial Officer, Francis LaPointe, provided an overview of the Tribe's finances. We also reviewed the Auditor's Report of the financial statements of September 30, 2011 and 2010 of the Ojibwa Casino Resort and Ojibwa Casino II. The auditor found the statements to present

fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of both Casinos.

Requests for 2% funds for the first cycle of 2012 are due by March 31, 2012. To be considered, all requests require letters or other supporting documentation from a local unit of government. The distributions will be made by May 30, 2012.

This concludes my report for the months of January and February.

Respectfully submitted,
Toni Minton, Treasurer

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2012

Activities reported by the Secretary, Susan J. LaFernier, for the month of February 2012.

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.

NATIVE VOTE 2012 (every vote and voice counts), NCAI (National Congress of American Indians), President Jefferson Keel stated in his State of Indian Nations Address that our Native vote can have a significant impact on the upcoming 2012 elections and challenged Indian Country to turn out the largest Native vote in history. There are more than one million eligible voters in Indian Country who are not registered! We need to get out and vote not only to have Native voices heard, but also to ensure that U.S. leaders understand Indian Country and that Indian Country matters, especially in Michigan. I will be giving more information in the coming months regarding voting in our national, state, local, and Tribal elections. Our goal for Keweenaw Bay is to have 100% of our eligible members vote! See the "Michigan Voting 101" article in this issue.

The employee W.H.I.P.P. (Wellness, Health, Intervention, Prevention Program) Task Force and volunteers continue to have monthly meetings. It is never too late to encourage and begin positive lifestyle changes that will help us live longer, healthier, happier lives. Mino-Bimaadizin "Live Well". Remember everyone should participate in at least 30 minutes of physical activity five times a week to stay fit. The 2012 weight loss challenge continues with 145 employees participating, and the goal is to lose 5% of your current weight. The Healthy Heart Fair was held on February 14th, and once again it was a great success! Thank you to our KBIC Donald A. LaPointe Health and Human Services Center, WHIPP Task Force, Youth Center, and everyone in our area who had a booth.

I attended the meeting with employee volunteers set up to discuss a plan/policy for the Tribe's records retention. We are currently waiting for responses from our departments regarding the records they keep, why they are kept, and for what period of time. We continue to work on a newsletter special insert that will highlight our Community's departments and businesses good work and accomplishments for 2011.

A great celebration of success and accomplishment was held for our first graduate of Drug Court on February 28, 2012, at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens building with fellow participants, family, and friends. Our congratulations to her and the Drug Court team. Thanks also for the wonderful Indian tacos and cake that was served.

I reported in December 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 also issued a 75 page opinion/decision on January 11, 2012, on the Part 631 affirming the MDEQ's decision to grant the Groundwater Discharge Permit to Kennecott. Please let us know if you would like a copy of the decisions. 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, and a motion was made on January 19th to appeal the judge's decision on Part 631.

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. Thank you, God and Creator, 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.

During February 2012, the Tribal Council held one Regular Tribal Council Meeting on February 4, 2012. This meeting is covered in the March 2012 Newsletter. Tribal Council held two Special Council Meetings. Following are the unapproved motions from February.

At a council meeting held February 16, 2012, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the May 19, 23, and 26, 2011 Council meeting minutes;
- Approved the Service Agreement with the Forest County Potawatomi Community and KBIC to conduct an audit regarding payments to hospitals from KBIC Contract Health Services for the years 2007-2010 to compare the payment/Medicare-like rate;
- Approved the Services Agreement with Keith Rolof to provide federal and state individual income tax return preparation services for the eligible Seniors for 2012;
- Approved the Professional Services Agreement with Baraga County Memorial Hospital for one year to provide pediatric physician services for KBIC DHHS pediatric patients;
- Defeated a motion to hold an appeal hearing for a Government employee termination;
- Approved to uphold the decision of the Enterprise Management in the case #002-12 Enterprise employee appeal of termination hearing;
- Approved the KBIC Amended and Restated Tribal Elders and Disability Pension Trust document without the proposed Section II E. regarding payments off of the Reservation;
- Approved July 5th as a holiday with (Government-Enterprise) employees who work receiving time and one-half;
- Approved a donation of \$1,600 to the 2012 Island Resort (Golf) Championship at Sweetgrass for the Delta County YMCA benefit;
- Approved the bid from South Shore, Inc. for \$13,692.70 for the OVW Home security system;
- Approved a color copier/printer from Xerox for \$5,396 for the KBIC Health Center;
- Tabled a motion to appoint Clayton Ek-dahl as the liquor inspector and add these duties for more information.

At a council meeting held February 23, 2012, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the June 2, and 4, 2011 Council meeting minutes;
- Tabled a motion to conduct a forensic audit of the Ojibwa Housing Authority until the Council reviews the 2011 audit, reviews the financials with the Ojibwa Housing Board/Treasurer, and reviews the Ojibwa Community College financials;
- Approved the Maternal Infant Health Program Provider and Medicaid Health Plan Care Coordination Agreement/ Provider Application for preventive services provided to pregnant women, mothers, and their infants to help reduce maternal and infant mortality and morbidity;
- Approved the 2nd revisions to the Joint Funding Agreements with the U.S. Geological Survey for the Yellow Dog Plains and Silver River stream gauges;
- Approved to draw a contract with Dr. Ron Carmody to provide additional dental services to the Community;
- Approved to draw a contract with Kristine Nyquist to provide Family Nurse Practitioner services at the KBIC Medical Clinic;
- Approved the business license renewal for Jeff Lamson for the Cue Master;
- Approved the alcoholic beverages license (on-premises) renewal for Jeff Lamson for the Cue Master and to require TAM (Techniques Alcohol Management) certification;
- Approved to raise the alcoholic beverage license fee to \$2,000 each for liquor, beer, and wine effective February 23, 2012;
- Approved the bid from Midstate to purchase (2) DVR's for \$10,055.40 for the Baraga Casino Surveillance;
- Tabled a request to purchase the cigarette manufacturing equipment (for hookup) until the grant funds can be utilized and have the new Corporation do the purchase;
- Approved Resolution KB 1876-2012 FY2012 (Michigan Agency) Forest Management Deduction Expenditure Plan;
- Approved a donation of ½ of the amount donated last year to the Baraga Booster Club for the Baraga basketball tournament;
- Approved Kathy Lanczy's snowplowing request as she lives within five miles of the Reservation.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan J. LaFernier, Secretary

MICHIGAN VOTING 101

 **Unleash Your Power**
VOTE

In a democratic society, we have the privilege of voting to choose the representatives who will work on the problems important to us. Here are some resources to help you navigate the world of voting.

COMMON VOTING/ELECTION TERMS:

- Absentee Ballot – A way to vote by mail instead of going to a polling place. A way to vote if you are unable to get to your polling place on election day. Your request for an absentee voter ballot must be submitted in writing to your local clerk by 2 p.m. on the Saturday prior to the election. In Michigan, if any of the following reasons apply, you are eligible to vote absentee:
 - 60 years old or older;

MICHIGAN VOTING 101 continues:

- Unable to vote without assistance;
 - Will be out of town during the election;
 - In jail awaiting arraignment or trial;
 - Unable to go to the polls due to religion;
 - Plan to work as an election inspector in a precinct other than your own.
- Ballot – A sheet of paper used to cast a secret vote.
 - Political Party – An organization made up of people who think alike on various issues that seeks to attain power within a government. Michigan law does not define party membership; this is the responsibility of each political party.
 - Poll – The place where votes are cast or recorded—usually used in plural (at the polls).
 - Precinct – The place where you vote. It is also called a polling place. Your local clerk's office can tell you where your precinct is located. It is a subdivision of a city, ward, township, or village for election purposes. Each precinct has a designated polling place (such as a school, fire or police station, or other public building) where its residents vote. Your polling place is indicated on your voter identification card, or you can look up this information by going to www.michigan.gov/vote.
 - Registration – The process and the way to sign up to get on the list of those able to vote on election day. To register you must be:
 - a U.S. citizen;
 - 18 years of age by election day;
 - a resident of Michigan and the city/township where you apply.

You may register anytime, although to vote in a certain election you need to do so at least 30 days before that election. Your local clerk, county clerk, or Secretary of State office can register you. It is free of charge.

VOTING ON ISSUES:

Sometimes elections are held for the purpose of voting on referendums, initiatives, or amendments to the state constitution.

- Referendum – A vote by citizens that approves or rejects an existing state or local law.
- Initiative – A vote on an issue put on the ballot by petition of citizens.
- Constitutional Amendment – An addition or change to the state constitution, which requires a vote of the people.

A millage is a tax on property. Local units of government, including school districts, may hold millage elections.

Referendums, initiatives, constitutional amendments, and millages are called ballot issues. Ballot issues can be on the ballot in any election.

Some counties, cities and townships have chapters, which describe their government operations and may also be amended at an election. Charters are usually adopted at special elections.

Happy Easter!

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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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:				<u>Use this amount</u>
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:				<u>Use this amount</u>
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.

Drug Court continues:

community, themselves, and their families;

- rewarded for doing well or sanctioned when they do not live up to their obligations.

KBIC Drug Court began with a grant from the Department of Justice. The first session of Drug Court was held in February of 2011. There are four phases in the program and each participant must fulfill the obligations of each phase before moving to the next phase. There are currently 14 participants in the program with additional candidates being screened by the Drug Court team.

Drug Courts have been in existence for more than 20 years all over the United States. They have reduced the costs of housing inmates and recidivism of repeat offenders. KBIC Drug Court program offers repeat offenders a chance to address issues of addiction along with housing, education, and jobs. Most importantly Drug Court offers repeat offenders an opportunity for a better family life and a chance to become productive community members.



DRUG CONVICTION REPORT

In a continuous effort to reduce the illegal use of controlled substances in our community, the Drug Task Force has requested the publication of pertinent information regarding any convictions of the Controlled Substances section of the KBIC Tribal Code §3.1706. The Tribal Court has agreed to comply with the Drug Task Force's request and will publish a Drug Conviction Report on a routine basis.

Lisa Chosa, case #11-286, controlled substance (use – marijuana) – 2nd offense

Sentenced on 01/23/2012 to:

1. \$1000 fine. (One-half will be suspended upon successful completion of Drug Court).
2. Responsible for any and all costs associated with lodging, alcohol, and drug testing.
3. Must obtain a substance abuse assessment and follow all the recommendations until successfully completed. Must continue her mental health assessment and/or treatment until successfully completed or completion of Drug Court.
4. 180 days jail, 180 days suspended upon successful completion of all terms of Drug Court.
5. Must successfully complete Drug Court.

Tara Smith, case #11-040, controlled substance (possession – marijuana) – 1st offense

Sentenced on 01/09/2012 to:

1. \$2000 fine.
2. Responsible for any and all costs associated with lodging, drug, and alcohol testing.
3. Must obtain a substance abuse assessment and follow all the recommendations until successfully completed. The Defendant has already been assessed. Outpatient counseling is recommended.
4. 180 days jail with credit for 23 days served, 148 suspended upon successful completion of Drug Court.
5. Twelve – eighteen months probation with a \$10 per month fee.
6. Referred to Drug Court.

Tiara Drift, case #11-158, controlled substance (use – cocaine) – 3rd offense

Sentenced on 10/14/2011 to:

1. The Defendant is sentenced to Drug Court.

Tiara Drift, case #11-184, controlled substance (use – methadone and percocet) – 4th offense

Sentenced on 10/14/2011 to:

1. The Defendant is sentenced to Drug Court.



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!

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.

Funding To Strengthen American Indian Business Community



A new program can help members of Michigan Indian tribes and their neighbors access business for a better chance of success or expansion.

The Michigan Small Business & Technology Development Center (MI-SBTDC) network received a two-year, \$200,000

award to increase assistance to American Indian communities across the state. Funds will target businesses in need of assistance with growing or starting.

The funding allows the MI-SBTDC network to increase business assistance to the 12 federally recognized Indian tribes and their members through hiring two business consultants and opening several Business Resource Centers dedicated to outreach in these communities, according to the release. The consultants have annual impact goals of acquiring \$2 million in capital, performing 750 consulting hours and creating 25 jobs.

This initiative is being undertaken in concert with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) and their department for Tribal Business Development. In 2010, the state of Michigan expanded into tribal business development and created a tribal business development strategy because there is a critical need for business support services in these communities.

Terri Fitzpatrick, Vice President, Tribal Business Development at the MEDC commented, "We are excited to be working with the MI-SBTDC on this initiative."

Headquartered in Grand Valley State University, MI-SBTDC provides counseling, business education; information based planning and technology commercialization to new and existing businesses throughout Michigan's 83 counties.

Elaine Clement and Ross Miller were hired Jan. 3rd as MI-SBTDC tribal business consultants. Clement (pictured above) is a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, based in Sault Ste. Marie covering the Upper Peninsula. Ross is a member of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, based in Mt. Pleasant covering the northwest, Mid Michigan and southwest parts of the state.

The consultants were trained in 8(a) certification to assist in government contracting and are responsible for providing day-to-day small business counseling services to clients including: analyzing business problems, developing solutions, and providing access to resources. In addition, they will assist in developing and maintaining positive, productive relationships with collaborative tribal organizations and individuals across the state.

"The funding will strengthen the American Indian business community," Clement stated. "I look forward to working with the American Indian tribes as well as tribal members to develop their business ideas."

Clement, who has a degree in Business Administration, is working with all the Upper Peninsula tribes and surrounding communities — Sault Tribe, Bay Mills, Keweenaw Bay, Lac Vieux Desert, and Hannahville. She will travel from community to community to meet one-on-one with community members, helping them develop business plans, access financial management training as well as other resources, accessing resources and services. Whether an individual wants to start a business or grow their business, Clement has help for

them.

Part of her job is to act as a clearinghouse for business tools, providing connections with specialized consultants and a whole network beyond that at no cost to the client, although there may be a fee for some of the trainings. She will help clients access all MI-SBTDC specialty team consultants, customized market research for information based planning reports and business training to increase knowledge and understanding of operating a successful business.

You can contact Clement at (906) 440-6801 or clement@gvu.edu.

~ submitted by Jennifer Dale-Burton.

OJIBWA CASINO HOLDS EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION RECEPTION

The Baraga and Marquette Ojibwa Casinos recently recognized those employees with 10, 15, 20, and 25 years of continuous service. An awards ceremony and reception was held at the Ojibwa Casino Resort, in Baraga, on Wednesday, February 15th and at the Marquette Ojibwa Casino on Friday, February 17th.

Tribal President Warren C. Swartz, Jr. and David Haataja, General Manager of the Baraga and Marquette Casinos, presented each employee with a certificate of appreciation and an award for their dedication and commitment to the organization.

Tribal Council members Elizabeth Matthews, Fred Dakota, and Jerry Lee Curtis attended the event at the Baraga Casino. Council member Curtis also attended the Marquette awards ceremony and reception.

Baraga Ojibwa Casino Resort Employees & Continuous Years of Service

10 Years of Service

Gerlinde (Karen) Curtis, Jamie Kinnunen, Jeffrey Lamson, Christopher Roy, Philip Roy, and Stanley Spruce.

15 Years of Service

Judith Dompier, Todd Ellenich, Cheryl Hoover, Cindy Isotalo, Michael Kinnunen, Don Larson, Brian Menard, Gary Mills, Jr., and Diane Roth.

20 Years of Service

Michelle Messer and Jim Nardi.

25 Years of Service

Betty Kauppila and Conrad LaPlante.

Marquette Ojibwa Casino Employees & Continuous Years of Service

10 year Anniversary

Megan Chasteen, William Peranteau, Linda Pilto, and Janet Warwick.

15 year Anniversary

Marilyn Abbott, Robert Collins, Gayle Freeborn, Linda Hough, Craig Linde, Linda Monty, Shawn Seymour, Jeffrey Skauge, and Daryl VanAble.

Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing and Community Development Corporation (KBOHCDC)

Home Improvement & Small Business Loans

The KBOHCDC is currently offering very low interest home improvement and small business loans. These loans are available up to \$30,000.00 (depending on loan purpose).

These loans are made available to Tribal members living in Baraga, Marquette and Ontonagon counties.

Approval is contingent on meeting underwriting criteria. For more information, please contact:

Angela Shelifoe at 353-7117 X111
angie@kboha.com

Deepest Sympathy

JAMES J. "JAY" LOONSFOOT

(February 3, 1931—February 27, 2012)

James J. "Jay" Loonsfoot, age 81, our great storyteller and keeper of our family memories, passed away on February 27, 2012, from Interstitial Lung Disease, a complication of Rheumatoid Arthritis.

Jay was the Traditional Chief of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and the Native American History instructor at Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College.

A veteran of both the Korean and the Vietnam Wars, Jay served 36 years in the military and was honorably discharged from the U.S. Navy. He was a past Commander of VFW Post 3897 and a lifetime member of the American Legion.

Upon retirement, Jay continued his education and earned both his Bachelors and Masters degrees in Education. Jay taught in schools across the country, from Washington State to Massachusetts and in doing so, fulfilled a life-time dream.

Throughout his life, Jay also served on multiple committees with the KBIC as well as serving in law enforcement, the Sky Marshall program, and with the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Patricia J. Loonsfoot, his two children: James E. Loonsfoot (and his wife Phyllis) of Marquette, and Angela J. Loonsfoot-Pearson of Baraga, and his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In honor of his wishes, a private family memorial was held in the home of his son.

"If it wasn't for who you were and what you taught us, we wouldn't be strong enough to handle losing you. We love you Dad/Grandpa. Godspeed and Thank you."

ATTENTION KBIC MEMBERS:

The following Committees/Boards has vacant seats:

Economic Development Committee

– Two (2) regular seats

Substance Abuse Advisory Board –

Six (6) four year term seats

Health Board –

Six (6) regular term seats

Please submit an application (located at the Tribal Center in Kim Klopstein or Peggy Minton's office) by 4 p.m. on May 11, 2012, to:

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

Would You Like FREE Money?

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

An IDA program is a matched savings program in which we provide a 4 to 1 match up to \$4000 on funds you deposit!!!

These funds are available to Tribal members currently residing in Baraga, Marquette and Ontonagon counties.

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

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

Angela Shelifoe
KBOHCDC Program Administrator
906-353-7117 X111
Angie@kboha.com

Sexual Assault Awareness Month 2012

IT'S TIME ... TO TALK ABOUT IT!
CONNECT. RESPECT. PREVENT SEXUAL VIOLENCE.



April is National Sexual Assault Awareness month, and this April communities across the nation are proclaiming, "It's time...to talk about it!"

One in three Native American women will be sexually assaulted in their lifetime, and Native American and Alaskan Native women are 2.5 times more likely than the general U.S. female population to experience sexual violence.

Encouraging a return to Traditional values and beliefs about women, men, children, and families and individual roles within the community is one way to prevent violence against Native people. We can start to address the affects of domestic and sexual violence by educating our communities that violence is not a Native Tradition.

Throughout the month of April the Office of Violence Against Women Programs and Services Office will be sponsoring a Teal Ribbon Campaign in support of Sexual Assault Awareness month. For more information, please call Jodie Chosa of the OVW Programs and Services office at 353-4599.

If you or someone you know is a victim of sexual assault, please contact the OVW Programs and Services office at: **353-4598**.

"SAFE HAVEN YOUTH CENTER" OPENS IN HARVEY

KBIC recently opened their new "Safe Haven Youth Center" in Harvey, Michigan, which is housed in the Community Center and will have youth hours available throughout the week. Available for youth are: a TV, Computers, Air Hockey, Snacks, and Art supplies. All equipment has been purchased through the Weed and Seed Grant and supervision will be overseen by KBTPD Officer Stephen Mills.

Officer Mills stated, "When I recently opened the Community Center as a Youth Safe Haven for the first time, it was very successful with a huge turnout that persisted all weekend. I still have to work out some of the finer points regarding the hours of operation, cleaning and access, but by and large everyone is happy that we have something going on here, and we are on the right track. I have a number of people who have volunteered to help out with the outings and tutoring."



(6) Ningodwaaswi

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Child abuse prevention has been historically and remains one of the most basic aspects of American Indian culture. The practices of prevention - though not labeled as such - are embedded in centuries-old spiritual beliefs, child-rearing methods, extended family roles, and systems of clans, bands, or societies. The old teachings, values, and family systems are still at the core of that child maltreatment prevention in Indian country, but more formal community responses are also in place. (Source: http://www.nicwa.org/child_abuse_prevention/).

Make a Difference in a Child's Life!

By doing even one thing, you can make a difference in a child's life! Whether you're a parent, caregiver, community member, or teacher, you can do something to protect the children in our families, neighborhoods, and schools from abuse and neglect.

Community Members...Do ONE Thing!

1. Mentor a child or a parent.
2. Plan and/or support parenting or child abuse education programs in the community.
3. Praise a child when they have tried hard at something or used good manners.
4. Babysit for a stressed out neighbor, friend or relative.



Parents...Do ONE Thing!

1. Plan fun activities for your family.
2. Take notice of adults or older children who take an unusual interest in your child.
3. Ask your children about their day, and be sure to listen to what they have to say!
4. Attend events at your child's school and get involved with their education.
5. When you get stressed, take a break! Don't take it out on your children.

The most important ONE action you can take for a child who is being mistreated is to REPORT abuse if you suspect it.

Report Suspected Child Abuse or Neglect

For suspected child abuse or neglect of an Indian child(ren) living on the KBIC reservation or trust lands, contact KBIC Tribal Social Services as follows:

During Office Hours:

Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Phone: **(906) 353-4201**

Fax: (906) 353-8171

Location: 13765 M38, Baraga, Michigan

Mailing Address: 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49908

After-hours, weekends and holidays:

Phone: **(855) 444-3911** (Toll Free Number)

For all other suspected child abuse or neglect incidents contact Michigan Department of Human Services (DHS) Central Intake Unit as follows:

Phone: **(855) 444-3911** (Toll Free Number)

Mail: Centralized Intake (State of Michigan DHS)

5321 28th Street Court SE

Grand Rapids, MI 49546

FAX: (616) 977-1154 or (616) 977-1158

E-mail: DHS-CPS-CIGroup@michigan.gov

*If you are unsure who to contact, it is just important to contact one of the agencies or your local police and they will make the determination of who is to be contacted. **If it is an emergency call 911.***

All verbal reports of suspected child abuse or neglect must be followed (within 36 hours to KBIC TSS or within 72 hours to DHS) by submission of a written DHS-3200 Report of Actual or Suspected Child Abuse or Neglect. The form is available at KBIC TSS, the local DHS office, or online at http://www.michigan.gov/documents/FIA3200_11924_7.pdf.



Michigan Tech

American Indian Science Engineering Society (AISES) Region V Conference

A Traditional Path Into the Future

April 13-14, 2012

Conference starts 9:00 AM, April 13, 2012,
Michigan Tech Memorial Union Building, Ballroom

OPEN to the PUBLIC!

Featuring Speakers & Performers:

Professor of Ojibwe

Dr. Anton Treuer

Traditional Speakers

Bethany & Bob Moody

NAMY Award Winner

Joesph FireCrow



For detailed schedule go to our website: www.diversitycenter.mtu.edu/aises/

POWWOW

Saturday, April 14, 2012



Wood Gym (SDC)

Grand Entry: Noon

Powwow ends at 5:00 PM

Feast for AISES, Dancers / Drummers at 4:00 PM



KBIC-Indian
Child Welfare
Committee

Special Presentations

Native flute by 2010 NAMA winner

Joesph FireCrow -- 1:00 PM

Hoop Dance presentation -- 2:00 PM

Two-step -- 3:00 PM



Michigan Tech

Center for Diversity and Inclusion
Student Life

Office for Institutional Diversity-VWMLS
Graduate School

Undergraduate Student Council

Parent Fund

Humanities



For More Information Contact: Lori Sherman / Center for Diversity and Inclusion at 906-487-2920 or email: loriann@mtu.edu
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OJIBWA HOUSING AUTHORITY'S NEWEST BUILT-TO-SUIT HOME



Congratulations to Diane Charron on becoming a homeowner! Diane purchased a built-to-suit 3BR/2BA home in the Beartown Development. This 1,484 sq. ft. home with two-car attached garage was built by the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing Authority with Ojibwa Builders as the contractor.

The recent Beartown Development homes are built using some alternative construction and proven energy efficient methods. For example, basement and crawl space walls are constructed of insulated concrete forms (ICFs). ICF walls benefit from concrete's inherent structural qualities, particularly important in regions affected by severe weather. The combination of a continuous concrete wall plus the integral interior and exterior insulation provides superb energy efficiency. A basement built with ICFs provides an insulation value of R-25 compared to traditional block basements that barely provide an insulation value of R-2.

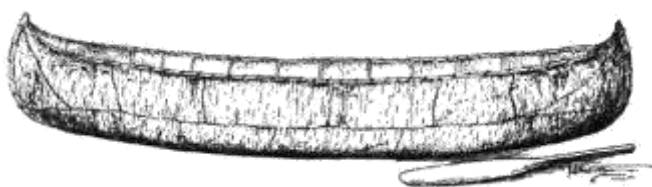
The use of Icynene insulation is one of the best ways to improve energy efficiency and thermal comfort. As a complete insulation and air barrier, Icynene minimizes air leakage in the building structure. Icynene contributes to a healthy indoor environment in several ways. Icynene is 100% water-blown and unlike some conventional insulations that deteriorate over time, does not contain ozone-depleting substances and won't emit harmful gases once cured. This type of insulation creates a continuous air barrier in the walls and ceilings, which minimizes the intrusion of outdoor allergens and pollutants. Icynene maintains its efficiency with zero loss of R-value to provide healthy indoor air for its occupants for years to come. As an integrated insulation and air barrier, Icynene effectively minimizes air leakage and accompanying moisture (air leakage accounts for as much as 99% of moisture movement in a structure). The insulation is so effective at minimizing condensation, moisture build-up, and growth of mold and mildew, the product is often specified for use in museums, art galleries, and libraries where condensation control is critical to preserving the integrity of valuable collections.

Diane's home is well-insulated, equipped with energy efficient appliances, and built with only quality materials. The insulated concrete forms, Icynene insulation, air exchange and conditioning units, and beautiful Anderson windows work together to help keep this home toasty warm through the winter months and cool on those hot summer days.

As an integral part of the construction process, Diane was asked to provide input on everything from blueprint and site selections to the smallest details of the interior of the house. This house is truly Diane's. An avid seamstress and creative crafter, Diane requested the third bedroom be built as a craft room. When asked what her favorite part of the house is, she couldn't name just one. Among Diane's answers were: the laundry room being on the main floor, the covered front porch, and at the top of the list, the attached garage. Diane beamed and said "I love it all. You really do make dreams come true!"

The staff of the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing & Community Development Corporation works with tribal members to discuss available financing options. The Ojibwa Housing Authority uses HUD funding to help subsidize the cost of building Beartown homes, making them more affordable for tribal members to purchase.

For more information on this project or to learn how to custom build your own home in the Beartown Development, contact the staff at the Ojibwa Housing Authority, 353-7117.



(8) Ishwaaswi

Second Hand Smoke Media Campaign

The Michigan Department of Community Health recently launched a secondhand smoke media campaign. You may have heard the *Second Hand Rose* ad on your local radio station. The focus of the campaign is to alert parents of the dangers of secondhand smoke on their children and offer assistance to quit smoking by calling the Quit Line: 1-800-227-2345. The campaign also includes a video ad on youtube: <http://bit.ly/zUFaPX>. Copy this link into your web browser to view this short video and to post comments.

According to recent statewide tribal specific surveys, 46% of Michigan's Native Americans smoke, compared to just 22% of the general population. It's also helpful to note that 50% of our homes have at least one smoker and 33% report that someone smokes in their home every day. This is a serious health risk if there are children in the home. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention states:

Secondhand smoke can cause serious health problems in children.

- Studies show that older children whose parents smoke get sick more often. Their lungs grow less than children who do not breathe secondhand smoke, and they get more bronchitis and pneumonia.
- Wheezing and coughing are more common in children who breathe secondhand smoke.
- Secondhand smoke can trigger an asthma attack in a child. Children with asthma who are around secondhand smoke have more severe and frequent asthma attacks. A severe asthma attack can put a child's life in danger.
- Children whose parents smoke around them get more ear infections. They also have fluid in their ears more often and have more operations to put in ear tubes for drainage.

For help to quit smoking, you can contact Mary Linden, RN, at 353-4548, see your local tribal health care provider, or call the Quit Line at 1-800-227-2345.

It's helpful to know that when you call the quit line, you'll be asked a series of questions. Then you'll be paired with a trained quit coach. This is a free service for uninsured, veterans, and those with Medicaid or Medicare. It is also free for pregnant women who are uninsured or enrolled in Medicaid. I.H.S. contract health services is not considered a form of insurance. Let the quit line counselor know that you are eligible for the free service.

The quit line provides free nicotine patches, gum, or lozenges and are open from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. seven days a week.

APRIL 2012 Calendar Events

Apr. 3: Blood Pressure/Blood Sugar screenings at Ojibwa Sr. Center;

Apr. 5: Food Label Reading Simplified with Dr. Dale 12 noon;

Apr. 6: Constitutional Committee Meeting, 1 pm, Council Chambers;

Apr. 12: "Positively You" group 3:30 pm;

Apr. 14: Reg. Sat. Council Meeting, 9 am, Ojibwa Resort Conference Room; MTU AISES Powwow, 12 noon grand entry;

Apr. 17: Blood Pressure/Blood Sugar screenings at Ojibwa Sr. Center;

Apr. 18: Veteran's meeting 7 pm; Job Skills 101 at 5 pm;

Apr. 24: Blood Pressure/Blood Sugar screenings at Superior View;

Apr. 28: KBOCC Honors and Commencement Ceremony, 2 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.



DEGENAER EARNS RECOGNITION IN HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING STATE FINALS



Jeff Degenauer and Coach Cheryl Dingeldey in Waterford.

KBIC Tribal Member, Jeff Degenauer, is a senior at Baraga High School and a member of the L'Anse High School bowling team. Their bowling season began December 3, 2011, in Iron Mountain, Michigan, and ended March 4, 2012, in Waterford, Michigan, for State Finals.

Throughout the season, Jeff racked up the most games won for his team with a total of 18 points earning him recognition for the UP's.

The boys bowled singles in Traverse City on February 25th for Regionals. Six games were bowled of 159, 170, 190, 192, 192, and 201 for a total of a 1104 series by Jeff. He placed 10th and earned a spot to bowl in the State Finals in Sterling Heights, Michigan, for March 3. Due to a power outage on March 3, the finals were moved to Waterford, Michigan, for March 4. Jeff bowled another six games of 152, 153, 172, 265 (his highest game ever), 173, and 167 for a 1082 series. This score placed him 31st in State Competition. A very good showing for the L'Anse High School Bowling Team. Congrats to Jeff for a fabulous year! WELL-DONE!!!



LSAC DiscoverLaw.org PLUS Program



Have you thought about Law School? Discover more through NA-PLUS!

Applications are due April 15, 2012

email: na-plus@law.unm.edu
<http://lawschool.unm.edu/na-plus>



Who should attend NA-PLUS?

If you are a member of a federally-recognized American Indian tribe or from an Alaska native village who is interested in learning more about law school and the legal profession, you should apply for the NA-PLUS program.

The program is designed for students who will be entering their sophomore or junior year of college.

Contact us!

Visit our website for application information or email na-plus@law.unm.edu with questions.

<http://lawschool.unm.edu/na-plus>



NA-PLUS is administered by the University of New Mexico School of Law in conjunction with the American Indian Law Center, Inc. and sponsored by the Law School Admission Council's DiscoverLaw.org PLUS Program



Native Vote 2012
 Every Vote Counts
 NATIVE PRIDE. NATIVE POWER. NATIVE VOTE.
 YOUR VOICE COUNTS.
 Get Involved at NativeVote.Org
 NCAI



KBIC Even Start Family Learning Center

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 AE/ECE 9am-4pm Home Visits 9am-12pm PACT/PE 1pm-2pm	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 CLOSED Good Friday	7
8 Happy Easter!	9 AE/ECE 9am-4pm Home Visits 9am-12pm PACT/PE 1pm-2pm	10 AE/ECE 9am-4pm Home Visits 9am-12pm PACT/PE 1pm-2pm	11 AE/ECE 9am-4pm Home Visits 9am-12pm PACT/PE 1pm-2pm	12 AE/ECE 9am-4pm Home Visits 9am-12pm PACT/PE 1pm-2pm	13 AE/ECE 9am-4pm PACT/PE 1pm-2pm AISES Conference	14 Powwow Mich Tech SDC Wood Gym 12pm-5pm
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29	30 AE/ECE 9am-4pm Home Visits 9am-12pm PACT/PE 1pm-2pm	<p>AE Adult Education ECE Early Childhood Education PACT Parent and Child Time PE Parent Education</p>				

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 Baraga, MI 49908
 (across from the Ojibwa Community College)


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 Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College Summer 2012 Schedule of Classes <i>"Catch Your Dream Through A Superior Education"</i>					
Locations/Contacts	Course Number and Name	Instructor	Day	Time	Location
Four Directions Center/Main Campus 111 Beartown Rd. Baraga, MI 49908	Early Childhood Education				
	CE 278 Health, Safety, and Nutrition (3 credits)	M. DeLine	Tues, Thurs	5:00pm-7:50pm	Rm 111
Library/Science Center 409 Superior Baraga, MI 49908	CE 101 Introduction to Early Childhood Education (3 credits)	M. DeLine	Tues, Thurs	1:00 pm - 2:50 pm	Rm 111
	Humanities				
KBOCC Annex 325 Superior Baraga, MI 49908	EN250 Native American Images in Literature and Film (4 credits) Prerequisite: EN102 or instructor permission Lab fee: \$20 <i>Humanities elective</i>	J. Koenig	Tues, Thurs	4:30pm-8:20pm	Rm 113
	EN210 World Literature (4 credits) Prerequisite: EN102 <i>Humanities elective</i>	J. Koenig	Tues, Thurs	11:30am-3:20pm	Rm 113
Main Phone Number (906) 353-4600	Math				
	MA096 Basic Math (2 credits) <i>Does Not Fulfill Math/Science Requirements</i>	C. Anderson	Mon, Wed	5:00pm-6:20pm	Rm 115
Admissions Information (906) 353-4640	MA101 Fundamentals of Algebra (4 credits) <i>Mathematics elective for ECE only</i> Prerequisite: Placement or C or better in MA096 <i>Class meets May 7 through August 17</i>	C. Anderson	Mon, Wed	12:30pm-2:20pm	Rm 115
	Ojibwa Studies				
Registration Information (906) 353-4640 or (906) 353-4618	OS110 Ojibwa Language and Culture I (4 credits) <i>Class meets May 7 through August 17</i>	J. Racette	Mon	5:30pm-9:20pm	Room 111
	Science				
Advising Assignment (906) 353-4628 or 353-4618	BI207 Introduction to Birdwatching (2 credits) Enrollment limited to 8 students Course Fee \$120 Field Trip May 18th -19th required	T. Marshall	Tues, Thurs	9:00 am-10:30 am	Rm 113
	BI211 Plant Taxonomy (4 Credits) Lab Fee \$150 Lab Science Elective <i>Class meets May 7- July 20 with three Saturday Field Trips required</i>	E. Johnston	Tues, Wed, Thurs	5:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Science Lab/ Room 1
Library Phone (906) 353-8163	ES242 Wetlands (4 credits) Prerequisite: BI206 <i>Class meets May 7- August 17</i> Field Trips required Lab Fee \$ 150	A. Kozich	Tues, Thurs	11:00 am - 1:00 pm 11:00 am - 3:00 pm	Science Lab/ Room 1
	Social Science				
Abbreviated Session: May 7-June 29 Extended Session: May 7- August 17	SO102 Social Problems (4 credits) <i>Social Science elective</i> Course runs from June 11th through August 2nd	F. Taddeucci	Tues, Thurs	5:00pm-8:50pm	Rm 111

TO REGISTER

1. See your advisor to plan your semester courses (Mary DeLine, Jesse Koenig, Andrew Kozich, Lynn Aho).
2. Obtain your advisor's signature on your registration card.
3. Register with the Enrollment Coordinator (Amanda Nordstrom) and receive your photo ID (Robin Chosa).



NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
BROWNFIELDS TRIBAL RESPONSE PROGRAM

To Report Concerns Regarding:

- ILLEGAL DUMPING
- HAZARDOUS MATERIALS
- CONTAMINATION
- POLLUTION CONCERNS

Contact Katherine Kruse at 906-524-5757, ext.20 or email: kkruse@kbic-nsn.gov

KBOCC Position Posting

Keweenaw Bay Community College is seeking applicants for the position of adjunct instructor in Native American Studies: history, government and/or the humanities. Qualified applicants should possess a Master's degree or a minimum of 18 graduate credits in Native American Studies or a related field. Preference is given to qualified individuals of American Indian descent and/or qualified veterans. Send letter of application, resume and transcripts to: Lynn Aho, Dean of Instruction; Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College; 111 Beartown Rd.; PO Box 519; Baraga, MI 49908, or email to laho@kbocc.org.

KBOCC Honors and Commencement

The 2012 Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College Honors and Commencement Ceremony will be held on Saturday, April 28th at 2:00pm in the Niiwin Akeaa Center. The community is cordially invited to attend as we honor our outstanding students and graduates.

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's 34th Annual Powwow

Logo Contest
Prize Money \$150

Honoring Our Fallen Ogichidaa

Open to KBIC members and descendants.
Deadline: Monday, April 16, 2012, 4 pm

Entry drop-off is to the KBIC Tribal Center Receptionist Desk or mail to: KBIC Powwow Committee
16429 Bear Town Road
Baraga, MI 49908

All entries become the property of the Powwow Committee. Our theme this year is: "Honoring Our Fallen Ogichidaa."

Artwork must be:

1. Drawn on white paper, no smaller than 5" x 5" and no larger than 8.5" x 11".
2. Drawn in black ink. No more than three colors added.
3. Artwork must be reproducible quality for copying, scanning, and imaging purposes.
4. Artwork must be signed by the artist.
5. Contest is open to KBIC members and descendants.

Seeking Princess Candidates

The KBIC Pow Wow Committee is seeking essays from young women who are interested in representing the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community as Princess for 2012-2013.

Eligible Young Women:

- Must complete application;
- Must be an enrolled KBIC member (enrollment card required);
- 13-18 years of age;
- A good role model (socially and academically);
- A traditional, jingle, or fancy shawl dancer;
- Alcohol and drug free.

The essay must be written by the candidate and contain each of the following:

- A biography about yourself;
- Your future plans;
- What our culture means to you;
- Why would you like to represent the tribe as its Princess;
- What you do/can do for the tribe (community involvement).

Essays may be typed or neatly handwritten, must be signed and include your address, telephone number, and e-mail. Applications are available at the Tribal Center. Applications must be submitted by **Tuesday, May 1, 2012, 4 p.m.** Submit your essay and application to the Tribal Center addressed to the Pow Wow Committee.

MARK YOUR CALENDERS!
 34th Annual Keweenaw Bay Traditional Pow-wow
 July 27, 28, & 29, 2012

For more information call Tracy Emery at (906) 353-7117 or e-mail: temery04@hotmail.com

Food Label Reading: Simplified

Sponsored by **WHIPP Taskforce**
A KBIC Diabetes Program

Dale Schmeisser, RD will show you how getting the facts from a food label to make a healthy choice isn't as hard as you might think. Learn what to look for and what to avoid.

Lunch is Provided!

Thursday, April 5th
12:00 noon
Ojibwa Motel Chippewa Rooms

To be sure there is enough food for everyone please register by contacting Heather at 353-4546 or hwood@kbic-nsn.gov.

Free Shoes

Available sizes:
Women's 7 & 8
Men's 9 (mostly clats)

The LaPorte Health Center like this program recently received a shipment of shoes that we would like to share with the community. Shoes will be distributed at the second floor reception area on **Wednesday, April 11th, Thursday April 19th & Wednesday, April 25th from 9-12 & 12:30-4.**

One pair of shoes per person. Must pick up in person. There is a limited supply therefore shoes will be distributed on first come first serve basis.

For more information contact Heather at 353-4546 or hwood@kbic-nsn.gov

Registration is Requested
 Contact Nannie at 353-4532

Date: Wednesday, 4/12/2012

Positively You

Craft Opportunities and Snacks Provided

A fun and exciting opportunity for young women between the ages of 13 and 17 to join forces in building upon personal strengths, creating a healthy and positive self awareness.

Donald A. LaPorte
 Health and Education Center
 2nd Floor Conference Room

Time: 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

MICHIGAN INDIAN ELDERS ASSOCIATION

2011/2012 Student Incentive Program

A student incentive program is being offered by the Michigan Indian Elders Association (M.I.E.A.) to recognize students who achieve all "A's" for a marking period as well as students who achieve perfect attendance for a marking period.

There will be a minimum of \$3,000 available to fund this program this year. \$25 will be awarded for each qualified entry, up to the minimum available funds in the Program. In the event that the number of qualified entries exceeds the funds available, the winners will be determined by lottery. Here are the conditions to qualify:

- The student must be an enrolled member or be a direct descendant of an enrolled member of one of the M.I.E.A. constituent tribes/bands.
- The student must be in grades K-12 at a public or private school. (home schooling not eligible)
- A student must be in grades 4-12 to qualify for the straight "A" award. (A-, A, A+)
- For a school system that uses a grading system based on numbers, the equivalent to straight "A's" will be acceptable.
- A student must be in grades K-12 to qualify for the perfect attendance award.
- Perfect attendance means exactly that. A student must be in school or at a school sponsored function each day of the marking period. Excused absences for anything other than a school sponsored/approved function do not constitute perfect attendance.
- The first two marking periods of this 2011/2012 school year will be used to determine the winners for this lottery.
- A student can qualify for both the perfect attendance and straight "A's" for both marking periods. For example, straight "A's" and perfect attendance for both marking periods would mean four chances to win.
- A parent of the student must complete and sign the Student Incentive Program Application Form in order for the student to qualify for an award.
- A copy of the child's report card signed by the parent or a letter from an administrator of the student's school, must be submitted with the completed application form to verify the achievement of straight "A's" and perfect attendance.

The drawing to determine the winners will be held at the April, 2012 meeting of the Michigan Indian Elders Association hosted by the Lac View Desert Band of Lake Superior Indians in Watersmeet, MI.

VERY IMPORTANT - NECESSARY !!!

You must follow these directions for your child to be considered for an award. The completed application form, a signed report card or verification letter of achievement from a school administrator, and copy of student's or parent's tribal identification card must be received at the following address not later than 5:00 PM on April 9, 2012:

Leah Fodor, c/o MIEA
PO Box 218, Dorr, MI 49323

Application forms can be downloaded at <http://www.michiganindianelders.org/MIEA%20Students.htm> or from your tribal Education Department.

Any questions contact Mike Duschene 906-395-7346.

NOTICE

LIHEAP PROGRAM
Assist with heating or energy bills.
Two (2) Part Program

Direct Assistance Program (DAP)
NO more funding available. All funding appropriated to us by the federal government under this section of the grant has been utilized.
Emergency Crisis Intervention Program (ECIP)
LIMITED funding available.

If you have applied for LIHEAP and have not yet received a letter of approval from our office, most likely funding will not be available to you this fiscal year:
October 1 thru September 30.

LIHEAP INCOME GUIDELINES

Household Size	Annual Gross Income
1	\$22,911
2	\$29,961
3	\$37,010
4	\$44,060
5	\$51,109
6	\$58,159
7	\$59,481
8	\$60,803
9	\$62,125
10	\$63,446
11	\$64,768
12	\$66,090

TRIBAL FUNDS:
Non-medical Assistance:
Vehicle Repair or Tire Replacement, Repair or Replacement (Washers, Dryers, Stoves, Refrigerators, etc.), Shut-Offs, Evictions, Homelessness, etc.
Medical Assistance:
Specialist appointments, long term illness, family emergencies, etc.
Fire:
Fire damage involving primary residence. (Amount received is at the discretion of the President).
Funeral:
Out-of-Area Immediate Family Members (Amount received is at the discretion of the President).

CSBG PROGRAM
Two (2) Part Program

Priority I (Emergencies/Crises) Housing, energy, food, etc.
Priority II (Non-Emergencies/Crises) GED, education, testing, training, employment activities, etc.

(Limited funds available).

CSBG INCOME GUIDELINES

Household Size	Annual Gross Income
1	\$13,538
2	\$18,213
3	\$22,888
4	\$27,563
5	\$32,328
6	\$36,913
7	\$41,588
8	\$46,263
9	\$50,938
10	\$55,613
11	\$60,288
12	\$64,963

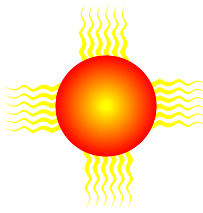
OTHER PROGRAMS:

- BIA General Assistance
- Tribal Elders/Disability (Pension Trust/Heating)

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

- Across:**
- sweet grass
 - good weather
 - umbrella
 - sugar bush
- Down:**
- sunny
 - go fishing
 - warm weather
 - sunrise
 - be spring
 - garden

- Word list:**
- agawaateon
 - mookaam
 - noojigiigoonyiwe
 - gitigaan
 - wiingashk
 - ziigwan
 - mizhakwad
 - iskigamizigan
 - aabawaa
 - waaseyaa



OJIBWEMOWIN
Iskigamizige Giizis
Maple Sugar Making Moon
April

- Fill-in-the-blanks:**
- m _ o _ a _ _ (sunrise)
 - w _ _ _ g a s _ _ (sweet grass)
 - _ i z _ _ k _ a d (good weather)
 - _ g a _ _ a _ _ o n (umbrella)
 - _ a a s _ _ a _ (sunny)
 - _ a b a _ _ a (warm weather)
 - z _ _ g w _ _ (be spring)
 - g i _ _ g a _ _ (garden)
 - _ s _ _ g a m _ _ _ g a _ (sugar bush)
 - _ o o _ _ g _ _ g o o _ _ _ w e (go fishing)

The language page was designed from reference of "A Concise Dictionary of Minnesota Ojibwe" by John D. Nichols and Earl Nyholm.



Congratulations to Brittanee Gauthier on receiving her G.E.D. Best of Luck in the future from the staff and students at KBIC Even Start.

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KEWEENAW BAY OJIBWA LIBRARY NEWS...

April 8-14 is National Library Week. We will extend the event for one extra week, ending on April 21. For those who haven't visited our library, this would be an opportunity to stop in to get a library card. All new patrons can enter to win a grand prize during this week. For existing library patrons, you can also sign up to win either a movie or a book. This also includes a children's drawing. The library is open Monday-Thursday 11a.m. to 7 p.m., closed on Friday, and open on Saturday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

~ Mary Bergerson, Ojibwa Community

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Employment Opportunities

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

- * Pharmacist—open continuously
- * Unit Manager (OVW)—open continuously

On Call positions:

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

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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- KBIC Tribal Social Services 353-4201
- Ojibwa Housing Authority 353-7117

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

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