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KEWEEENAW BAY OJIBWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE HOLDS HONORS CEREMONY AND COMMENCEMENT



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

KBOCC Class of 2012 (left to right): Kim Maki, Ashley Ann Hebert, Jessica Ruth Carlson, Nissa Morningstar, Ashley Soli, and Angela Joy Loonsfoot-Pearson.

Six students received their diplomas at the KBOCC Honors Convocation and Commencement Ceremony held Saturday, April 28, 2012, at the Niwin Akeaa Center. Five graduates received an Associate of Applied Science, Early Childhood Education: Jessica Ruth Carlson, Ashley Ann Hebert, Kim Maki, Nissa Morningstar, and Ashley Soli. Angela Joy Loonsfoot-Pearson received an Associate of Arts, Liberal Studies.

Kathleen Mayo, Vice-Chairman of the KBOCC Board of Regents, served as Master of Ceremonies. Summer Cloud Drum provided music for the processional, honor song, and recessional. The KBIC Honor Guard led the processional and posted the colors. Invocation was given by elder, Loretta Hugo, Debra Parrish, KBOCC President, presented the welcome for the ceremonies, and Council's Vice-Chairperson, Elizabeth D. Mayo, gave the Tribal Council's address. The commencement address was delivered by Jessica Koski, a KBIC member and alumni of KBOCC; graduating in 2006 as class valedictorian with an Associate's Degree in Liberal Arts. Jessica continued her education and received a Bachelor's Degree in Social Sciences from Michigan Technological University and a Master's Degree in Environmental Management from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. Currently she is employed as KBIC's Mining Technical Assistant. Jessica recently served as an adjunct instructor for KBOCC, teaching Contemporary Native American Issues during the spring 2012 semester. Ms. Koski said, "Six years ago, I was sitting where you lovely ladies are; anxious to receive my first college degree and to become an alumni of KBOCC. One thing that I have learned since then is to always stay true to your dreams and follow your passion and purpose in life. We each have our own path that the Creator set out for us. Remember your purpose and what helped you persevere to this day. Apply what you have learned in a honorable way, special responsibilities to teach our young ones, plant seeds, and be-

come our future leaders. Your influence has endless possibilities and could transform the world."



Picture by Lauri Denomie.
Cherie Dakota (left) presents Sarah Garver with the Student of the Year Award.

Sarah Garver, pictured above (right), received the Student of the Year Award. Sarah began her educational journey in 2011 and has excelled both in the classroom and with extracurricular learning. Sarah is a gifted artist who has had her work displayed at KBOCC. She is also involved with the KBOCC Student Government, the American Indian Business Leaders (AIBL) organization, and the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES). She volunteers in the community and at the college. Sarah has assisted with various fundraisers. She donated a beautiful pair of earrings for the Student Government Valentine's raffle. The Zoongide'enini Award was presented to Kim Maki. This award's name was gifted to the college by Kelly Dowd in memory of her son. The award is presented to a student who exemplifies courage and perseverance in overcoming obstacles to the student's educational goals. The student is chosen by faculty for being an outstanding example of bravery, responsibility, diligence and good spirit. Nancy

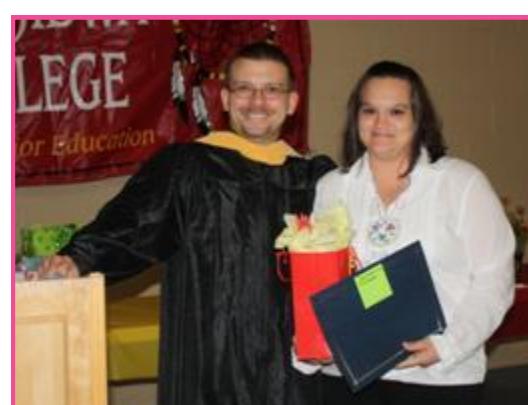
Tribal Council Members:

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:

- May 5, 2012 Tribal Council Meeting
- KBOCC Holds Graduation
- KBIC Holds Tribal Mining Forum
- IHS Contract Health Services (CHS) Program Information
- KBIC Head Start Graduation
- Celebrating Ten Years of Fisher-Kids
- Scholarship Opportunities Announced
- Path To Owning A Business



Picture by Lauri Denomie.
Andrew Kozich presents Nancy Lamb with the Outstanding Freshman of the Year Award.

Lamb received the Outstanding Freshman Award. Nancy was nominated as Freshman of the Year by several instructors. Ms. Lamb became an Environmental Science major in the Fall Semester of 2011 while enrolled in ES110 Introduction to Environmental Science. She quickly became very passionate about environmental issues such as conservation, climate change, and water resource management. During the 2011-2012 school year, she completed three science courses with a 4.0 GPA while she also completed the math courses required for environmental science majors. Ms. Lamb has taken a leadership role in college organizations, including the

MAY 5, 2012 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on May 5, 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, 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. Jerry Lee Curtis was absent. 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 three), Secretary Susan J. LaFernier gave the Secretary's Report (page three), Treasurer Toni J. Minton gave the Treasurer's Report (page three), and Larry Denomie III gave the CEO Report (page five). Council passed the Department Head Reports for March 2012.

Evelyn Ravindran, Chairperson of the Park and Recreation Committee, presented Council with updated plans for paving the powwow campground roads, the parking lot of the Cultural Center, the road down to the walking trail, the parking lot behind the powwow campground, the road to the lighthouse, and the marina campground roads. Consensus of the Council was to pave the powwow grounds and the lighthouse roads before this year's powwow; the first two phases approved by Council last year. In further discussion, Council gave direction for the Park and Recreation Committee to prepare a preliminary budget up to the amount of \$100,000 for a playground at the Marina Campground.

Savannah Dakota, Corey Pietila, Alex Mayo, and Jacob Goodreau presented a request on behalf of the Baraga High School Senior's Physics Class for a donation to help fund their Chicago four-day lab field trip. This group of students has raised \$1,850 through fundraising and requested a donation of \$1,045 to fund the remaining cost of the field trip. **Elizabeth D. Mayo motioned to approve \$1,045 donation for the Baraga High School Senior's Physics Class Field Trip, supported by Carole LaPointe, seven supported (Mayo, S. LaFernier, Minton, R. Curtis, Dakota, M. LaFernier, LaPointe), three opposed (Edwards, Jokinen, Matthews), 0 abstained, one absent (J. Curtis), motion carried.**

The 3rd Reading of Proposed Corporation Code Title 27 Chapter B 2012-01 was scheduled. Susan J. LaFernier explained the amendments were given to Attorney Christoph Geiger. Due to Attorney Geiger having more work assigned to him after the termination of Attorney Baker's contract, he will need more time to familiarize himself with the proposal. Susan J. LaFernier said, "One amendment that I am proposing is to change Chapter B to Chapter C, which would be an addition to the Ordinance. It would add this Charter Corporation, not replace the Stock Corporation. Actually Chapter B is already in the Ordinance as a non-profit." **Secretary Susan J. LaFernier motioned to table the 3rd Reading of Proposed Corporation Code Title 27 Chapter B 2012-01 for a period of two months, supported by Toni J. Minton, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (J. Curtis), motion carried.**

CEO Larry Denomie III, on behalf of Todd Warner, KBTNRD Director, brought forward for Council action a request for a contract modification of the original Altronex Control Systems contract which was approved in August 2011, in the amount of \$53,153. On November 30, 2011, Todd Warner, had submitted a second proposal for additional work needed for the same pro-

ject in the amount of \$6,936.22, which can be funded from the NRD Hatchery Maintenance funds. **Elizabeth D. Mayo motioned to approve a \$6,936.22 budget modification for the Altronex Control System, supported by Susan J. LaFernier, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (J. Curtis), motion carried.**

CEO Larry Denomie III, brought forward on behalf of Todd Warner, KBTNRD Director, a second item, an agreement for fish health services from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for 2012. Services would include: 1) two disease screenings at the hatchery; 2) one disease screening for Walleye ponds; and 3) two additional screenings for VHSv including one for Portage Lake. Services provided in the amount of \$5,300 would be paid from the USDA-APHIS Fish Health Grant. **Elizabeth D. Mayo motioned to approve \$5,300 for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Agreement to provide fish health services, supported by Toni J. Minton, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (J. Curtis), motion carried.**

Eddy Edwards brought forth a letter addressed to Dr. Hedman, Regional Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5 regarding a request for Government-to-Government Consultation. Mr. Edwards began with, "We are writing to request government-to-government consultation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with Executive Order 13175. Specifically, we are requesting to meet with you and your legal and technical advisors to discuss a number of issues related to Rio Tinto's Eagle mine and Humboldt mill. These issues include matters that have a direct effect on our treaty protected tribal trust resources. They include the status of EPA's rulemaking on the establishment of proper financial responsibility assurances at hard rock mines. We wish to discuss in detail EPA's involvement in the promulgation (drafting) of Michigan's Park 632, Non-Ferrous Metals Mining Law (Part 632). Additionally, we seek to understand EPA's actions and decisions on regulating the Rio Tinto Eagle mine and the Humboldt mill and are prepared to offer substantial recommendations for EPA to consider a regulatory framework that we believe may have been overlooked by all parties. We also intend to discuss the State of Michigan's actions related to discharging its authorities under the Clean Water Act that were delegated by EPA and the ongoing permitting efforts of a haul road to support the Eagle mine." After some discussion the following motion was made. **Eddy Edwards motioned to approve President Swartz to sign the letter on behalf of the Community and send it to the EPA, supported by Fred Dakota, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (J. Curtis), motion carried.**

Treasurer Toni J. Minton brought forth Resolution KB1887-2012 (\$134,379.45) for the Baraga County 2% distribution as follows: Baraga County—\$33,533.31, Baraga Area Schools—\$40,370.64, Baraga Township—\$13,508.19, Village of Baraga—\$10,384.49, L'Anse Area Schools—\$20,149.03, L'Anse Township—\$2,271.17, Village of L'Anse—\$1,662.62, Village of L'Anse/eighth grade publications class playground equipment—\$5,000.00, Village of L'Anse/Baraga County Shelter Center building purchase—\$5,000.00, and L'Anse Area Schools/Big Brothers Big Sisters Program—\$2,500.00. **Elizabeth D. Mayo motioned to approve Resolution KB1887-2012 for the Baraga County 2% distribution, supported by Carole LaPointe, eight supported (Mayo, S. LaFernier, Minton, R. Curtis, Dakota, M. LaFernier, LaPointe, Matthews), two opposed (Edwards, Joki-**

nen), 0 abstained, one absent (J. Curtis), motion carried.

Treasurer Toni J. Minton brought forth Resolution KB1888-2012 (\$162,711.98) for the Marquette County 2% distribution as follows: City of Marquette/NMU CNAS Decolonizing Diet Project—\$5,000.00, City of Marquette/U.P. Children's Museum—\$2,000.00, City of Marquette/MSU College of Human Medicine equipment—\$2,655.94, City of Marquette/Great Lakes Recovery Center Youth and Adult Program—\$5,000.00, City of Marquette/Women's Center Crisis Intervention Services—\$2,500.00, City of Marquette/YMCA Native American At-Risk Youth Mentor Program—\$2,500.00, City of Marquette/Marquette Police Department K-9 Unit—\$10,000.00, City of Marquette/Superior Watershed-KBIC Summer 2012 Youth—\$10,000.00, Chocolay Township/Fire Dept. (New Station, Testers, Water Storage)—\$97,400.00, Chocolay Township/Police Dept. (equipment, rifles, K-9, GIS Software)—\$8,600.00, Sands Township/Teaching Family Homes of U.P. Medicine Wheel Gar.—\$1,000.00, Ishpeming School District/Title VII Indian Education Program—\$1,000.00, Forsyth Township in Gwinn Police Patrol Car—\$5,056.04, Skandia Township/U.P. Central Trails for grooming snowmobile trails—\$5,000.00, and City of Escanaba/Michigan State Police UPSET/Gwinn—\$5,000.00. **Michael LaFernier, Sr. motioned to approve Resolution KB1888-2012 for the Marquette County 2% distribution, supported by Eddy Edwards, nine supported (Mayo, S. LaFernier, Minton, R. Curtis, Dakota, Edwards, M. LaFernier, LaPointe, Matthews), one opposed (Jokinen), 0 abstained, one absent (J. Curtis), motion carried.**

Council held the 2nd Reading of the Proposed Amendment to the SORNA Ordinance 2012-03 Section 3.2025 of the Tribal Code—Temporary Lodging and Travel. After discussion and comment period, Council scheduled the 3rd Reading of the Proposed Amendment to the SORNA Ordinance 2012-03 Section 3.2025 of the Tribal Code—Temporary Lodging and Travel for Thursday, May 10, 2012.

Treasurer Toni Minton presented donation requests for May 2012 to the Council for their consideration. **Susan J. LaFernier motioned to approve \$300 for Baraga Little League equipment, their request to use the Zeba Baseball field and for Bill Jondreau to return to Council with the amount needed for the 4th of July Home-town Heroes Games, and \$350 for a Baraga County Youth (Finlandia Coach) Baseball Clinic for a total of \$1,695 which includes the \$1,045 approved donation for the Baraga High School Senior's Physics Class Field Trip, and table the request of Eleanor Nieskes until Thursday for request of medical travel for her grandson for other possible resources, i.e. Lions Club, Shriner's, etc., table the request of Raeanne Gauthier for softball equipment for the Beartown Fire Fighters and OHA softball teams until the location of previously purchased equipment can be determined, and for Public Works to fix up the Zeba baseball field and the Jondreau baseball field in Assinins, supported by Elizabeth D. Mayo, ten in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (J. Curtis), motion carried.**

Prior to adjourning, Council moved into closed session with CEO Larry Denomie, III on the agenda regarding the Summer Youth Coordinator Position Applications. **Carole LaPointe motioned to interview five Native American applicants at the Thursday, May 10, 2012, meeting, supported by Elizabeth D. Mayo, seven supported (Mayo, Minton, R. Curtis, Dakota, M. LaFernier, LaPointe Matthews), three op-**

posed (S. LaFernier, Jokinen, Edwards), 0 abstained, one absent (J. Curtis), motion carried.

~ submitted by Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor

TREASURER REPORT FOR THE MONTHS OF MARCH/APRIL 2012

Activities reported by the Treasurer, Toni Minton, for the months of March and April 2012.

The following donations were made in March and April 2012:

- March 3, 2012 — \$600 to the KBIC HeadStart for Graduation Gifts, \$500 for the Baraga BASH Class of 2012 Lock-in party, \$500 for the L'Anse Seniors Lock-in party, \$500 for the Marquette Graduation Lock-in party, \$250 to the American Indian Cancer Foundation Powwow for Hope, \$500 to Special Olympics, \$8,000 to the Baraga Lumberjack Days Committee for Fireworks, and \$500 to the Baraga Booster Club.
- March 22, 2012 — \$3,500 to the KBIC Veterans for a trailer.
- April 14, 2012 — \$2,500 to the Derek Bailey for Congress Campaign, \$2,500 for the Baraga County Community Foundation Denise Marth Memorial Walk, \$500 to the American Legion Post #444 for Brass Grave Markers and Flags for Memorial Day, \$1,000 to the United Tribes of Michigan, \$500 to Camp New Day in the U.P. geared towards children of incarcerated parents, and \$310 to the Baraga Village Community Cleanup Project for 40 tee-shirts.
- April 19, 2012 — \$1,738 to Molly Loonsfoot and family for emergency travel expenses.
- April 26, 2012 — \$500 to the L'Anse sixth grade students for Camp Nesbit.

The total expenditure from the Donation Budget to date is \$91,641.84. The total amount budgeted for Fiscal Year 2012 is \$93,000. This leaves a balance of \$1,358.16.

A review of 2% requests was held at the April 26, 2012 Council meeting. Chief Financial Officer, Francis LaPointe provided the total 2% allocation amounts for the first cycle of the 2012 period ending March 31, 2012. Baraga County total is \$134,379.45 and Marquette County total is \$162,711.98. The Resolutions are on today's agenda for final approval and the payments will be processed by May 31, 2012.

This concludes my report for the months of March and April 2012.

Respectfully submitted,
Toni Minton, Treasurer

ATTENTION ATR CLIENTS

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 a special session on July 9, 2012, 5—8 p.m. at the Chippewa Conference Room. You must register for this session! Please call R.D. Curtis at 353-8121. If you attended the March 5, 2012, session, you are not eligible. There will be nice prizes given away, but you must be present to win them!

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.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2012

The following is a list of activities that occurred in the office of the President for the month of April 2012:

- The Michigan Liquor Control Commission approved our application for the sale of Alcoholic Beverages at the Ojibwa Casino in Marquette.
- On behalf of the Community, I presented a flag to the family of Nancy Haataja.
- Council appointed Councilman Fred Dakota to the Correctional Advisory Board as a Council Representative.
- I visited the KBO building on April 14, as an appraisal on the building will be done.
- I attended the Community's employee recognition day. A number of employees were recognized for their time in service. A health walk and hat parade were part of the activities planned for the hour. This event was sponsored by the WHIPP Task Force and the KBIC Personnel Department.
- On behalf of the Community, I submitted comments to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) regarding their proposed decision to grant a Nonferrous Metallic Minerals Mining Permit to Orvana Resources. The Community is disappointed with the proposed decision of the MDEQ to grant a mining permit to Orvana. We reviewed Orvana's Mining Permit Application filed with the state last fall and submitted numerous relevant concerns and anticipated problems regarding the proposed Copperwood Mine. The Community's concerns have not been addressed by the proposed permit or permit conditions.
- Last month was very busy for KBIC Wildland Firefighters. We sent a type 6 Engine to the White Earth reservation in

Minnesota for IA, and the Committee sent out three short crews with approximately ten KBIC fire fighters on each.

They engaged in a number of fires burning in Hannahville, Amasa, Watersmeet, Escanaba, and in the Huron Manistee National Forest.

- On or about May 7, 2012, the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community will submit a request to United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of funds to undertake the KBIC Gas Station/Convenience Store Project, in the amount of \$600,000. The project focuses on the construction of a gas station and convenience store in Marquette Township. We have determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an environmental impact statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. No public comments were received by any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with the determination.
- We were notified that once again the Army Corps of Engineers has objected to Kennecott's planned ore hauling road in Marquette County. The road project, formerly called "Woodland Road," but now going by "County Road 595," and applied for by the county road commission, "is deficient in several areas," according to a letter dated March 29, sent from the Corp's Detroit office to the Environmental Protection Agency.
- I discussed the meeting regarding economic development activities in the Upper Peninsula at Marquette's Northern Michigan University.

This concludes my report.

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR APRIL 2012

Activities reported by the Secretary, Susan J. LaFernier, for the month of April 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. Attached is more information regarding voting in our national, state, local, and Tribal elections. Our goal for Keweenaw Bay is to have 100% of our eligible members vote! For your information, on April 24, Tribal Chairman Derek Bailey of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians ended his race to seek the Democratic Party nomination for Michigan's First Congressional District against Gary McDowell and currently held by Dan Benishek. He stated that his campaign could not compete with the dollars that his opponent raised. He is now entering the

race for the Democratic nomination for a Michigan House of Representatives seat in District 101 against Republican Ray Franz and Democrat Allen O'Shea. We wish Chairman Bailey good luck in his campaign.

We continue to have meetings on the revision of the Drug Free Workplace Policy, and I have asked the Drug Task Force for recommendations/suggestions. A revised policy will be presented at the May 10, 2012 Council meeting. On April 4, department heads and others attended a three-hour training on "Communication Essentials for Managers" presented by our Employee Assistance Program-Ceridian. A big thank you and congratulations to everyone for the Mad Hatter's Tea Party, KBIC Government Employee Recognition presentation, health walk, and hat parade on April 11. (See article/pictures in the May newsletter.)

The President and I continue to hold update/informational Mining meetings each month with Chuck Brumleve, Jessica Koski, and Todd Warner.

Remember that Memorial Day is approaching, and the cemeteries will need to be prepared from the winter winds and snow. Another big thank you to our faithful volunteers from the "Adopt-A-Road" program who clean our Reservation roadsides in Baraga, L'Anse, and Zeba. Remember that Earth Day is every day, and please don't litter. It was disappointing to see that the very next day, after we cleaned there was trash already on the sides of the roads. Every year we see much plastic (water bottles, milk jugs, etc.). Remember it takes years and years for plastic to break down.

Secretary's Report Continues:

Our congratulations to all of our 2012 KB Ojibwa Community College graduates, other college graduates, and our high school graduates. We are proud of all your accomplishments.

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. Be watching for the summer events.

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. Remember to honor your mothers on May 13; and your fathers on June 17.

During April 2012, the Tribal Council held one Regular Tribal Council Meeting on April 14, 2012. This meeting is covered in the May 2012 Newsletter. Tribal Council held four Special Council Meetings. Following are the unapproved motions from April.

At a council meeting held April 5, 2012, the following actions were taken:

- Council began review of the Proposed Ojibwa Casino's Employment Manual;
- Approved the contract for service with Don Burnstick for a comedy show and workshops during the KBIC Powwow for \$7,300 from ATR Funds;
- Approved Tyler Larson as the Interim Drug Court Coordinator with an additional \$3.00 per hour.

At a council meeting held April 12, 2012, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the June 30, and July 7, 2011 Tribal Council meeting minutes;
- Approved the request for the waiver of the pavilion/camping fees for May 30-

- June 4, 2012, for the "Women's Gathering";
- Approved the purchase when funds are available for the Fabco Cat EIT Backhoe Loader for \$91,400 and to approve the Agreement Lease for payment to the Tribe for six years to the Public Works Department;
- Approved the expenditure of \$10,450 to MTU for the 2012 AISES Region V High School Track (Youth Conference) from the Weed & Seed budget;
- Approved the consultant agreement with Joseph A. Dowd for the ANA Wildlife Management Plan Phase II grant project to incorporate cultural elements and language;
- Approved to request for an extension for the Marquette Gas Station ICDBG Grant Project which ends on December 31, 2012;
- Approved the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Fish Health Services Letter of Intent for fish health inspections;
- Approved the services agreement with the DNA Diagnostics Center, Inc. to provide paternity testing services (Office of Child Support Services);
- Approved to table a motion not to approve the General Manager/Radio Stations Employment Agreement with Ed Janisse until the Council gives the directives discussed with him.

At a council meeting held April 19, 2012, the following actions were taken:

- Approved a donation request of \$1,738 for emergency travel expenses for the family to relocate Marilyn Uren from Munith, Michigan to KBIC;
- Approved Resolution KB 1886-2012 Indian Reservation Roads Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan for 2012-2015;
- Approved to table a request from the Baraga County Road Commission for \$10,080 and L'Anse Village for \$960 for IRR Program Planning funds to conduct biennial bridge inspections until the Council meets with these officials;
- Approved Modification No.1 Cooperative Agreement with the Baraga County Road Commission-Construction Projects (Pequaming, Aura, Usimaki, Indian Roads, Witz Bridge, and L'Anse Main Street) to change the completion date to December 31, 2014;
- Approved Modification No. 2 Cooperative Agreement with the Baraga County Road Commission-Construction Projects (Dynamite Hill, Tangen, Pequaming, Ben, and Biltonen Roads) to change the completion date to December 31, 2014;
- Approved the I.H.S./MOA Project BE-11-G57 for the Brewery-Vuk Water Main

- Extension to serve existing homes;
- Approved H&H Energy Management Systems to provide subcontract work with the American Wind & Energy Group to complete the wind studies under the U.S. Department of Energy grant (per recommendation from the CARE Committee);
- Approved to waive the 1st Reading of the proposed amendment to the SORNA ordinance 2012-03 to amend Section 3.2025 Temporary Lodging (to add: domestic and international travel) to bring the ordinance into compliance with the 2012 federal statutes and guidelines;
- Approved to allow John Baker, former Tribal Attorney, to work temporarily for a week to ten days for a smooth office transition;
- Approved the new business license for Dianne McMahon for DM Catering;
- Approved to uphold the CEO's decision regarding the Cage Manager position #006-12 and place Mary Kostamo in this position;
- Approved to repost the Summer Youth Coordinator position for two weeks;
- Approved the Equipment Use and Funding Agreement with KBIC and U.P.S.E.T. (Weed & Seed Grant);
- Approved the cabling bid from Master Technology Group (for \$159,153) to upgrade the slot machines sentinel boards for the Baraga Casino;
- Approved to pursue the litigation matter on the KBO/Pines for \$5,000 as a separate issue.

At a council meeting held April 26, 2012, the following actions were taken:

- Approved travel funds in the amount of \$862.80 for President Swartz from 560 and \$854.75 for Jessica Koski from the General Fund 510 to travel to New York City, May 14-18, 2012, for the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues;
- Approved the temporary transfer of Amber Franti to the RPMS/IT Site Manager for \$18.37 per hour until the permanent site manager returns from military leave;
- Approved to table the Ojibwa Senior Citizen's Center security/surveillance system bids (3) for more information from the CEO;
- Approved to hold one Tribal Council meeting per month on Thursday evening at 5:00 p.m.;
- Approved a donation to the L'Anse sixth grade class for Camp Nesbit for \$500.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan J. LaFernier, Secretary

KBIC Even Start Family Learning Center						
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MICHIGAN'S 2012 ELECTION CALENDAR: DATES TO REMEMBER

July 9	Last day to register for the August Primary
August 4	August Primary absentee ballot requests must be received by 2 p.m.
Tuesday, August 7	August Primary
October 9	Last day to register for the November General Election
November 3	November General Election absentee ballot requests must be received by 2 p.m.
Tuesday, November 6	November General Election

CEO REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2012

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

- On April 3 and 4, training for department heads was conducted by the Tribe's Employee Assistance Program provider, Ceridian, and was titled *Communication Essentials for Managers*. The training provided attendees with information related to identifying barriers to effective communication, techniques to enhance communication style, and how to apply best practices for building trust and encouraging open communication. Feedback from those in attendance was good and found the training to be helpful.
- The Mad Hatter's Tea Party, featuring the Governmental Employee Recognition program, was held on April 11, at the Niiwin Akeaa Gymnasium. The event included a Health Walk and Hat Parade as well as a light lunch which was provided by the WHIPP Task Force. A hat judging provided prizes to several employees. The recognition program provided employees with certificates and gifts for their years of service beginning with ten and running up to thirty-five at five year increments. Susan LaFernier and Amy St. Arnold both received recognition for their thirty-five years of service. Employees in attendance were thanked by President Swartz for the dedication and service to KBIC.
- The Red Apple Restaurant which operated in the Ojibwa Casino Resort closed in March. To accommodate patron's breakfast needs, the Pressbox Sports Bar & Grill staff has provided a breakfast buffet. This is a short term solution until the facility is leased to a new operator. The opportunity was advertised through April 13, of which five proposals were submitted for consideration. A final selection, with recommendation from David Haataja, General Manager, was made by Council on May 3. John Gervais, who currently operates the Hutt Inn in Calumet and the Waterfront which is located within the Ramada Inn of Hancock, was selected. After finalizing prelease requirements, the formal lease agreement will be presented to Council for final approval. If everything goes as planned, the facility may be

open for business within the next two-four weeks.

- The Ojibwa Community College is experiencing growing pains and needs additional space. The college has received funding to expand and is in the process of planning an addition onto their current location at the Niiwin Akeaa Center.
- The WHIPP Task Force closed out its "New Year, New You" employee weight loss challenge on April 10. Twelve weeks were provided for participants to reach a goal of 5% weight loss. The total weight loss of the participants was an amazing 500 lbs. Participants were provided encouragement by way of prizes which included six \$300 gift cards and two \$500 gift cards. Employees throughout the Tribe's entities participated.
- The Weed & Seed program officially ended on April 30. One of the final events hosted by the program was the *Community Gathering* event held at the Niiwin Akeaa Center on April 21, which provided attendees the opportunity to work with a drum group, native singers, archery activity with the TPAL group, a community feast, and shop at a traveling regalia store which provided \$50 worth of free supplies to those who signed up. It was estimated that 300-400 attendees enjoyed the event.
- Applications are being accepted for college students wishing to take part in the Summer College Intern Program through May 11, at 4 p.m. The program provides for up to five spots at \$9.18 per hour for 14 weeks. Placement will depend on the individual's course of study and department that best meets the individual's course of study within the Tribe.
- The Tribe's Summer Youth Employment program will be starting up soon. Once the program coordinator is selected, the program supervisors will be selected. Notices for youth to apply will be posted soon as the program generally begins fully operating the second week of June.

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

Scholarship Program and Student Incentives — Scholarship Program

MICHIGAN INDIAN ELDERS ASSOCIATION 2012 SCHOLARSHIP NOTICE

The Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA) is pleased to announce that it will make available a minimum of four (4) \$500 scholarships and one (1) \$1000 scholarship. The scholarships will be awarded to at least five qualified students with the \$1000 scholarship being awarded to the most qualified student, as determined by committee review and lottery, if necessary. Each student must be currently enrolled in a course of study at, or have a letter of acceptance to a public college or university or technical school, and must meet the following qualifications.

QUALIFICATIONS – the student:

- Must be an enrolled member (*copy of tribal card*) or be a direct descendant of an enrolled member of one of the MIEA constituent Tribes/Bands (*must be verified in writing by your tribal Enrollment Department*).
- Must have successfully completed and passed all five General Education Development (G.E.D.) equivalency tests with a minimum score of 40 and an average score of 45 and must possess a G.E.D. certificate; or must have graduated from an accredited high school with a 3.00 grade point average; or if currently enrolled at a college, university or trade school, must have an accumulated grade point average of 3.00.
- Must, except for special and extenuating circumstances, attend college, university or trade school on a full-time basis.
- Must complete the provided application form, submit it with required supporting documentation, and the mailing must be *RECEIVED BY THE COORDINATOR* not later than June 20, 2012. (*PLEASE NOTE*, incomplete or late applications will not be considered).

Contact: Loretta Hugo, COORDINATOR, M.I.E.A. SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE, 208 Main St., Baraga MI 49908, (906) 353-7691.

OUTREACH PROGRAM TO INDIAN COUNTRY — DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY OFFERS OPPORTUNITIES



Mr. Joe Eckerberg (Niiaganakwad – Leading Cloud) an enrolled member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Staff Director of the Middle East North Africa Analysis Office and Chair of Defense Intelligence Agency's 1st Nations Program Council travelled to Haskell Indian Nations University April 3-6, to attend their 2012 career

fair on behalf of the agency. The visit was part of the Council's outreach program into Indian Country. In addition to presenting students access to job opportunities, DIA wants to ensure that tribal university & community college faculty and students are aware of the variety of career programs that DIA offers. Many are unfamiliar with DIA and even most of those who are familiar do not know that the agency has internships, co-op opportunities and competitive programs that could provide tuition assistance for a Bachelor's degree or a Master's degree from the National Intelligence University and a unique opportunity with the Financial Management Leadership Program. Additional information on jobs and student opportunities is available at the agency's website DIA.mil under the career tab.

Mr. Eckerberg believes a career in intelligence at DIA or one of the other agencies within the U.S. Intelligence Community is ideal for Native Americans. He points out some data points in support of this belief. First, is the high per capita rate of military service amongst Native Americans. Second, is the sad fact that many Native Americans suffer from medical afflictions which

preclude military service. Lastly, is that the silent warrior nature of the intelligence professional is an ideal substitute for military service. He points out, "Where else can someone on a daily basis engage in work that protects our nation and people from potential enemies? The last line of U.S. Army's Intelligence Creed is the silent warrior of the Army Team – by extension I believe all intelligence professionals are silent warriors for America. What a great way to serve!"

A career in the intelligence service will not isolate someone from Indian Country, Eckerberg assures. Like DIA's 1st Nation Council, most government agencies possess affinity groups through their Equal Opportunity Offices that afford a voice for their members within the agencies and affords members a chance to stay involved in their communities. Additionally, non-government professional associations such as the Society of American Indian Government Employees (SAIGE) provide additional networking as well as an annual training venue. Mr. Eckerberg is a two time recipient of SAIGE's Achievement Award for his work in DIA's 1st Nations Council.

KBOCC Graduation continues:

American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) and the KBOCC student government. This year, she has worked as a volunteer in community efforts including the annual KBIC Environmental Science Fair and the community garden. Nancy Lamb is one of nine environmental science majors recognized with a scholarship from All Nations Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (AMP). KBOCC is pleased to honor her enthusiasm and hard work with the Freshman of the Year Award.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Cherie Dakota (right) presents Margaret Boyer with the Volunteer Student Award—the Spirit of Leadership Student Volunteer.

Margaret Boyer received the Volunteer Student Award—the Spirit of Leadership Student Volunteer. This award recognizes the “unsung heroes” who volunteer their time and resources to help others. Margaret has been a constant presence at college events and fundraisers, arriving early to help with set up, staying late to help with clean up, and being the extra set of hands during events to ensure they run smoothly. Margaret has been active with the KBOCC Student Government and shared her talents this year by making a beautiful queen-sized quilt to be raffled off at the Valentine’s raffle.



Kristin Tepsa (right) presents Andrew Kozich with the Faculty Member of the Year Award.

Students chose Andrew Kozich as Faculty member of the Year. Mr. Kozich received a large majority of the student nominations for Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College's Faculty Member of the Year 2012. Students said that his class presentations are both detailed and accessible, and he uses humor and takes a positive approach to teaching and working with students. As an environmental science instructor, he delights in taking his classes outdoors to learn through observation and hands-on activities. Mr. Kozich encourages student research and integrates science writing, speaking, and design of presentation posters into his courses. He supports non-majors in applying their science to their chosen disciplines. For example, he encourages early childhood majors to think about ways to convey science understandings to young children. His courses integrate Native American perspectives - both traditional viewpoints and applications to current issues and tribal policy-making. Mr. Kozich also encourages students by setting a strong example. He is a Ph.D. candidate at Michigan Technological University and is

pursuing an additional Associate's Degree emphasizing Native American studies at KBOCC. His professional memberships include the International Association for Society and Natural Resources, the Society of Wetland Scientists, and the American Indian Science and Engineering Society. Locally, he participates in community environmental organizations including the Keweenaw Land Trust and the Pilgrim River Watershed Project. Mr. Kozich leads the college's AMP program and actively participates in Faculty Council and the college-wide assessment team. Shannon DesRochers received the Environment Science Student of the Year award, Sarah Newman and Shannon DesRochers received the Writing Across the Curriculum award, Jessica Carlson received the Outstanding Capstone Project award, and Al Gauthier received the Outstanding Welding Student award. Cherie Dakota presented Scholastic and Honor Awards to several students from the Spring, Summer, and Fall 2011 semesters (listed below).

Congratulations to the graduates and the awardees.

Summer 2011 Dean's List

Heather Gauthier

Fall 2011 Dean's List

Margaret Boyer

Donald Denomie

Shannon DesRochers

Georgenia Earring

Dylan Friisvall

Tabitha Miller

Amelia Newman

Susan Newman

Angela Pearson

Fall 2011 Honors

Terri Curtis

Virginia "Ginny Ann" Jermac

Nancy Lamb

Malisha Maki

Breanna Pearson

Peggy Swartz

Summer and/or Fall 2011 Scholastic Achievement Awardees

Karen Anderson-fall

Glenn Bressette-fall

Jessica Carlson-summer, fall

Sandra Carlson-fall

Adrianna Cadeau-summer

Ashley Chosa-summer

Adam Dakota-fall

Mitch Fedie-summer,fall

Sarah Garver-fall

Scott Kemppainen-summer, fall

Andrew Kozich-summer,fall

Stephanie Kozich-summer, fall

Gary Loonsfoot, Sr.-summer

Kim Maki-summer

Amy Manning-fall

Shirley McKasy-fall

Cari McMahon-fall

Sarah Newman-fall

Fanchon Picard-fall

Robin Roe-fall

Diane Roy-summer, fall

Candace Sauvola-fall

Alicia Shenoskey-fall

Ashley Soli-summer

Megan Sundquist-summer

Michelle Verboczki-fall

Thomas Verboczki-fall

KBOCC GRADUATES, CLASS OF 2012



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Jessica Carlson (Valedictorian) graduated with an Associate of Applied Science, Early Childhood Education. She is the daughter of Donald and Carole Carlson. She resides in Baraga and enjoys swimming, writing poetry, painting, and playing football with her sons. Jessica said, “My achievement is graduating while being a working, single mom. I plan to continue to work with children while working on a Bachelor’s Degree in Early Childhood. I would like to thank the KBIC and KBOCC staff. Graduation was a truly beautiful experience.”



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Angela J. Loonsfoot-Pearson graduated with an Associate of Associate of Arts, Lib-

eral Studies. She is the daughter of the (late) James “Jay” and Patricia J. Loonsfoot. Angela resides in Baraga and is the mother of Brendon M. Pasino, Bret C. Pearson, and Breanna K. Pearson. Angela enjoys reading, writing, camping, riding her bike, shooting pool, and taking road trips with her daughter. Angela’s awards and achievements include: National Indian Gaming Association Scholarship, Dean’s List, Liberal Studies Student of the Year, and Associate of Arts degree cum laude. Angela said, “I plan to attend a four year university in pursuit of my Bachelors degree in English then obtain my Masters of Fine Arts. I’m currently writing a novel that a literary agent is interested in receiving once it’s complete. I’d like to thank my parents for instilling in me the desire to keep pushing for my dreams; my children for believing I could do it; my friends for all their support during a difficult semester; the faculty and staff at KBOCC for their understanding and patience; Frank Taddeucci; and finally, Jesse and Karina Koenig for gently pushing me when I wanted to quit after my father’s death. You all helped me keep a whispered promise.”



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Kim Marie Maki graduated with an Associate of Applied Science, Early Childhood Education. She is the daughter of Ulric and

Karen Mayo. Kim and her husband, Dave, reside in Alston and have two sons. She enjoys spending time with her family, traveling, camping, and enjoying the outdoors. Kim said, "After graduation, I will continue working for the Inter-Tribal Council as an Early Head Start teacher at the KBIC Child Development Center and as a Childcare provider for the Ojibwa Community College."



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Ashley Soli graduated with an Associate of Applied Science, Early Childhood Education. Ashley resides in L'Anse with her significant other, Kyle Seppanen. Her hobbies include fishing, beading, and reading. While attending KBOCC, Ashley's achievements include: Dean's List, Honor Student, Early Childhood Student of the Year, and many Scholastic Achievements. Ms. Soli plans on continuing her employment at the Pre-primary Program and continuing her education at NMU.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Nissa Morningstar graduated with an Associate of Applied Science, Early Childhood Education. Nissa resides in Baraga with her husband, Mike, and their two children, 14-year-old Lila and two-year-old Mikey. Nissa enjoys spending time and playing with her children, going to the beach, and attending KBOCC. She has achieved many awards while attending KBOCC and plans on continuing with her education goals at NMU while continuing her employment with the Pre-primary Program. Nissa said, "I'd like to thank God for giving me the courage to continue in my education goals. I'd like to thank my parents, Francis LaPointe and Nancy Kauppila for everything they have done for my family, not only while I attended KBOCC, but always."



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Ashley Ann Hebert graduated with an Associate of Applied Science, Early Childhood Education. Ashley resides in L'Anse with her husband, Jeremy.

10th Annual KBIC

In Honor of the Gauthier Family

Kids Fishing Derby



June 30, 2012

Ojibwa Recreation Area
Off of US-41 Baraga
Sand Point Pond (near lighthouse)
9am-1pm

Registration begins at 9am

Many prizes awarded at registration and throughout the morning.
Rods and Reels will be given away to kids without them at registration
(while supplies last), but kids who bring their own rods and reels
will be given an incentive prize (while supplies last).

Food fun and various games for "fisher-kids," Ages 4-12

CONTACT KBIC Natural Resources for more information: (906) 524-5757 ext 10 or 12

Children must be accompanied by an adult. Must be present for various random prize drawings and misc. activities, but NEED NOT BE PRESENT for major prize winner announcements at end of event.

PLEASE HELP!

Volunteers, Displays, Donations, and Various Support Items Are Needed. Please consider contacting the KBNRD to lend a hand!

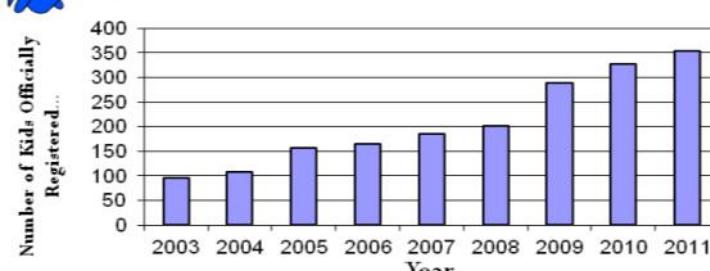


Celebrating 10 years of Fisher-Kids!

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FISHER-KIDS Registered at the Annual KBIC Kids Fishing Derby



Official Names of KBIC Kids Fishing Derby for First Ten Years

- The 1st Annual KBIC Hooked on Fishing International Kids Fishing Derby.
- The 2nd Annual KBIC Kids Fishing Derby.
- The 3rd Annual KBIC Kids Fishing Derby.
- The 4th Annual KBIC Denise Marth Memorial Kids Fishing Derby.
- The 5th Annual KBIC (Boyzie Jondreau and Buck Chosa Memorial) Kids Fishing Derby.
- The 6th Annual KBIC George E. Curtis Memorial Kids Fishing Derby.
- The 7th Annual KBIC Kids Fishing Derby (in Honor of the Tiosh Family, Past and Present).
- The 8th Annual KBIC Kids Fishing Derby in Honor of Edward Holzman and Jim Emery, Sr.
- The 9th Annual KBIC Kids Fishing Derby in Honor of Sam and Charlotte (Mongoose) Durant.
- The 10th Annual KBIC Kids Fishing Derby in Honor of the Gauthier Family.



2011



2010



2009

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



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

KBIC Holds Tribal Mining Forum

by Jessica Koski,
Mining Technical Assistant

The KBIC Mining Outreach & Education Initiative hosted its first Tribal Mining Forum on Friday, May 11 – Saturday, May 12, at the Ojibwa Community College. The event was made possible through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. The purpose of the forum was to provide Tribal and Community members with education on mining, from its historical impacts to emerging issues, located on Ojibwa ceded territory and throughout the Lake Superior basin.

A diverse audience consisted of about 100 participants and included Tribal elected officials, Tribal employees, elders, community members, concerned citizens from Michigan and Wisconsin, members of environmental organizations, federal officials, various media, and students. In addition to Keweenaw Bay Tribal members, Tribal members traveled from Sault Ste. Marie, Bad River, Red Cliff, Mole Lake, and as far west as Red Lake in Minnesota.



Picture by L'Anse Sentinel.



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Tina VanZile (picture to the left) from the Mole Lake Sokaogon Chippewa Community kicked off the forum, sharing lessons learned from the Cranbrook Mine in which her tribe was involved in a 28-year battle to protect their water, fish, wild rice, and natural resources from a sulfide mine. "We can't just pick up and move our reservation somewhere else," she said. "It's very stressful and you might think you can't win." Critical aspects to Mole Lake's success included educating people, forming alliances, establishing water quality standards, documenting traditional cultural properties, helping agencies understand their stories, and drawing strength from their ancestors who fought for their homeland and way of life that they continue to enjoy today.

The keynote speaker was Bad River Tribal Chairman Mike Wiggins, Jr. (pictured to the left) reflected on his Tribe's recent experience involving proposed changes to Wisconsin mining law that would have facilitated a large taconite mine

just upstream from their reservation in the Penokee Mountains of Wisconsin. He instilled the value of thinking about the issues through a Native framework, that of treaty rights and the larger picture of future generations and cumulative impacts. There are numerous former, current, and proposed mining activities throughout our territory and the Lake Superior basin that are being permitted under various regulatory frameworks that do not consider the collective environmental impact on the waters of Lake Superior. Wiggins also highlighted that the mining issues are fundamentally about water and babies, illustrating his point by noting recent findings that babies on Minnesota's north shore are being born with elevated levels of mercury most likely linked to mining activities and exposure through fish consumption.

Friday's events also included a presentation on the Historical Environmental Impacts of Mining in the Lake Superior Basin, a tour of the Sand Point Stamp Sands Restoration Project and a community potluck dinner and drumming. Saturday's presentations included an interactive Google Earth overview of mining activities throughout the Lake Superior basin; U.P. mining updates and issues including the Kennecott Eagle Mine, Orvana Copperwood Project, Aquila/HudBay Back Forty Project, Keweenaw Copper Exploration, and Kennecott exploration within the L'Anse Indian Reservation; an introduction to Natural Resource Damages; a new study by the National Wildlife Federation and EcoJustice comparing mining laws in Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Ontario (with Ontario and MI receiving the poorest rating); and perspectives on the meaning and significance of Ojibwa treaty rights.

Chi' Miigwech to all of the support from community members who helped to make this first Tribal Mining Forum a success. The event would not have been possible without organizing and planning support from KBIC Natural Resource Department staff (especially Lake Superior Program Coordinator Erin Johnston), all those who donated food for the potluck, Four Thunders who drummed, elders who offered their prayers, Robelle Degenaer who led a beautiful sunrise water ceremony, and volunteers who helped in many ways, especially KBOCC Environmental Science student Nancie Lamb, who offered her assistance throughout the entire forum.

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The Path to Owning Your Own Business

by Elaine Clement, Tribal Business Consultant, Upper Peninsula MI-SBTDC

If you have ever wanted to start your own business but didn't know where to start, you could start by looking in your back yard. What are your hobbies? What skills do people currently ask you to help them with? More importantly, what do you have a passion for? Sometimes we think of starting a business as a large company with many employees and massive amounts of debt. While this could be true for some types of business, it doesn't have to be true for service based businesses. A service based business does not sell a "product" you feel, touch or hold. The service industry consists of the labor or skill you provide for your customer. Examples of service based business are:

Home child care
Cleaning services
Builders/Construction
Tree services

Some advantages of starting service based businesses are:

Lower start-up costs (in most cases)
Often don't require specialized education
Little or no inventory
Typically have lower overhead costs
Often can be started and run in your own home
Require few employees initially

A service based business typically revolves around one of three types of tasks. One is a task your customer does not know how to do. An example of this could be replacing a motor in a broken dryer. Another example is a task your customer is unable to do, such as an elder shoveling their driveway or removing a tree in their yard. And finally we have a task the customer does not want to do or does not have time to do; this could be mowing the lawn at their vacation property or doing minor repairs to their home.

It takes sound business practices and hard work to thrive in the service industry. However, it is often one of the easiest types of business to start and operate. A service based business under the right circumstances can make money for the owner much quicker than many other retail or manufacturing businesses. If you have a skill, talent, or passion for a service and have ever wondered about turning those into a business, contact the Tribal Business Consultant for a one-on-one meeting to assist you in taking the first step towards owning a business. Please contact Elaine Clement at 906.440.6801 or clemente@gvsu.edu

Ojibwa Senior Citizens raffle

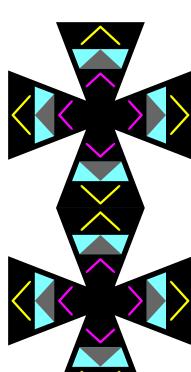
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Sunday, July 29, 2012

Prizes: 1st prize - 42" flat TV
2nd - \$50 gas card
3rd - \$25 Gift Shop Cert
4th - \$25 bingo pass

Tickets: \$10 each
Need not be present to win

Tickets may be purchased at the
Ojibwa Senior Center
or from an
Ojibwa senior member



Catholic Community of Baraga County

Holy Name of Jesus
Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha



Pastor
Father John Longuccio
Father Antony Lukka



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

353-6565
saintann@up.net

Ten Scholarships Available for Baraga-L'Anse Area Youth!

Michigan Tech Youth Programs is now accepting applications from ninth and tenth grade Native American students to attend the UNITE Summer Youth Program. Held on the campus of Michigan Tech, this scholarship program for five girls and five boys will introduce students to the exciting fields of science, technology, engineering, and math from July 8-August 3, 2012. Specific courses include: General Engineering, Computer & Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, and Materials Science & Engineering. Accepted students will receive scholarships worth \$3,000, which includes daily travel to and from Baraga-L'Anse, lunch, tuition for four weeks of programming, and a \$400 cash stipend following completion of the program.

Applications for the program will be available at the high school guidance counselors' office at Baraga High School and L'Anse High School, and additional information can be accessed by calling either Lori Ann Sherman (906) 487-2920 or Cody Kangas (906) 487-2219. Students will be selected June 8, 2012.

2012 ANN MISEGAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The KBIC Education Department announces the availability of the 2012 Ann Misegan Memorial Scholarship applications. The scholarship amount is \$1,000 twice a year for up to six years, and will be awarded to a new student each fall. Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Enrolled Tribal member
- Attending an accredited college/university
- Enrolled as a full-time student
- Pursuing a degree in a Health Care field
- Resident of Baraga or Marquette County

Eligible students must complete an application, submit an essay detailing their interest in their chosen health field, and submit a copy of their official transcripts (high school or college).

For more information and to request an application, contact Amy St. Arnold, Education Director at (906) 353-6623, ext. 4117 or at amy@KBIC-nsn.gov. The application deadline is August 1, 2012, at 4 p.m.

2012 KBIC FORESTRY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The KBIC Education Department announces the availability of the 2012 KBIC Forestry Scholarship applications. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community has a vital interest in the preservation of the land and forests on and near the reservation. The Tribal Council has approved two scholarships for college students pursuing Forestry degrees. The scholarship amount is \$2,500 twice a year for up to four years. Applicants must meet the following criteria:

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

Eligible students must complete an application, submit an essay detailing their interest in their chosen field, and submit a copy of their official transcripts (high school or college).

For more information and to request an application, contact Amy St. Arnold, Education Director at (906) 353-6623, ext. 4117 or at amy@KBIC-nsn.gov. The application deadline is August 1, 2012, at 4 p.m.

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Head Start & Early Head Start will be accepting applications for the 2012-2013 school year. Applications are available at the KBIC Health Clinic, KBIC Tribal Center, Ojibwa Community College, and the Head Start & Early Head Start Center. You may also have an application mailed to you by calling Barb at 524-6626. All applications MUST be returned with a proof of income! All applications with proof of income are due by July 6, 2012.

ATTENTION ADULT TRIBAL MEMBERS AANIKOOSING INC.

Our very own newly created Tribal business corporation, Aanikoosing Inc. is seeking interested and experienced Tribal members to apply for three (3) open seats on this newly created Board of Directors. The code requires a five (5) member Board with two (2) Board members coming from the Tribal Council, still to be determined, one (1) may be an enrolled member of the Tribe currently serving on the Tribal Economic Development Committee, who shall not be a member of the Tribal Council, and two (2) shall come from the membership of our Community.

Those interested should exhibit exemplary experience in business, be responsible and express integrity as well as good judgment. Each interested individual member should be sensitive to the unique goals and the culture of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

The ideal candidate would recognize the need for diversification within the Tribe's holdings as well as demonstrate expertise in and have an understanding in business management, administration, accounting, finance, Indian law, marketing, grants management, public relations, and other related disciplines. Time requirements include all regularly scheduled meetings, including additional project meetings and special meetings.

The Board of Directors shall be required to get approval from Tribal Council for its annual operating plan and the first plan shall include two projects: first, a new cigarette manufacturing business, second, a new gas station/smoke shop in Marquette.

The three seats each come with initial terms of one year, two year, and three year terms. Thereafter, the term for each director shall be for three years.

A Letter of Intent will be accepted through June 29, 2012, and should be mailed to:

**Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
C/O President Swartz
16429 Bear Town Road
Baraga, MI 49908**

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.

Happy Father's Day!

ATTENTION KBIC MEMBERS:

The following Committees/Boards have vacant seats:

Education Committee –	Two (2) regular seats
Health Board –	Three (3) regular seats
Substance Abuse Advisory Board –	Four (4) regular seats

Please submit an application (located at the Tribal Center in Kim Klopstein or Peggy Minton's office) by 4 p.m. on June 15, 2012, to:

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

IHS Contract Health Services (CHS) Program

When IHS is unable to provide certain types of healthcare services directly in our hospitals and clinics, we may refer patients to receive services in the private sector. These referrals are paid for by the CHS program appropriations to IHS. However, the IHS CHS budget does not have enough funding to pay for all referrals that our healthcare providers make and our patients need. We know patients are upset that we cannot pay for all referrals, but we do try to pay for the most urgent referrals possible through our medical priority system.

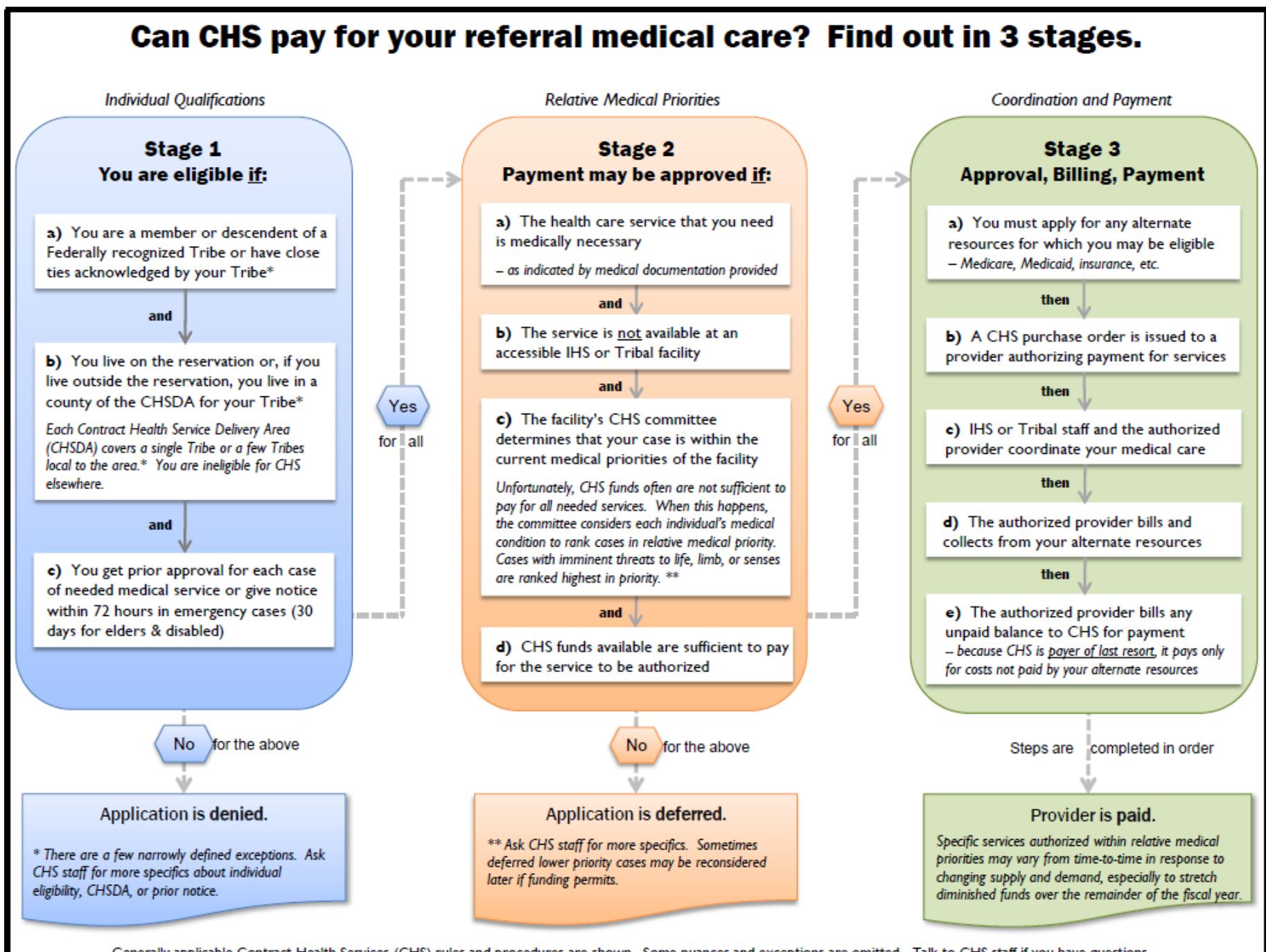
IHS eligibility was established through legislation and IHS regulations. In general, American Indians and Alaska Natives who are members or descendants of federally-recognized Tribes are eligible for IHS direct services which are services provided at our clinics and hospitals. However, the eligibility for the Contract Health Service Program (referrals to the private sector) is different. Years ago, tribes wanted the limited budget of the Contract Health Services Program to benefit the patients who lived nearest to the

clinic or hospital first. Therefore, Contract Health Services Program eligibility is based on IHS eligibility plus residence in the area around the clinic or hospital that is designated as eligible for CHS (also called the Contract Health Services Delivery Area, or CHSDA). That is why referrals are generally not approved for Tribal members who don't live on the reservation or Tribal lands associated with the hospital or clinic.

Patients are upset that they lose their CHS eligibility if they move away from the reservation or Tribal lands and reside outside of the CHSDA. Again, this eligibility rule was put in place to make sure that the limited CHS funds benefit those who live closest to the clinic or hospital. Some say that we should make the CHS eligibility the same as IHS eligibility - that would mean more patients would be eligible. However, that would not mean that more patients would get referrals approved for payment because we still would have the same amount of funding in the CHS budget to use for more patients. And it could mean that

individuals could travel to the clinic from another state, get CHS referrals paid for, and then travel back to the other state, potentially leaving no funding for patients who live in the Tribal community. Patients often wonder why even though their doctor made a referral for them to see a specialist or have a surgical procedure, it is not authorized for payment by the Contract Health Program. IHS has regulations and policies that govern how to determine whether to pay for a referral or service in the private sector for our patients. If we had unlimited funding, we could pay for all referrals. However, since our CHS budget is limited, we must follow our regulations and the law to determine which referrals can be authorized for payment. In the simplest terms, the regulations tell us how to make sure the limited funding goes to those who need it the most. More on CHS or Contract Health Services in our next newsletter! More information can be found on the Indian Health website at: www.ihs.gov.

Can CHS pay for your referral medical care? Find out in 3 stages.



KBIC HEADSTART 2012 GRADUATION



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

KBIC Head Start held their 2012 Graduation on Friday, May 18, 2012, at the Niiwin Akeaa Center. Terri Denomie, Director of KBIC Head Start, said, "This is the biggest class I've seen in my eighteen years with Head Start. We've got twenty-four graduates this year." The children sang five songs for their audience: "Boozhoo"; "ABC"; "Row, Row, Row Your Boat"; "Peanut"; and "Off To Kindergarten." Summer Cloud Drum provided the Honor Song.

Graduates: Ethin Awonophopay, Alexia Brunk, Cheyanne Cote, Peyton Denomie, Courtney Deschaine, Shayla Elmblad, Diason Garver, Keyden Goodbird, Blake Harden, Jalisa Heath, Rayleah Jacobs, Marissa Jaukkuri, Georgia Lofquist, Morgan Mayo, Dallas Moulden, James Oger, Addyson Rajacic, Rowen Rexford, David Roy, Keyshia Supanich, Kelyn Sweeney, Spencer Tellin, Hunter Thomas, and Kolt Wickstrom.

KEEENAW BAY OJIBWA LIBRARY NEWS...



The Early Head Start classes visited the library in April. This was the children's first visit to the library. They read books, listened to a story, and received a sticker that said, "I Visited the Library Today." We hope they will visit us again.

We now have OverDrive. This allows patrons to download books to their ereaders, smart phones, iPods, and MP3 players.

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~ Mary Bergerson, Ojibwa Community Library Director

JUNE 2012 Calendar Events

June 1: Constitutional Committee Meeting, 1 pm, Council Chambers;

June 2: Reg. Sat. Council Meeting, 9 am, Ojibwa Resort Conference Room;

June 5: Blood Pressure/Blood Sugar screenings at Superior View;

June 12: Blood Pressure/Blood Sugar screenings at Ojibwa Sr. Center;

June 19: Blood Pressure/Blood Sugar screenings at Superior View;

June 17: Happy Father's Day;

June 20: Summer begins; Veteran's meeting, 7 pm;

June 23: Youth Health and Safety Fair at KBOCC, 12 noon;

June 26: Blood Pressure/Blood Sugar screenings at Ojibwa Sr. Center;

June 30: KBIC Kids Fishing Derby, Sandpoint Campgrounds, 9 am.

~ submitted by newsletter editor

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

KBIC

Youth Health and Safety Fair

June 23, 2012

FIRE
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12 Noon to 4 PM

At the KBIC Community Center Gym
(OCC Gymnasium)



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SHOP HEALTHY!



Make a grocery list
to take with you!

FRUITS
Banana
Orange
Lettuce

DRINKS
Fat Free Milk
Low Fat
Orange Juice

BREAKFAST
Wholegrain Cereal
Fat Free Milk
Fruit

VEGGIES
Broccoli
Cucumbers
Tomatoes

SNACKS
Yogurt with fruit
Smoothie
Baked Potato Chips

LUNCH
Fresh Salad

MEATS
Skinless Chicken
Fat Free Turkey
Pork Fillets

STARCHES
Mashed Potato
Whole grain Cornmeal

DINNER
Baked Chicken
Rice
Broccoli

SNACK
Yogurt with Fruit

Niimigimiwang OVW Programs and Services

755 Michigan Ave.

Mailing Address: 16429 Beartown Rd.

Baraga, MI 49908

Phone: 906.353.4598 Fax: 906.353.HELP (4357)



Established in July of 2011, the OVW Programs and Services Office offers a variety of programs **available** to victims-survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking and are available to both male and female Native American victims. Services are also available to those collaterally affected, meaning, although you may not have been a victim yourself, you were in some way affected, either as a child in the same household, were a family member, relative, or other community member and would like to talk to someone in a safe, confidential environment.

Services available through the OVW Programs and Services Office include:

- Advocacy and Court Accompaniment
- Crisis Intervention and Counseling including 24/7 Helpline
- Crime Victim Assistance
- Safety Planning
- Niimigimiwang Transitional Housing Service (expected to open Spring 2012)
- Sexual Assault Crisis and Response
- Prevention, Education, and Outreach
- Training
- Volunteer Outreach

ASSISTANCE - REQUEST FOR SERVICES may be made by phoning: 906.353.4598

STRICT ADHERENCE of CONFIDENTIALITY ENFORCEMENT OVW Programs and Services maintains compliance with all statutory and regulatory requirements of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 and 2000; Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act; VAWA Reauthorization Act of 2005, OVW's Implementing Regulations at 28 CFR Part 90 and strictly adheres to the Health Information Portability and Accountability Act (H.I.P.A.A.) and CFR Title 42, 290dd-2 and the regulations that implement it, Title 42, Part 2 (Federal Confidentiality Law as it pertains to AODA records).

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OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES**

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

"Your Children...Our Priority"

We provide the following services:

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

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

**Zeba Indian Mission
United Methodist Church**

"We welcome each of you to our worship services, at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday."

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



July 27th-29th, 2012

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Employment Opportunities

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

- * Summer Youth Worker — 6/8/2012
- * 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.



Ojibwa Community Library

409 Superior Ave., Baraga, MI 49908

353-8163 www.oclib.up.net

Hours:

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Friday—closed

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