KBIC HOLDS 4TH ANNUAL CHELSEY LAFERNIER MEMORIAL WALK

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community held the 4th Annual Chelsey LaFernier Memorial Walk on Friday, October 5. The event was organized by staff and volunteers of the Office of Violence Against Women. A group of nearly 100 dedicated walkers, wearing their purple shirts, braved the crisp cool weather to fulfill the annual walk for a good cause—Domestic Violence Awareness. After registering at the corner of McGillan and Lyons Street, walkers made their 1.7 mile journey to the Tribe’s Bingo Hall.

President Warren (Chris) Swartz, Jr. welcomed participants and introduced Chelsey’s mother, Birdie, and father, Harry. “It is unfortunate a tragedy had to occur here on our reservation in order for us to meet for this cause, but at the same time, we can turn a negative into a positive.” Swartz said. “That is our main purpose here tonight to raise the awareness of domestic violence here on the Anse Indian Reservation. For too long domestic violence was ignored or treated as a private matter. It’s time we stand with all those who have been affected by this terrible crime, recognize the individuals and groups who have stepped forward to break the cycle of violence, and recommit to putting an end to domestic violence in Indian Country.”

Chelsey’s sister, Lily Leinonen, cited a poem just prior to a balloon release by the crowd. Participants enjoyed an evening of drumming, a feast, and the words from a survivor. This year’s guest speaker was Robin PoorBear, aka Robin Charboneau. Robin, a Spirit Lake Nation member, spoke of her recovery. She is a survivor of sexual abuse, domestic violence, and is recovering from chemical dependency. Robin shared her intense experience and how she has survived with those present.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:
- October 6, 2012 Tribal Council Meeting
- 4th Annual Chelsey LaFernier Memorial Walk Held
- KBIC Cultural Committee Attends Historical Park Celebration
- Children’s Powwow Held
- Dedication Held For Clyde B. Swartz Memorial Trail
- Ahabinoojens
- Deepest Sympathy

The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwe Gashkadino Giizis - Freezing Moon - November 2012 Issue 100

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Photo by Lauri Denomie.
The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on October 6, 2012 at the Baraga Community Center in Harvey, Michigan. President Warren C. Swartz, Jr. presided over the meeting with Elizabeth D. Mayo, Susan J. LaFernier, Jerry Lee Curtis, Toni Minton, Robert (RD) Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, 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. President Warren C. Swartz, Jr. gave the President’s Report (page three). J. LaFernier gave the Secretary’s Report (page three), Treasurer Toni Minton gave the Treasurer’s Report (page five), and CEO Larry Denomie III, gave the CEO’s Report (page eight). Council passed the Department Head Reports for August 2012.

Pat Brown was on the agenda regarding the Marquette Seniors’ Christmas Party. Ms. Brown was unable to attend the meeting due to illness. Council indicated this year’s budget includes the Christmas Dinner and the annual gift. Council indicated they would wish to assist planning or to offer suggestions should contact Pat Brown at 273-0318.

April Lindala, NMU, shared an update with Council on the Center for Native American Heritage and Traditions project. Mr. Bressette presented the Community and the Community College with a gift, a copy of the anthology, Voice on the Water, Great Lakes Native American Literature.

Susan J. LaFernier, motioned to adopt the Proposed Ordinance Title Five—Adoptions Proposed Ordinance 2012-06, supported by Elizabeth D. Mayo, Robert (RD) Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Jean Jokinen, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Carole L. LaPointe, and Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Edwards), motion carried.

Susan J. LaFernier b) 3rd Reading of the KBIC Tribal Code Title Five—Adoptions Proposed Ordinance 2012-06. Susan J. LaFernier motioned to adopt the Proposed Ordinance Title Five—Adoptions Proposed Ordinance 2012-05, supported by Elizabeth D. Mayo, Robert (RD) Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Jean Jokinen, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Carole L. LaPointe, and Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, 0 opposed, one abstained (LaPointe), one absent (Edwards), motion carried.

President Swartz called for the question for the motion of Susan J. LaFernier to adopt the Proposed Ordinance 2012-06, supported by Elizabeth D. Mayo, Robert (RD) Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Jean Jokinen, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Carole L. LaPointe, and Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Edwards), motion carried.

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President Swartz brought forth a renewal business license application that was submitted by Debra Parrish dba Keweenaw Kwik & Qwik LLC, located at 125 Michigan Ave., Baraga, located within the L’Anse Reservation. Ms. Parrish is requesting to renew the license for the Kwik & Qvik Kwik & Qvik, LLC, supporting by Elizabeth D. Mayo, Robert (RD) Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Jean Jokinen, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Carole L. LaPointe, and Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, 0 opposed, one absent (Edwards), motion carried. R.D. Curtis, Jr. agreed he’d look into providing transportation for the youth of Marquette to attend this event on November 9 and 10, 2012.

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Vicky Lynn Emery, a KBIC member, was recently hired as KBOCC’s Accounting Supervisor. She has been a long time employee of the KBIC Accounting Office. Vicky has two children and resides in Baraga. Vicky said, “My interests include trying out new recipes, achieving fitness goals, and spending quality time with my family. I am a member of the KBIC Education Committee and I am very Commu- nity oriented. I feel that all of Tribal businesses/entities are beneficial to our Community, and we are lucky to have all of them. I am truly excited about my new position and I will strive to do my best for KBOCC.”

Activities reported by the Secretary. Susan J. LaFerrier, for the month of Sep- tember 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, accomplish- ments, diversity, and contribution to the social, cultural, and economic life of Michigan and the United States.

During the administration of Governor William G. Milliken in 1974, the Legislature designated the fourth Friday in September as Michigan Indian Day (Act 30 of 1974, Section 435.161).

Tribal Voting: NATIVE VOTE 2012—every vote and voice counts. NCAI (National Congress of American Indians) President Jefferison Keel stated in his State of Indian Nations Ad- dress that our Native vote can have a sig- nificant impact on the upcoming 2012 elec- tions, and he has challenged Indian Country to turn out the largest Native vote in history. We need to get out and vote, not only to have a say in who represents us, but to ensure that U.S. leaders understand Indian Country and that Indian Country matters, especially in Michigan. Here are four challenges that can make a difference in the November election: 1) Get yourself registered to vote TODAY! You can do it online. 2) Think of three people you care about. Make sure they are registered and challenge them to reach out to three more people they care about. 3) Volunteer to make calls encouraging others to register and vote. 4) Spread the word to vote on Election Day! Contact our Native Vote Coordinator, Jennifer Misegan, for more information regarding “The Medicine Abuse Project,” which is a campaign to prevent half a mil- lion teenagers from abusing prescription medicines over five years.

Continue to pray for each other as well as honor and remember all of our veterans, service men and women, and their families. Remember those who are ill, those in economic struggles, and all who have lost loved ones. Thank you, God and Creator, for the great blessings of our land. It has been a beautiful fall! We pray for peace in the world. “Who does the land belong to? Some to those who have walked on, a little to those still living, but most to those yet to be—unknown.”

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- Approved the amendments to the Tribal Attorney positions to accommodate and close the date; and
- Approved to reschedule case #010-12 Enterprise Grievance until September 14, 2012.

At a council meeting held September 6, 2012, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the Government employee W.H.I.P.P. (Wellness, Health, Intervention, Prevention Program) Task Force and volunteers continue to have monthly meetings. It is never too early to encourage and begin positive lifestyle changes that will help us live longer, healthier, happier lives. Mino-Bimaadizin—“Live Well.” Remember everyone should partici- pate at least 30 minutes of physical activity five times a week to stay fit. Thank you to everyone who planned and participated in the 2nd Annual KBIC Blood Drive held on September 27, 2012. A great gift, as there is always a shortage of blood.

- The Drug Tip Line number is 353-DRUG or 353-3784. The yellow banners are around the world in conjunction with this drug tip line number displayed. The Drug Task Force holds monthly meetings, and their Mission Statement is: “To promote education, public awareness, and with the specific objective to eliminate the use of ‘illegal drugs’ for the betterment of the health, wel- fare, and safety of the Keweenaw Bay In- dian Community and our neighboring Com- munities.” Be watching for information re- garding “The Medicine Abuse Project,” which is a campaign to prevent half a mil- lion teenagers from abusing prescription medicines over five years.

- Approved to introduce the 1st Reading proposed ordinance 2012-06 Title Five—Adoptions, waive the 1st Reading and schedule the 2nd Reading for September 27, 2012;
- Approved to introduce the 1st Reading proposed ordinance 2012-06 Title Six—Guardians and Conservators, waive the 1st Reading and schedule the 2nd Reading for September 27, 2012.

At a council meeting held September 18, 2012, the following actions were taken:

- FY2013 Finance/Budget Review;
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End of 1st Reading.

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

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Secretary's Report continues:

federal funding for Tribal Social Services) and have the President sign;  
- Approved the Entertainment Agreement with Entertainmentmax, Inc. for $4,000.00 for the New Year's Eve Comedy Performance Show at the Bingo Hall;  
- Approved Resolution KB 1899-2012 the transfer of Virginia A. Jermac's residential lease to her daughter Sarah M. Beauchard;  
- Approved addendum 1 with Gundlach Champion, Inc. to prepare a master plan for the Correction(Al) Facility on Tribal lands;  
- Regarding Enterprise Case #010-12: Approved to direct Casino Management to allow the supervisors and employees to work on opportunities to work at fires. 

At a council meeting held September 25, 2012, the following actions were taken:  
- Approved at the 3rd reading to amend 4.104, 4.106, 4.502, 4.503, 4.504, 4.602, 4.612, and adopt Title Four Juvenile Division of the Tribal Code Proposed Ordinance 2012-04;  
- Approved the moving expenses for the new Pharmacist for $2,000.00 and to include in her contract, contingent on the approval of the contract;  
- Approved the two joint funding agreements for the stream gauges on the Sable River and Yellow Dog River with the USGS for one year;  
- Approved the three T.S.I. selections/recommendations from the Natural Resource Committee and the alternates;  
- Approved to offer the position of Natural Resource Director to Lori Sherman;  
- Approved the Employment Agreement/Chief Pharmacist with Cynthia R. Gourneau, R.Ph. 

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan J. LaFernier, Secretary

MICHIGAN'S 2012 ELECTION CALENDAR

This election year, make sure Your Voice is heard—Register and Vote! 

One of the fundamental rights of our democracy is the right to vote. Any U.S. citizen who is a least age 18 on election day is eligible. You must also be a resident of Michigan and the city or township where you are applying to register to vote. Before you can cast a ballot, you must register. Voter registration forms are available at any Secretary of State office, the local office of Elections online at www.Michigan.gov/elections, or from your local clerks.

In a democratic society, we have the privilege of choosing to choose the representatives who will work on the problems important to us.

To Elect your representative: Deciding who gets your vote is not always easy! The following steps will help you find the candidate who will best represent you.

1. Web sites, personal flyers, and newspapers/newsletters can provide information to help you decide:  
   - Find out where the candidates stand on issues that are important to you;  
   - Explore the candidates' experience.

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 3  
November General Election absentee ballot requests must be received by 2 p.m.

Tuesday, November 6  
November General Election, polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

KBIC TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Saturday, Primary Election December 1, 2012

Saturday, General Election December 15, 2012

The following is a list of activities that occurred in the office of the President for the months of August and September 2012:

- I attended the Tribal State Summit in early September where I asked the Governor to approve the Ojibwa Casino in Negaunee, Michigan, at the old Afton. The Governor is considering our request, and he requested more time to review the letter from the Department of Interior. One of the Governor's campaign promises was to close the Ojibwa Casino II. We feel that this resolution will improve the local community's employment, and it would not be detrimental to the local community in relocating the Ojibwa Casino II.

- I met with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to discuss the transfer of approximately 569 acres being held for KBIC. Also present at this meeting were Council Members Susan J. LaFernier and Fred Dakota, CEO Larry Denomie, Realtor Officer Jason Ayres, Tribal Preservation Officer Chris Chosa, along with a number of members from the BLM and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). The meeting was a follow up from a 2009 meeting regarding the transfer of ownership of Manitou Island to the Tribe. Manitou Island is located on the tip of the Keweenaw Peninsula which is north of our reservation. There was also a discussion of developing a cooperative management agreement with the BLM. We discussed whether or not the land could be labeled as excess property and transferred to the Tribe under that authority. We also discussed whether a waiver had ever been done. We also considered doing an appraisal of the land. We were advised that surplus property normally consists of structures; property with hazmat conditions that are deemed unsuitable for use. This property on Manitou Island is vacant, undeveloped land that does not qualify as surplus. We asked about a 638 contract with the program receiving funds. It does not appear that this type of transaction could be justified. We also asked about the option to purchase. The BLM advised us that it would not be easy. There are a number of CCR regulations that state public domain lands can be sold to the general property or entity under direct sale but the Tribe would have to own adjoining land. We ended the meeting where the Tribe would follow up with the BLM in the near future and possibly arrange for a trip out to the island to view the property.

- I attended a meeting with state officials to discuss mining concerns. Present were many officials from Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), and a number of other state government agencies. I informed them the state must start paying attention to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the Bridge crossing the Sable River and Yellow Dog River with the BLM in the near future and possibly arrange for a trip out to the island to view the property.

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TREASURER REPORT FOR THE MONTHS OF JULY, AUGUST, AND SEPTEMBER 2012

Activities reported by the Treasurer, Toni Minton, for the months of July, August, and September 2012.

The following donations were made in July, August, and September 2012:

**July 2012 Donations**

- $2,500 Native American Rights Fund (NARF)
- $1,000 Marquette/Alger Counties Great Start Collaborative
- $250 Great Lakes Center for Youth Development
- $500 Omega House
- $300 Ellie Nieskes (+full tank of gas from Pines)
- $300 Eric LaFernier (for gas) playground planning

**August 2012 Donations**

- $2,000 Jacqueline Velmier request for five Tribal members traveling to Rome
- $300 Baraga County Junior League Softball Team trip
- $500 Debbie Stabenow Honor Reception held in Ishpeming

**September 2012 Donations**

- $500 Pauline Spruce—National Kidney Foundation
- $2,625 LVD Wild Rice Camp attendees ($125/adult KBIC members up to 30)
- $400 Judith Smith traveling to Rome
- $400 Margaret LaTocha traveling to Rome

Finance meetings were held in September and the final budgets have been approved.

The Donations Budget for FY2013 is $100,000. The two percent requests have been compiled, and we will be reviewing them in the near future. They are required to be distributed by November 30, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,
Toni Minton, Treasurer

Welcoming Payton Rose Pouttu, born July 31, 2012, to Ashtin Koski and Paul Pouttu. Payton weighed 7 lbs. 6.8 oz. and was 21 inches at birth. Congratulations!

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Ashtin Koski and Paul Pouttu.
CHILDRENS’ POWWOW HELD — MICHIGAN INDIAN DAY

The Ojibwemowin Wadiswan (Eagle’s Nest) hosted the Abinooji-inyag Nimiwin (Children’s Powwow) in conjunction with Michigan Indian Day, September 28, 2012. The event was held at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens’ facility. Children and families, with their guests, shared a potluck feast together. Children were able to participate in a number of activities which included songs provided by two invited drums, Summer Cloud and Beartown Singers. Children were also able to participate in spot dances where they would win a number of different stuff animals which were introduced in the Ojibwa language.

(Above) an adorable jingle dress dancer, Skye Angel Lewis.
(Below) an talented young grass dancer, Avery Lester Miller.

KBIC CULTURAL COMMITTEE AND DANCE TROUPE ATTENDS KEWEENAW HISTORICAL PARK CELEBRATION

Members of the KBIC Cultural Committee, Miss KBIC—Samantha Tolonen, and KBIC Dancers attended the Keweenaw National Historical Park 20th Anniversary Celebration held in Calumet and Hancock. Those participating enjoyed two sessions of dancing exhibitions and shared some of our cultural traditions with visitors attending the Celebration. The event was held on October 13, 2012, with Senator Carl Levin as a guest speaker (shown below with Denomie and Rajacic).

(Above) Men’s Traditional Dancers: (left) Steven Denomie and (right) Robert Rajacic. (Below) Grass Dancers: (left) Raymond Gauthier-Tolonen, (center) Ethan Lee, (left) LeRoy Gauthier.

Beartown Singers, provided the songs for the KBIC Dance Troupe, with George Gauthier as emcee for the exhibitions.

Shown (left) are two young participants, Alexander Cage Miron and Jalisa Heath, choosing their tattoos, just one of the Children’s activities available.
KBIC Cultural Committee members and KBIC Dance Troupe are pictured with the Park Ranger who organized the Keweenaw National Historical Park 20th Anniversary Celebration.
The month of September 2012 included the following activities and reportable items:

- The FY13 budget review and approval process took place throughout the month. An initial deficit of nearly two million dollars was balanced through the review process and final approval of budgets on September 25, which incorporated the company’s surplus. The approval included a 3% raise for all eligible employees of the Tribe.

- The Tribe received a $30,000 dividend payment from our Workers Compensation trust, which relates to less than expected claims incurred by the Tribe for employee work related accidents. Both casinos have an active safety program in place that provides a proactive rather than reactive program in providing a safe environment for employees and patrons.

- On September 12, Evelyn Ravindran and Pam Nankervis, KBIC Natural Resources Department employees, accepted the Biologist of the Year Award issued by the Bay Mills Tribe. The award was given to Todd Warner our former Natural Resources Director. Todd sadly passed away this past summer. Todd’s family visited KBIC and the Natural Resources Department on September 21, to meet the staff Todd worked with and members of Council. The following day, the family held a memorial service for John Knapp.

- The Tribe has hired a part-time dentist, Ronald Carmody, who will provide for a fifth day of dental services. Prior to the hire, dental services were available Monday through Thursday. The addition will help in minimizing the time it takes to get an appointment with the dentist. There will also be a new Pharmacist to replace the retiree of the current Pharmacist, James Vollmair. Cynthia Gourneau will begin working the first week of October.

- The Tribe’s annual Christmas Gift Check distribution has been scheduled. The work group is meeting regularly to meet the check distribution dates of November 19, in Baraga, and November 20, in Marquette. The distribution for Marquette County members will take place in the Ojibwa Housing Community Center.

- Ed Janisse and I attended an FCC Tribal Broadband training in Lac du Flambeau on September 11, and 12. The training provided the opportunity for us to meet with the FCC’s Native Affairs and Policy division to discuss an opportunity presented to the Tribe in expanding operations. Current regulations provide for Tribal Priority in the opportunity, but a waiver of one section needs to be approved. Additional details will be provided as they become available.

- With the approval of the FY13 budgets, programs providing services to eligible members will become available. The funding available through the Community Needs Assistance Program remains the same this year. The LIHEAP program, which provides assistance to income eligible households, is currently on hold until official notification from the funding agency is received. A change in the income guidelines has been made for the program this year which is lower and equal to the guidelines of the CSBG program. Members needing services provided by the program are encouraged to call to inquire about the status of each program. The recent edition of the Tribe’s newsletter has additional information about the programs as well.

- The Tribe has received its leveraging funds which were supposed to have been received in June of this year. The approximate $280,000 will be used to service LIHEAP eligible households that were unable to be served in FY12 due to the lack of funding. The funds will also be used to complete weatherization projects which were approved in 2011 but weren’t completed.

- The first meeting of the Aanikoosing Inc. Board of Directors was held in September. Tony Rabitaille was selected to serve as the chairman. The chairman attended meetings at the Tribal Center to gather information relating to the new gas station planned for Marquette and the solid waste transfer station project, which is slated for construction next year. He will be taking the information back to the Board for further consideration.

- Review by Council of the Tribe’s Comprehensive Strategic Plan is nearly complete. The document will also be shared with the Community for review and comment prior to final approval by Council. The document guides departments of the Tribe toward obtaining short and long term goals over a wide variety of objectives. Each year the document will be reviewed to gauge accomplishments and set new goals.

- Council adopted a completely overhauled version of the Employees Manual which provides policies and procedures for management and employees to adhere to. The new manual will be introduced to employees in the very near future.

- KBIC member Lori Sherman has been hired as the Tribe’s Natural Resources Director. She officially began work on October 1.

- The KBIC Youth Halloween Parties are scheduled for October. The Marquette County party will take place at the OHA Community Center on October 21, beginning at noon. Food will be provided and prizes awarded for best costumes. As always, if anyone has questions, concerns, or issues that the CEO’s office can assist with, please don’t hesitate to stop, email, or call.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry J. Denomie, III, CEO

MARY GRACE GEROUX
(November 12, 1952—October 14, 2012)

Mary Grace Geroux, age 59, of Baraga, MI, passed away on Sunday, October 14, 2012, at Portage Health System in Hancock, MI.

Mary was born November 12, 1952, in L’Anse, MI, to Archie and Margaret (Shellice) Knapp. She grew up in L’Anse and attended L’Anse High School. Mary married George Geroux on August 28, 1982, in Baraga, MI. She worked at the Ojibwa Casino for over 25 years doing maintenance and cleaning and then for the Village of Baraga for 11 years; retiring in 2009. She enjoyed her family and friends and helped to raise also many kids. She enjoyed spending birthdays with her sisters and gambling at the casino with her husband and friends and family. Mary liked to work in the yard and her garden and was an avid Packers and NASCAR fan.

She was preceded in death by her parents John and Nancy Haataja. A luncheon and fellowship was held at the American Legion in Baraga.

Would You Like FREE Money?
The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing and Community Development Corporation (KBHDCD) 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 $4,000.00 on funds you deposit up to $1,000.00.

These funds are now available to KBIC Tribal members currently residing in the entire Upper Peninsula! First degree KBIC descendents are now eligible to utilize IDA funds for education expenses.

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 loans to start-up or expansion.

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

Angela Shellie
KBHDCD Program Administrator
906-353-7117 X106
Angie@kboha.com

NEWEST SYMPOSIUM

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

Federal law through the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act granted Tribes exclusive right to regulate gaming on Indian lands. Even if you or the members of your organization are not tribal members, the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Gaming Commission has the authority to regulate your raffle. It is unlawful to game without a license.

The training provided the opportunity for employees to adhere to the requirement to meet the standards of the CSBG program. The new manual will be introduced to employees in the very near future.
FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS (FDPIR) NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS* (Effective October 1, 2012)

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

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FDPIR Income Deductions—see 7 CFR 253.6(d) Earned Income Deduction — Households with earned income are allowed a deduction of 20 percent of their earned income. Dependent 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.

PHARMACY HOURS
Pharmacy Hours for the KBIC Pharmacy are 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 – 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.
You can reach the automated prescription line by calling (906) 353-4555. Listen to the choices, and have your prescription bottle or box handy, so you can call your prescription number on the prompt. If you call the Medical Re-ceptionist for a refill, she will transfer you to the Pharmacy.
It is good practice to bring in your medications with you on each visit to the doctor, so you can see which ones you may need a refill on at the time of your visit. Make a list of questions to ask your provider to get the most out of your visit! Plan ahead for your prescriptions so you do not run out.
Please allow up to 48 hours for a prescription refill. There are many steps to ensure patient safety that our staff takes to get your medications refilled in a timely matter and offer you patient centered care.

What is Meaningful Use?
You may have heard the term, "Meaningful Use", used a lot lately with the Affordable Care Act legislation. Here is a brief explanation:

The objectives of Meaningful Use of a certified Electronic Health Record (EHR) are to improve the safety, quality, and efficiency of care. Meaningful Use of EHRs can improve health care processes through the use of software applications that provide secure access, clinical decision support, performance reporting, and exchange of information with other providers of care. Systems such as these help to avoid preventable errors and allow for making better and more consistent decisions.

That is why we check your insurance and demographic information each time you reach the Donald A. LaPointe Health & Education Center.
Under the provisions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services is authorized to make incentive payments for Medicare and Medicaid Eligible Professionals that demonstrate meaningful use of certified Electronic Health Record technology. Incentive payments are treated as third party receivable and provide additional resources to stimulate continued improvement throughout the health care system.
The vision which drives the achievement of meaningful use of EHR is one in which all patients are fully engaged in their healthcare, providers have real-time access to all medical information and tools to help ensure the quality and safety of the care provided while also affording improved access and elimination of health care disparities. Having the right information in our files about you helps us to improve coordination of care at the same time, maintaining privacy, and security of your private information.

The Meaningful Use initiative requires an integrated approach between the IHS Meaningful Use team, National Indian Health Board American Indian/Alaska Native Regional Extension Center (NIHB A/AN National REC), and its subcontractor contractors. So the next time you are asked for an update of your information, remember --- it is for a good thing --- meaningful use! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the KBIC team.

Kweewa Bay Donald A. LaPointe Health & Education Center was among 33 Tribal Health Centers chosen to participate in The Improving Patient Care (IPC) 4 Collaborative, sponsored by Indian Health Service. IPC 4 is working to improve health and promote wellness for American Indians and Alaska Natives and to support the four IHS priorities. “It’s a pathway toward a redesigned system of care that is grounded in the values and culture of our community,” stated Carole LaPointe, Health Director, who serves as the IPC4 Team Executive Sponsor. “We started the pre-work in April, now we are in the actual ‘work’ stages of IPC 4, which includes daily use of quality improvement tools, including the Plan Do Study Act.” The Team meets bi-weekly on Tuesdays and is linked to the other teams in the nation via webinar. The IPC 4 Collaborative focuses on strengthening the positive relationships between the health care system/team and the individual, family, and community. All divisions of the health center will be involved in the IPC 4 in the future, right now we focus on the medical clinic process and flow. Eventually, Pharmacy, Dental, Behavioral Health, and Community Health will all be involved, although Community Health is already participating through the Special Diabetes Program for Indians and initiatives that come along with that program through Indian Health Service."

The Care Model for the Indian health System serves as a framework to guide the creation of a patient-centered medical home, an accessible and patient-centered system of care that provides safe, timely, effective, efficient, and equitable care. Monthly reports will be furnished to the newsletter to keep you informed of our progress on IPC 4. For more information, call 353-4553 or visit the IHS website at www.ihs.gov.

~ submitted by Carole LaPointe, Health Director

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(Left) Dr. Joseph Zobor, (Center) Becky Tussing, and (right) Dr. Chung Oh at the Leadership Session 1 Conference in Phoenix, August 2012.

LEGAL AID CLINIC
A Legal Aid Clinic will be available to Tribal members on Friday, November 9, 2012, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the downstairs conference room of the Tribal Center. The clinic is provided by Michigan Indian Legal Services, for questions call 1-800-968-6877.
WASHINGTON – The Department of Justice announced a policy addressing the ability of members of federally recognized Indian tribes to possess, use, and sell eagle feathers and parts for religious and cultural practices.

Federal wildlife laws such as the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act generally criminalize the killing of eagles and other migratory birds and the possession of their feathers and other parts of such birds. These important laws are enforced by the Department of Justice and the Department of the Interior and help ensure that eagle and other bird populations remain sustainable.

At the same time, the Department of Justice recognizes that eagles play a unique and important role in the religious and cultural life of many Indian tribes. Over the years, the tribe engaged only in the following types of conduct will not be subject to federal migratory bird protection laws: Possessing, using, or selling bald and golden eagle feathers or other parts; Displaying a bald and golden eagle feather or other parts; Administering or giving a bald and golden eagle feather or other parts (for example, for burial); Displaying a bald or golden eagle feather or other parts (for example, for decoration); Displaying a bald and golden eagle feather or other parts (for example, for ceremonial purposes); Providing a bald or golden eagle feather or other parts to another member of the tribe for burial; permitting a bald or golden eagle feather or other parts to another member of the tribe to be used for any religious or cultural purpose; Possessing, using, or selling bald or golden eagle feathers or other parts for commercial purposes; Possessing, using, or selling bald or golden eagle feathers or other parts for any non-religious, non-cultural purpose; or, if a Tribe member obtains, uses, or sells eagle feathers or other parts for non-religious, non-cultural purposes, the Tribe or its members will not be subject to federal migratory bird protection laws.

This policy will help ensure a consistent and uniform approach across the nation’s tribes and tribes are entitled to respect for their cultural beliefs and spiritual significance to American Indians,” said Attorney General Holder. “The Department of Justice is committed to striking the right balance between protecting these special birds and also should reassure federally recognized Indian tribes with whom the United States shares a unique government-to-government relationship.”
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, 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
- Niimiqimwigam Transitional Housing Service (expected to open November 2012)
- Sexual Assault Crisis and Response
- Training
- Volunteer Outreach

ASSISTANCE - REQUEST FOR SERVICES may be made by phoning: 906.353.4698

STRICT ADMITTANCE OF CONFIDENTIALITY ENFORCEMENT: OVW Programs and Services maintains compliance with all statutes and regulatory requirements of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 and 2000, Criminal Crime Control and Safe Streets Act, Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2005, OVW’s implementing regulations at 26 CFR Part 90 and strictly adheres to the health information confidentiality and accountability act (HIIA and C a 4604 2 and the regulations that implement it, Title 44, Part 2 (Federal Confidentiality Law) as it pertains to ADAA records.

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 the 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.

NOVEMBER 2012 Calendar Events

Nov 2: Constitutional Committee Meeting, 1 pm, Council Chambers;
Nov 3: KBIC Primary Elections;
Nov 8: Native American Heritage Month—Guest Speaker at NMU;
Nov 9: Legal Clinic, 8 am; Rezheads at KBCC gymnasium; First Nations Food Taster at NMU, 5:30 pm;
Nov 10: Reg. Sat. Council Meeting, 9 am, Ojibwa Resort Conference Room; Rezheads at KBCC gymnasium;
Nov 11: Mini-Powwow and Harvest Feast, 1pm;
Nov 12: Veteran’s Day Holiday—Tribal Gov’t offices closed;
Nov 22: Thanksgiving Day—Tribal Gov’t offices closed;
Nov 23: Native American Heritage Day—Tribal Gov’t offices closed.

~ submitted by newsletter editor

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
Employment Opportunities


- Youth Programs Coordinator — November 2, 2012

Continuous/On Call positions:
- Board Operator
- Tribal Attorney
- Pre-Primary Teaching Assistant
- Community Service Supervisor (one call)
- Receptionist/Clerical Worker (on call)
- Unit Manager (New Day)
- Unit Manager (OVW)
- On Call Van Driver
- Registered Nurse (on call)
- Cashier
- Licensed Practical Nurse (on call)
- Account Executive/Sales
- Family Ada
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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.

First Nations Food Taster
Join the Native American Student Association for this annual event.

Friday, November 9
5 – 7 p.m.
D.J. Jacobetti Complex
A menu of traditional and contemporary dishes.

This is a ticketed event.
For more information about these events or to purchase tickets call the NMU Center for Native American Studies at 906-227-1307 or visit us at www.nmu.edu/nativeamericans.

Native American Heritage Month
Special guest Abenaki author Joseph Bruchac

THOSE WHO SUSTAIN US: Native Cultures and Foods
Tuesday, November 12, 5 pm
Madus Auditorium – West Campus Building

SHARING THE GIFT: Understanding and Teaching Native American Literatures
Thursday, November 14, 1 pm
Whitman Hall Commons

AN EVENING WITH JOSEPH BRUCHAC: music performance and reading of original work.
Thursday, November 21, 7 pm
Jennich Hall 110B

For the entire list of November’s activities on the NMU campus visit www.nmu.edu/nativeamericans.

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Catholic Community of Baraga County
Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha
Pastor
Father John Longbucco
Father Antony Lukka
Confessions: Sunday before Mass
353-6565
saintann@up.net

KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY
OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES
427 N. Superior Ave. • Baraga, MI 49908
In Tribal Court Building
Phone: 906-353-4566 • Fax: 906-353-8132
Email: ocss@kbic-nsn.gov

“Your Children…Our Priority”
We provide the following services:
- Establishment, Enforcement and Modification of Child Support Orders
- Paternity Establishment
- Location of Custodial and Non-Custodial Parents
- Community Education

WEBSITE: www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/ocss.htm

IF ANYONE NEEDS WOOD
FOR FOUR DAY CEREMONY PURPOSES,
CONTACT R.D. CURTIS AT 201-2198.

DEDICATION CEREMONY HELD
CLYDE B. SWARTZ MEMORIAL TRAIL

Family and friends of the late Clyde B. Swartz gathered on Thursday, September 27, for a dedication ceremony held in his honor. Snowmobile Trail 14, which runs from Usimaki Road in L’Anse to Big Bay, was officially dedicated as the Clyde B. Swartz Memorial Trail. Swartz was instrumental in obtaining grooming equipment for Baraga County trails in the mid-1970’s, and you’d often see Mr. Swartz grooming these trails night and day.

Mr. Swartz was a KBIC Tribal member, and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community proudly assisted with the dedication through the purchasing of signs. The Community is averted that only a few days later the sign on Triple AAA Road had been vandalized. Photos made available by the L’Anse Sentinel.

Native American Craft Bazaar
Community Building (behind the Casino)
Harvey, MI (Just off M-28)
Saturday, November 24, 2012
10 a.m. — 4 p.m.
Frybread, Blankets, Necklaces, Beadwork, etc...
For more information, call Sandy at (906) 273-0286.

Vandalized signage near Triple AAA Road.