Tribal Council Members:
Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President
Elizabeth D. Mayo, Vice-President
Susan J. LaFernier, Secretary
Toni Minton, Asst. Secretary
Jennifer Misegan, Treasurer
Robert D. (RD) Curtis, Jr.,
Frederick Dakota,
Jean Jokinen,
Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.,
Carole LaPointe,
Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews,
Don Messer, Jr.

Michigan Technological University held their 24th Annual Parade of Nations on Saturday, September 14, 2013, with the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College’s Student Government joining the celebration. The Parade of Nations celebration hosted a number of different activities, one was the parade which began in Hancock, MI, proceeded over the lift bridge, continued through downtown Houghton, and concluded at Dee Stadium.

Dee Stadium housed a multicultural festival which featured food and music from more than 50 countries with Anishinaabe of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community amongst them. The Parade of Nations and multicultural celebration is a celebration of cultural diversity.

The KBOCC’s Student Government’s float (shown above) placed third in this year’s display of different cultures. Photo compliments of Denise Moschetto-Meroni.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:
- September 7, 2013 Tribal Council Meeting
- Tribal Housing Authority Receives Award
- Health Reform For American Indians and Alaska Natives
- Chelsey LaFernier Memorial Walk Announced
- Loonsfoot Honored, Retirement
- Ojibwa Senior News
- Deepest Sympathy

KBOCC’S STUDENT GOVERNMENT JOINS PARADE OF NATIONS CELEBRATION

ATTENTION KBIC MEMBERS RESIDING ON THE RESERVATION

A Secretarial Election is scheduled for October 22, 2013.

The election will be conducted in accordance with the regulations set forth in Title 25, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 81 (25 CFR § 81) and Pub. L. 100-420, as amended by Pub. L. 101-301.

Adult members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community who are 18 years or older on October 22, 2013, who physically reside on the reservation, and who register to vote, may vote in the election. There will be one polling place at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens Center in Baraga from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The Registered Voters List will be posted October 2, in all Tribal offices and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Michigan Agency.

The ballots will be counted on October 22, after 7 p.m. Immediately after the ballots are counted the election results will be posted in all Tribal offices and at the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Michigan Agency.
Council Meeting continued:

Baraga Department Firefighters as he presented the Council with a plan of the firefighters’ appreciation for the KBIC’s support during the recent U.P. Firefighters Tournament held in L’Anse and Baraga last month.

Curby Robillard addressed the Council per their request. Curby Robillard, a descendant, explained that he has had permission from his uncle to reside on his uncle’s allotted land within the reservation boundaries for many years. Neighbors have raised health and well-being concerns to Curby Robillard regarding next to them and alleged a number of incidents over a twenty-year period. Mr. Robillard acknowledged previously that he did not cut some trees and indicated that he has not cut trees since that time and that he in fact has made arrangements with the BIA to make restitution for the cutting of the trees. Mr. Robillard apologized for incidents the neighbors believe have occurred, and indicated that he does not want to make the neighbors mad at him.

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 Susan J. LaFernier requested Council schedule the third Reading for the Proposed Ordinance 2013 to Amend (clarify) Tobacco Ordinance 2008-02. Council consensus was to schedule this 3rd Reading for the September 19, 2013 meeting.

The Chelsey LaFernier Memorial Walk is scheduled on October 5, 2013, which is the date of the regularly scheduled Council meeting where the hearing for the LaFernier property. Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to hold the regular October 5, 2013 Tribal Council meeting in Baraga and move the regular Tribal Council meeting held in Marquette to November 9, 2013. Motion supported by Jennifer Misegan, eleven supported, zero opposed, zero abstained, motion carried.

Jean Jokinen stated that the audit team had a meeting with the auditors in regards to their final Basic Audit yesterday (09/06/2013) where it was indicated if Council was going to continue or not. Motion by Jean Jokinen to put an end to the audit based on yesterday’s meeting and consider it as complete, supported by Robert (RD) Curtis, Jr., two supported (Curtis, Jokinen), nine opposed (Mayo, S. LaFernier, Minton, Misegan, Dakota, M. LaFernier, LaPointe, Matthews, Messer), zero abstained, motion defeated. Motion by Carolanne LaPointe to wait for the written report to review from yesterday’s meeting and then make a decision to either stop the audit or move on, supported by Don Messer, Jr., nine supported (LaPointe, Messer, Mayo, S. LaFernier, Minton, Curtis, Dakota, Jokinen, Misegan, LaFernier), two opposed (Misson, M. LaFernier), zero abstained, motion carried.

Jennifer Misegan stated grievance hearings were held at Thursday’s meeting where resolutions should be made in closing session. The resolutions were formally made regarding the grievances. Motion by Jennifer Misegan to support the decision of the Assistant CEO for those terminations but to clear the information regarding the termination from their files as to the reason why were terminated, supported by Susan J. LaFernier, eight supported (LaPointe, Matthews, Messer), one opposed (Jokinen), two abstained (Mayo, Minton), motion carried.

Treasurer Jennifer Misegan brought forward the financial report for September 2013. Motion by Tony Minton to approve the September 2013 donations in the amount of $500.00 for Joseph Spruce’s request for the Law Enforcement Torch Run with proceeds to benefit the Special Olympics. Motion supported by Elizabeth D. Mayo, ten supported (Mayo, S. LaFernier, Minton, Misegan, Curtis, Dakota, M. LaFernier, LaPointe, Matthews, Messer), one opposed (Jokinen), zero abstained, motion carried.

Council moved into closed session with the following motions made upon return to open session prior to adjournment: Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to approve the interim wage for the I.T. Site Manager at the Health Center supported by Jennifer Misegan, nine supported (Mayo, S. LaFernier, Minton, Misegan, Dakota, M. LaFernier, LaPointe, Matthews, Messer), two opposed (Curtis, Jokinen), zero abstained, motion carried. Motion by Jean Jokinen to waive the ten day waiting period to grieve the termination of the I.T. Site Director and to post, eight supported (Mayo, S. LaFernier, Minton, Misegan, Dakota, M. LaFernier, LaPointe, Matthews, Messer), three opposed (Curtis, Jokinen), zero abstained, motion carried.

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enonce from around the country to:
1. Evaluate the job Region 5 has done.
2. Make recommendations to increase Region 5 mining expertise.
   • The Council agreed to give John Paul DeCota a big boat license and to prorate the license fee.
   • We are continuing to talk with Dan McNeil. He is a Tribal Member who took the test to receive his Michigan Bar license to practice law. He hasn’t received his license yet, but we would like him to work with us to help decrease the work load in the attorney’s office.
   • I also attended a school board meeting in Baraga. We discussed the upcoming budget, and also the importance of the Title IV Program to Indians in education.
   • Finally, we should consider supporting the Inter-Tribal Trade Act of 2013. The purposes of the Act is to revitalize Tribal economies by encouraging tribes to sell their natural resources and the products they develop into a broader market in a larger geographical area. It would help promote outside investment in Indian businesses and trade operations by clarifying the laws applicable to intra-tribal trade and enhancing inter-tribal cooperation and the development of inter-tribal business relationships as a means to improve the economies of the participating tribes and to promote tribal self-sufficiency and self-determination.

This concludes my report.

Respectfully submitted,

Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President

Executive Section

KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY AND URBAN HOUSING AUTHORITY RECEIVES AWARD FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

The Keewenaw Bay Indian Community was awarded an Indian Community Development Block Grant in the amount of $600,000. The Keewenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing Authority (KBHA), in Baraga, Michigan, is the sub-recipient. The award will be used, in conjunction with additional resources provided by the Keewenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) and by OHA, to construct a community building in Zeba, Michigan. The community building will also include communal gathering space for feasts, community training and coaching sessions, and other community activities.

OHA was created by the Keewenaw Bay Indian Community in 1965 as a unit of Tribal Government. One of its operational goals is ensuring that safe, decent, and affordable housing is available to KBIC families; creating economic opportunities for the KBIC and Tribal members; assisting the local community development corporations in ensuring fiscal integrity in the operation of its programs.

TRIBAL NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION RECEIVES AWARD FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY

The Keewenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing and Community Development Corporation (KBHCOCD) in Baraga, Michigan, has been awarded a Native American CDFI Assistance-Financial Assistance (NACA-FA) grant in the amount of $250,000. The award will be used to capitalize a home purchase revolving loan fund for Keewenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) Tribal members.

Activities reported by the Secretary, Stephanie LaFeminer, for the month of August 2013:

ANIN! We honor the greatness in you. Remember: “Indian Country Courts” and “Citizen, 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.

A wonderful fall is upon us as we continue to enjoy the wonderful seasons of our area.

The annual summer government picnic was held on August 2nd at the L’Anse Golf Course. One-hundred-fifty employees (and committee members were invited) attended; played bingo, cribbage, bowling games, bag toss; went on a one-mile fitness walk; and of course, golfed. Three new challenges were added this year, and the following people won: Kevin Perrault/19” closest to the pin; Gary Loonsfoot, Jr./25’ longest putt; and Suzanne Jondreau/longest drive. We all enjoyed great picnic food. Thanks to all of our employees for planning, setting up for the picnic, cooking, grilling, and helping with the games and prizes, and cleanup. Many thanks to our Picnic Committee: Larry Denomie, Kim Klopstein, Gary Loonsfoot, and to the Tribal Council.

On August 16th and August 23rd, Tribal Council members and Natural Resource staff had the privilege to take a boat ride (in small groups) to monitor Island off the Keweenaw Peninsula. It is a beautiful island with two lighthouses, a dock, and many acres of pure woods where trout are beautifully swimming on little soil and water; the pinecones grow upward! The island is able to tell many stories of the activities that went on there through the years, mainly commercial fishing. I also had the privilege to find all the telephone poles that connected the light-house to the mainland. Be watching for more information on Manitou Island.

Remember the dates (see poster/ad) regarding the upcoming Secretarial Election on October 22, 2013. The only polling place open will be at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens Center in Baraga from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. You will be able to vote on an amendment to the Constitution regarding Article VIII Section 1. Community Informational meetings will be held on September 24th at the United Methodist Church and on September 26th at the Ojibwa Senior Center.

I had a great time helping at the Pines Conference Center “Customer Appreciation” Day on August 27th. Thanks to the staff: Trish, Suzie, Dan, Larry, radio station personnel, and everyone else who helped make the day fun.

The employees 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 others 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 three times a week to stay fit. Congratulations to our 2nd place Keewenaw Bay walkers out of 11 Tribes participating again this year in the Tribe to Tribe Walking Challenge. They were recognized by the Cross & Blue Shield with a check on August 20th. The annual blood drive will also be held on October 1st (see flyer).

NATIVE VOTE 2013—every vote counts. Our 2013 total eligible voters and 681 registered voters, 429 registered voters, or 63%, voted in the December election. Our goal for Keewenaw Bay is to have 100% of our registered/eligible members vote!

Remember to continue to pray for each other, to honor and remember all of our veterans, service men and women, and their families. Also remember those who are ill, those with economic struggles, and all those who have experienced losses during the past year and on September 11. We pray that we and the world will be graced with the gifts of peace, love, and joy.

Thank you for all that you do to keep our land the beautiful place it is. Thank you, God and Creator, for the great blessings of our land. “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 born.”—unknown.

“Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift, that is why we call it the present.”

During August 2013, the Tribal Council held one Regular Tribal Council Meeting on August 3, 2013, at the Ojibwa Motel Conference Room. This meeting is covered in the September 2013 Newsletter. Tribal Council held four Special Council Meetings, following are the unapproved motions from August.

At a council meeting held August 1, 2013, the following actions were taken:

• Tabled the notice of the job description review and have a discussion with Attorney Heather Chapman before posting for a Tribal Attorney;
• Approved a line item Hardship Funds for the Community Needs Assistance Program (511) and to use the remaining senior heating funds for food and shut-offs using the CSBG guidelines for two additional months;
• Defeated a motion to offer the TERO Director position to Sue Ellen Carlson (after five interviews);
• Approved the TERO Director position to Debra Picciano;
• Approved the use of the balance of $2,162.85 out of the General Fund (510) for the Spring Clean-up;
• Approved to table Resolution KB 1945-2013 for a new drawing for the Campground (Marina) Right-of-Way Amendment;
• Approved the KBIC Space Lease Agreement for two (2) ATM Machines with River Valley Bank at the Marquette Business Center;
• Approved the bid from Ojibwa Building Supply for $98,498.00 with a contract (to include warranty and a time frame) for the Baraga Casino carpeting;
• Approved the use of the former Tribal Maintenance facility (at the Industrial Park) for $1.00 for 99 years for office space for the Aakinoosing, Inc.;

At a council meeting held August 8, 2013, the following actions were taken:

• Defeated a motion to remove the small loop and do a change of Section 1. Community Informational meetings to the present.
• Approved Resolution KB 2013-2013 for a new drawing for the Campground Right-of-Way Amendment;
• Approved Resolution KB 1945-2013 for changing are the unapproved motions from August.

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Approved the Tribal Council Secretary’s Report for July 2013. At a council meeting held August 29, 2013, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the Early Spring Productions (Rick Allen) to film on the Reservation and at the Pinery Cemetery in a respectful way;
- Approved a donation to Early Spring Productions of $2,500.00;
- Approved the September 11, 12, 13, 18, 20, 21, and 24, 2013 Tribal Council meeting minutes;
- Approved that family members of George Curtis be able to donate advance ($150.00-$300.00) from their 2013 Christmas Gift Check for his funeral expenses;
- Approved the renewal business license for Zebing Solutions (Jeff Swartz and Arlan Frieviall);
- Approved Resolution KB 1949-2013 Irvin J. Smith III Recreational Lease;
- Approved Resolution KB 1950-2013 Alden L. Connor, Jr. Residential Lease;
- Approved Resolution KB 1953-2013/ Purchase Agreement for 40 acres on the Pikes Peak Road for $38,000.00 from Joe Sirado;
- Approved Resolution KB 1951-2013 Forest Management Deduction Account Expenditure Plan October 2013- September 2014;
- Approved the project agreement with the Board of County Road Commissioners for Baraga County for the Tailor Road Improvements;
- Approved Resolution KB 1948-2013 Eligible Voters List for the Secretarial Election to amend Article VII;
- Approved the MTU Huskies Athletic Marketing Contract for the Baraga Casino;
- Approved the Secretarial Election budget of $2,778.00;
- Approved the Enrollment Department to share addresses of Tribal members who cannot be found regarding the class action Cobell lawsuit;
- Approved the Innovative Gaming Solutions Gaming Operations Evaluation Proposal (Marquette and Baraga Casinos);
- Approved the Services Agreement with Earl Otchingwangan-Language Instructor, Rose and Linda Trudeau-Language Instructors, and the Bay Mills Community College modification of Memorandum of Understanding.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan J. LaFemner, Secretary

CEO REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2013

The month of August 2013 included the following activities and reportable items:

- In Pauline Spruce’s July monthly report, she included an “Ethnic Statistics” report. According to the data collected by Pauline, which dates back to 2002, the government now employs the highest percentage of Native Americans, which the report indicates is at 74.2%. We also report on the percentage of KB members at 65.29%. The report also indicates that with 314 employees, it is the highest number employed for the reporting period.
- Staff at the Bureau of Indian Affairs met with our staff to conduct an “Informal Conference” related to KBIC’s request to direct contract for Forestry funds. Sarah Maki, Assistant CEO did an excellent job presenting our case and acted as the spokesperson for KBIC. Sarah’s detailed information will require the BIA to explain their math in calculating the proposed contract amount which is substantially less than the calculations prepared by Sarah. Sarah also noted a ruling that was made by an Admissions Law Judge in a case with the Paule Indian Tribe, where allocations for Realty funds were based on actual acres and not Federally Inherent activities performed. Based on that methodology presented in that case, KB is requesting contract funds in the amount of $52,089. The Hearing Officer had 10 days to rule on her decision which we received late and indicated she agreed with the BIA. KB can appeal the request which would entail filing of paper documents to the Interior Board of Indian Affairs – no formal court proceedings would be required.
- I attended the Health Board meeting held on August 14, where discussion occurred regarding prescriptions taking longer than usual to fill. The issue has become a problem since the implementation of the Electronic Health Record and the electronic system used to process claims. Staff has developed a new system which has aided in expediting the fills. The medical providers will be utilizing the alternate method while an alternative EHR systems is explored.
- The Summer Youth Work and Youth Day Camp programs wrapped up the week of August 5. Nicole Arens, Youth Programs Coordinator, had oversight of both programs. There were issues that arose with both programs that were dealt with accordingly. The camp program was new this year and successful for the most part. If the programs continue next year, proactive measures will be taken to develop plans to address the issues that occurred this year. From feedback I received, overall the kids really enjoyed the programs.
- The HUD ICDBG Grant for the Transfer Station has been officially awarded and funds appropriated. The funds are slated for site work and equipment purchases associated with the project. HUD also approved the ICDBG grant award for the Zeba Community Center in the amount of $600K. OHA will have the lead on that project which was a re-submission by Kristen Wakeham of OHA, of a grant prepared by Jim Stin- gle, KBIC Grant Writer. The $200K match will come from the land provided by KB in the amount of $75K and the remainder will be provided by OHA. The site for the new community center is currently being considered.
- The Pines held their first Customer Appreciation Day event on August 27. Approximately 450 hotdogs were served between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Susan LaFemner and I assisted Pines staff at the event with cooking, serving, and registering customers for the prize drawings. This will likely become an annual event to provide thanks to the thousands of customers who patronize the Pines.
- Bruce LaPointe, Projects Manager, will serve as the Tribe’s Building Inspector. Bruce’s office is located at the Department of Public Works building, which is our industrial park. Applications for permits will continue to be provided at the Tribal Center through our front desk receptionist.
- As always, if anyone has questions, concerns, or issues the CEO’s office can assist with, please don’t hesitate to stop, e-mail, or call. Respectfully submitted,
Larry J. Denomie, III, CEO

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

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.

All Tribal Veterans’ Meeting at the Lighthouse, Sand Point, will be held every third Wednesday of the month at 1900 hours. All Tribal Veterans Welcome!
Lindsey Loonsfoot Earns CDA

Lindsey Loonsfoot, a Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College student, has been awarded a Child Development Associate (CDA) credential in recognition of outstanding work with young children. The Council for Professional Recognition (www.cdacouncil.org) in Washington, DC awards credentials to early childhood educators who demonstrate the ability to work constructively with young children in group settings. Ms. Loonsfoot is employed at the KBIC Pre-Primary Program.

“Lindsey has worked diligently on completing educational hours and other requirements to attain the CDA,” said Mary DeLine, chairperson of the Early Childhood Education Department at KBOCC. “She is an honor student and intends to continue her education for an Associate’s degree in early childhood education. I am very proud of her.”

Ms. Loonsfoot completed the educational hours requirement for the CDA credential and received guidance in preparing her CDA portfolio at KBOCC. Since the college is now fully accredited, her CDA Associate’s degree will qualify her for employment at state-licensed early childhood facilities as well as federally funded programs. For information about CDA preparation or earning a degree in early childhood education, contact Mary DeLine (353-4608) at KBOCC.

LEGAL AID CLINIC

A legal aid clinic will be available to Tribal members on Tuesday, October 29, 2013, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the downtowns conference room of the Tribal Center. This will be the last clinic for the year. The clinic is provided by Michigan Indian Legal Services, for questions call 1-800-968-6877.
Since being crowned Miss Keweenaw Bay on July 26, 2013, Kristina Misegan has been diligently representing KBIC at numerous events.

Kristina attended the 31st Annual Lac Vieux Desert Traditional Powwow in Watersmeet, Michigan, on August 9-11, 2013, and also participated in their 2013 Cancer Walk Run.

On August 15, 2013, Kristina attended the U.P. State Fair on Native Day and attended a powwow hosted by the Hanahville Indian Community. On August 23-25, 2013, Kristina attended the Bad River Powwow in Odanah, Wisconsin. She also traveled September 6-8, 2013, to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to attend the Indian Summer Festival.

Kristina, after a busy summer of traveling to events, has returned to her schooling but looks forward to attending many powwows and cultural activities being held throughout the winter months, including KBIC’s Mid-winter Powwow, scheduled for January of 2014.

Remember to... “like” us on Facebook.

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community’s Facebook Page is currently under development and will be available by the end of September, early October. Continue to check the Tribe’s website, www.ojibwa.com, for updated information.

Marquette KBIC Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Clinic

Community Center
(Behind Casino)

Friday, October 11
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Vaccine is available for tribal members, descendants, & non-native household contacts.

Vaccines for children under the age of 18 will not be available.

Bring your insurance card if you have one.

For more information contact Heather Wood-Paquet at 906-353-4546.

KBIC Seasonal Flu Vaccine Clinic

KBIC Health Dept. 2nd Floor
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

September 12th  October 10th
September 19th  October 17th
September 26th  October 24th
October 3rd  October 31st

Walk-in Basis ~ While Supplies Last

Vaccine is available for tribal members, descendants, & non-native household contacts.

Bring your insurance card if you have one.

For more information contact Heather at 353-4546.

There will be a drive up clinic on Thursday, October 10th from 5-7 p.m. for adults only.
Funds will be available for eligible Tribal members to borrow to purchase a home. Funds that are paid back to the KBOHCDC will then be made available to additional eligible KBIC members to purchase a home. This NACA-FA grant is the only one being awarded in Michigan and is one of only 18 NACA-FA grants being awarded nationwide.

The KBOHCDC is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization started by the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing Authority in 2006. It is a US Treasury-certified Community Development Financial Institution serving the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. Services provided or soon-to-be provided to the Community include low-interest loans for home repair, for home purchases, and for business capitalization; matched savings accounts; and a variety of financial education products. The KBOHCDC accepts donations, and all donations are tax deductible.
Health Reform Law and American Indians and Alaska Natives: Overview

American Indians and Alaska Natives are celebrating passage of the historic health reform law, the Affordable Care Act, P.L. 111–148. This law will improve the quality of health care and make it more accessible and affordable for all Americans, including our First Americans. The Affordable Care Act also includes the permanent reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA), which authorizes Congress to fund health care services for American Indians and Alaska Natives through the Indian Health Service, was originally approved by Congress to fund health care services for American Indians and Alaska Natives by creating a new insurance marketplace and providing tax credits for those who need additional help.

First, the law ends the worst practices of insurance companies, providing security to Americans who have coverage. Second, the law provides affordable health care coverage for millions of Americans by creating a new insurance marketplace and providing tax credits for those who need additional help.

Third, it brings down the costs of coverage for families and businesses while also reducing the federal deficit.

How do American Indians and Alaska Natives Benefit from Health Reform?

The Affordable Care Act law applies to American Indian and Alaska Native individuals because they are a part of the U.S. health care system, and may use sources of health care other than the Indian Health Service, such as private or employer-sponsored health insurance, Medicare, Medicaid, Community Health Centers, and the Veteran's Administration. The Affordable Care Act provides American Indians and Alaska Natives more choices – to use the Indian Health Service if they are eligible, to purchase affordable health care coverage, and/or to access coverage through other sources such as Medicare, Medicaid, and the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) if they are eligible.

The Affordable Care Act also impacts Indian Tribes because they may purchase insurance for their employees or their members, and can benefit from more affordable options and reduced costs. The Indian Health Service and its hospitals and clinics are also enhanced under the Affordable Care Act because many provisions expand coverage or improve the quality of healthcare for all Americans including underrepresented minorities.

Examples of Health Reform Provisions Specific to American Indians and Alaska Natives

There are several provisions in the Affordable Care Act that will specifically benefit American Indian and Alaska Native individuals, Tribes and Indian health facilities. For example:

- The law creates state-based Exchanges by 2014 through which individuals and small businesses can purchase health insurance coverage. This will give families and small businesses the ability to comparison shop and choose the quality affordable insurance option that is right for them.
- American Indians and Alaska Natives who purchase health insurance on the individual market through an Exchange do not have to pay co-pays or other cost-sharing if their income does not exceed 300 percent of the poverty level, roughly $66,000 for a family of four in 2010 ($83,000 in Alaska).
- Members of American Indian and Alaska Native Tribes are exempt from individual responsibility assessments.
- The value of health services/benefits from IHS-funded health programs or Tribes will be excluded from an individual’s gross income so it cannot be taxed starting with benefits and coverage provided after the date of enactment.
- The Affordable Care Act expands Medicaid coverage starting in 2014 to individuals with incomes up to 133% of poverty level (about $30,000 for a family of four), providing affordable, comprehensive health insurance coverage to some of the most vulnerable Americans.
- For individuals who have Medicare drug coverage (Part D coverage), IHS, Indian tribe or tribal organization, or urban Indian organization spending will count toward the annual out-of-pocket threshold in the donut hole as of January 1, 2011.

How the Indian Health Care Improvement Act Reauthorization Help American Indians and Alaska Natives

The Indian Health Care Improvement Act, which authorizes Congress to fund health care services for American Indians and Alaska Natives through the Indian Health Service, was originally approved by Congress in 1976 and last reauthorized in 2000. The Affordable Care Act makes the reauthorization of this law permanent and authorizes new programs within the Indian Health Service to ensure the Service is more equipped to meet its mission to raise the health status of American Indians and Alaska Natives to the highest level. For example, it includes:

- Authorities for new and expanded programs for mental and behavioral health treatment and prevention;
- Expanded authorities for long-term care services, including home health care, assisted living and community-based care;
- New authorities for development of health professional shortage demonstration programs;
- Expanded authorities for funding of patient travel costs;
- New authorities for demonstration projects for innovative health care facility construction;
- New authorities for the provision of dialysis services;
- Improvements in the Contract Health Services program, which pays for referrals;
- New authorities for facilitation of care for Indian veterans; and
- New authorities for urban Indian health programs.

Some have expressed concern that the Indian Health Service would no longer exist with passage of health reform due to expanded insurance coverage. However, this concern is unfounded. Not only does the Affordable Care Act permanently reauthorize the Indian Health Service, but it also includes authorities for new services provided by its facilities. This legislation contributes to transforming the health care system to make affordable health care accessible to all Americans, including First Americans.

Plans for Implementation of Provisions Specific to American Indians and Alaska Natives

Due to the many provisions in the Affordable Care Act and the reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, implementation will be a complex undertaking. Not all provisions can be implemented at once, and some provisions will require additional work to implement. The Department of Health and Human Services and the Indian Health Service are currently reviewing every provision in the new laws that relates to Indian Country and quickly assessing next steps and timelines for implementation.

In the weeks and months ahead, outreach efforts will provide more educational and information about the new law, plans for its implementation, and how it will impact Indian Country. In addition, Tribes will also be consulted on the implementation of Affordable Care Act. The most recent information on health reform implementation is available at:

- http://www.whitehouse.gov/health-care-meeting/reform-means-you;
- http://healthreform.gov/ - for the health reform law in general; and
- http://www.ihsv.gov/ -for information for American Indians and Alaska Natives

Q&A: What Michiganders need to know about health exchanges

Health exchanges, one of the key ways the 2010 health care overhaul aimed to expand health coverage to millions of Americans, will open for enrollment Oct. 1. Some states chose to run all or part of their own exchange. Michigan and 26 other states deferred to the federal government. Here’s what Michiganders need to know about what’s coming.

Q. What is an exchange?
A. It’s a regulated marketplace where consumers can more easily compare insurance plans through the Internet, on the phone, or through an official helper, called a “navigator.” Consumers can also find out if they qualify for Medicaid — the jointly run federal/state health care program for the poor — or for a federal subsidies to help pay for the insurance.

Q. Who are the exchanges for?
A. They are for small businesses and people who don’t have access to affordable insurance through an employer or are not already enrolled in a government program, such as Medicare. The more than 490,000 Michiganders who currently buy insurance on their own could find a better deal on the exchange. And of the more than 1 million uninsured Michiganders, most could qualify for either Medicaid or a subsidized private insurance plan.

Q. How and when can I sign up?
A. Coverage that begins next year can be purchased from October through March. Information is available at www.healthcare.gov or by calling 1-800-318-2596. Michiganders can also contact Michigan Consumers for Healthcare, the state coalition working to implement the law, at 1-888-790-7515 or www.michiganconsumers.org. RELATED: Lansing-area canvassers spreading the word on healthcare reform

Q. Do I have to use the exchange to buy private health insurance?
A. No. If you don’t, however, you will not be eligible for a subsidy. Act makes the Health Insurance Marketplace the place where the exchanges will have to meet the new rules on minimum levels of benefits, and meet limits on how much more insurers can charge older customers. Insurance plans sold both on and off the exchange also can’t discriminate against those with existing health problems and can’t charge women more than men.
Health Reform Q&A continues:

Q. Do I have to buy insurance?
A. Beginning in 2014, most citizens have to have insurance or pay a penalty. The penalty is $95 per adult in the first year or 1 percent of income, whichever is greater. The penalty increases to $325 or 2 percent of income in 2015, and to $695 or 2.5 percent of income in 2016. Exceptions include for individuals making $10,000 or less a year, those with a religious objection, and those who would have to pay more than 8 percent of their income to buy insurance. Insurers have to provide customers with proof of coverage, which will be filed with their tax returns, starting with 2014 returns filed in 2015.

Q. Who is eligible for a premium subsidy through the exchange?
A. Subsidies are available on a sliding scale for those earning between 100 percent and 400 percent of the federal poverty level — about $24,000 to $94,000 per year for a family of four. Most people are expected to go with one of the federal exchanges and the plan they buy insurance through the individual market would, on average, qualify for nearly $2,700 in help, or about 32 percent of the cost of a midrange plan, according to the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Founda- tion. An online calculator to help people estimate what their subsidy might be is available at http://kff.org/interactive/subsidy-calculator/.

Q. Is there any other assistance?
A. Those earning up to 250 percent of the federal poverty level can qualify for help paying other out-of-pocket expenses, such as copays and deductibles.

Q. What if I’m below the federal poverty level?
A. The law anticipated that those earning up to 138 percent of pov- erty would become eligible for Medicaid, the joint federal-state in- surance program for the poor. But the Supreme Court ruled that states don’t have to expand their Medicaid programs. Researchers have estimated that a 40-year-old buying a mid-range plan could have a $3,857 annual premium. If the person was earning $30,000 a year, he would qualify for a $1,345 tax credit, making his annual cost $2,512.

Q. How does that compare with current rates?
A. Costs are difficult to compare because the new plans are so different from what’s currently offered. For example, the law requires certain benefits — such as maternity care, prescription drug coverage and mental health services — that are not included in plans currently sold on the individual market. In general, however, women, older and sicker consumers could benefit from lower premi ums while younger, healthier, and male consumers could have higher premiums. But in addition to potentially being eligible for subsidies, those facing higher premiums may also get help with out-of-pocket costs through lower deductibles and cost-sharing limits.

Q. How are employer-provided insurance plans affected?
A. Most non-elderly Americans will continue to get their insurance through their employer. Those who do are not eligible for subsidized coverage on the exchange unless their employer coverage is too expensive or the benefits too modest. Employers with 50 or more workers are required to offer coverage. The penalty for not doing so was supposed to begin in 2014 but was delayed until 2015. Starting next year, employer-employed coverage cannot cap the amount of benefits a consumer can use each year. Other changes have already kicked in, including no lifetime limits on benefits, no copays for preventive services and allowing dependents to stay on their parent’s plans until age 26.

Q. How is Medicare affected?
A. Medicare is not part of the new exchange. The law’s changes to Medi care that have already gone into effect include an expansion of the drug benefit, an elimination of copays for preventive services, and higher Part B premiums for upper income beneficiaries.

WHAT: This event in Indian country is aimed to inform and train Native and Tribal owned businesses about the opportunities to do businesses with the many different government agencies.

FEATURING:
Gerald Moore, MI District Director, SBA, Michigan
Lisa Thompson, Manager Field Services, MI DOT, Denise Hoffmeyer, Director, Northeast MI PTAC
Tom Vargo, Regional Administrator, SBA, Michigan
Don Makowski, Procurement Counselor, Northwest MI PTAC
Ross Miller, Business Consultant, Michigan Small Business and Technologies Development Center
Dave Goudreau, Owner, Northern Wings Repair, Inc
Benjamin Blanc, Procurement Specialist, Tribal Procurement Institute (TPPI PTAC)

WHO: Hosted by Tribal Procurement Institute PTAC (TPPI PTAC)

WHY: This is a rare opportunity, to learn about government contracting programs, trends and opportunities that will increase business revenues. Learn how the US SBA programs such as the HUBZone and 8(a) programs can make a crucial difference for a business. Learn how to maximize business potential for government agencies contracting opportunities.

When: Thursday, October 10th, 2013
8:30am to 3:00pm
Where: Kewadin Casino Hotel and Convention Center, Sault St. Marie, MI
Register online at: www.tpiptac.com


C l a r e n c e “N u m m y” Roy, III, father, husband, brother, son, and uncle, passed away on August 25, 2013.

Nummy was a devoted father who lived for his children and a generous caring person who would do anything for his family. His entire family will sorely miss him.

Nummy was preceded in death by his mother, Martha Jane and his father, Clarence Roy, Sr.

He is survived by his wife, Irene Roy, and his children: Jorey Abo, Payton Roy, Clarence Roy IV, and Tehya Roy. His is also survived by his birth parents: Ronald Boshey and Joellen Roy; and siblings: Frances Drift, Rose Chosa, Donald Chosa, Jr., Joseph Chosa, Rebecca Chosa, Aleeka Roy, Dean Day, Damien Day, and Barry Day. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

A wake and traditional tribal rites were held on Thursday, August 29, 2013, at the Bois Forte Vermilion Wellness Center, Tower, Minnesota. The Mikah Funeral Home, Cook, Minne- sota, assisted the family.

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Achieving Your Weight Loss Goals Starts with Setting Your Goals

If this is the year you plan to lose weight, congratulations! Losing just 5-7 percent of your weight will help you reduce your risk for diabetes. You will have more energy and feel better. To start losing weight, try setting goals. The key to reaching your weight loss goals is to create goals that are:

Realistic: Talk to your health care provider and choose an amount to lose that you can achieve. Then decide how many pounds you can lose in the first weeks and month. Usually losing one-to two pounds per week, or about five pounds per month, is realistic.

Specific: Develop a very specific plan of action. First set your long term goal: “I will lose 20 pounds.” Then set short-term goals so you can keep track of your progress. Next develop specific steps to reach your short-term goal: “I will lose five pounds this month by walking three times a week and eating smaller portion sizes.

Measurable: Make sure you can measure your progress often, both your action steps and your progress towards your goal. Keep a food and exercise journal. Weigh yourself once a week and write down the numbers.

Positive: Make your goals related to values that are important to you. Think to yourself, “I want to be at a healthy weight so I can live long to be with my grandchildren,” or “I want to take care of myself so I can be independent and stay active in my community.” Always remind yourself why it’s important that you lose weight. Think of the benefit to you, your family and your community.

Action Oriented: Write down the exact steps you will take to achieve your weight loss goals. Include what you will do, not just what you won’t do.

Losing weight is easier to do if you have support. Ask a family member or friend to join you in setting weight loss goals and making a healthy living plan. Talk and walk with your friends and family members. Make an appointment with health care staff to go over your goals. Attend a weight loss class. There are many people who want to help you achieve your weight loss goal.

Instead of this:

I will lose weight.
I will exercise more.
I will not eat so much fat.
I will not eat so many sweets.
I will stop eating fast food for lunch.
I will improve my eating habits.

Do this:

I will loose five pounds this month.
I will take a brisk walk for thirty minutes after work, Monday—Friday.
I will buy lean cuts of meat and fat-free dairy products.
I will eat two pieces of fresh fruit and drink water instead of pop.
I will pack my lunch at night and include a fruit and vegetable.
I will meet with a dietitian once a month to develop a meal plan for me and my family.

Produced by IHS Division of Diabetes Treatment and Prevention, www.diabetes.ihs.gov

KBIC Sex Offender Registry: Community Education Meeting

Friday, October 18th, 2013
9:00am – 12:30pm
Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community’s Sex Offender Registration Program’s purpose is to monitor the status and location of registered sex offenders on Tribal land and to make sex offender information available to the public through the KBIC Sex Offender Registry.

- Most sex offenders live and work in typical neighborhoods.
- Most sex offenders currently in custody will eventually be released into the community.
- Registered sex offenders have most of the same rights as ordinary citizens, with exceptions based on their individual registration or parole requirements.
- Most sex offenses are committed against a victim that the offender already knows.

If you have any questions or for more information, please attend the meeting on October 18th, or contact: Chuck Miller – SORNA Coordinator, KBIC Tribal Police at 353-6626 or cmiller@kbic-nsn.gov.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS (FDPIR)

NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS*

(Effective October 1, 2012)

*The net monthly income standard for each household size 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.
- 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.
The library will be hosting a Literary Night on October 24, 2013, at 6 p.m. in the atrium of Niwin Akeea.

If you enjoy writing poetry or short stories please consider sharing them with us. Authors may read their work or we can find someone to read for them. We would also like to display original artwork. It will be a great opportunity to recognize the talented members of our community. Please call the library at 353-8163 if you are interested or have any questions. Children are also welcome to present stories and artwork. Refreshments will be served.

Some new books at the Library:

* Happy, Happy, Happy-My Life and Legacy as the Duck Commander by Phil Robertson, star of Duck Dynasty
* The Butler-A Witness To History by Will Haygood
* Stranded by Alex Kava
* The Wednesday Daughters by Meg Waite Dayton
* The Great Divide by Janet Goss
* Midnight by Kevin Egan
* Ghost Man by Roger Hobbs
* Deeply Odd by Dean Koontz
* Hunting Eye by Iris Johansen

Services provided by the library: the inter-library loan service has started again, also Overdrive ebook service is available for you. We have also added new titles to our large print section. Plus many more services. Stop in and see what we have!

~ submitted by Mary Bergerson, Tribal Library Director

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Would You Like FREE Money?

The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing and Community Development Corporation (KBOHCD) 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 $40,000 on funds you deposit!!

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

- All IDA funds are now open to Tribal Members and First Generation Descendants of KBIC. Home Purchase and Small Business Start-Up or Expansion may be utilized in the service areas of Baraga, Marquette and Ontonagon Counties.

- Education IDA’s may be used throughout the entire Upper Peninsula.

- If you are interested in this program and would like more information please contact:
  - Angela Sheriff
  - KBOHCD Program Administrator
  - 906-352-7117 X108
  - Angio@kboha.com

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NEWS FROM THE OJIBWA SENIOR CITIZENS

Pasty Sales:

- October 23 — pasty prep starting after lunch (12:15 pm).
- October 24 — pasty making, VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED AS EARLY AS 5:00 A.M., OR WHENEVER YOU CAN MAKE IT!

Additional Information:

- Senior Meeting will be held on October 9, 2013, 12:15 pm.
- The November meeting will be held November 13, 2013, 12:15 pm.

At the September 11, 2013, meeting, it was decided to hold our Senior Christmas Dinner on Saturday, December 7, 2013. More information will be posted at the Senior Center and in the KBIC Newsletter.

Are you interested in going on a cruise in Spring of 2015? It was suggested that the fundraising fund would pay half the cost of an inside cabin/airfare/transportation to airport/motel the night before cruise — the senior would be responsible for the other half of the cost. Would you be interested in working the fundraising events toward this trip? An interest to work the fundraising events for this cruise will be posted at the Senior Center and there will be further discussions at the October and November meetings. No date or locations have been decided as of yet. Attend the meetings and share your thoughts on possible dates and locations to visit, and we are always looking for new fundraising ideas. Did you have a birthday and are now 55? Come join us.

December trips are being scheduled and those seniors who signed up should have received a letter regarding their $25.00 deposit. These trips are: Green Bay, WI on December 11-13, 2013; and Island Resort/Hannahville, WI on December 15-16, 2013.

There will be no pasty sale held in the months of November and December.

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OCTOBER 2013 Calendar Events

Oct. 4: Constitutional Committee Meeting, 1 pm, Council Chambers;
Oct. 5: Reg. Sat. Council Meeting, 9 am, Ojibwa Resort Conf. Rm; Chelsey LaFernier Memorial Walk, 11 am;
Oct. 16: Veteran’s Meeting, 7 pm;
Oct. 18: Sex Offender Registry Education meeting
Oct. 19: KBIC Harvest Feast;
Oct. 22: Secretarial Election;
Oct. 24: Senior Citizens’ Pasty Sale; Literacy Night at Niwin Akeea;
Oct. 29: Legal Aid Clinic;
Oct. 31: Happy Halloween.

~ submitted by newsletter editor

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

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Casino Co-workers and KBIC Government officials convened on Friday, August 30th, 2013, to congratulate and honor Eugene “Cowboy” Loonsfoot on his retirement after 19 years with the Security Department of the Ojibwa Casino. Including 14 years with various other Tribal entities, “Cowboy” totaled 33 years of service for KBIC. We appreciate your loyalty and great work! Photo: left to right, General Manager David Haataja and “Cowboy” Loonsfoot. Photo by Stan Spruce.

Indigenous People’s Resistance Day Event
With special guest performer
Brian Frejo
Monday, October 14 at 7 p.m.
Jamrich Hall 102
NMU Campus in Marquette
FREE and open to the public.
Presented by the
NMU Native American Student Association

For more information call 906-227-1397
or visit www.nmu.edu/nativeamericans

Historic Zeba Indian Mission
United Methodist Church
“We welcome each of you to our worship services, at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday beginning June 30th at the Campgrounds on Markman Road, for the summer in our beautiful outdoor tabernacle.”

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

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Employment Opportunities

Continuous/On Call positions:
- Board Operator
- Pharmacist (on call)
- Receptionist/Clerical Worker (on call)
- Cashier (part-time)
- Registered Nurse (on call)
- Licensed Practical Nurse (on call)
- Account Executive/Sales (full time)
- Pre-Primary Teaching Assistant
- Community Service Supervisor (one call)
- Unit Manager (New Day)
- Family Aide
- On-Call Van Driver
- Unit Manager (OVW)
- Youth Programs & Facility Attendant

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 4475 or 4410 or visit: www.Kejesi.com.