The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwe
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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:
- November 9, 2013 Tribal Council Meeting
- KBIC Primary Elections Held
- KBIC Youth—Halloween Celebrations
- KBIC Youth Fund Guidelines
- Solar Array Dedication Held
- Ojibwa Community Library Literacy Night, “Empowering Futures”
- Ojibwa Senior News
- Deepest Sympathy

PRIMARY ELECTION HELD AT KBIC

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community held their Primary Election on Saturday, November 2, 2013.

Baraga District results:
Fred Dakota (Inc.) 89 votes; Elizabeth “Popcorn” Mayo (Inc.) 84 votes; Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr. 80 votes; Donald Shalifoe, Sr. 82 votes; Bruce K. LaPonte, Sr. 65 votes; Jerry Magnant 40 votes; Marty Curtis 34 votes; Michael Cardinal 32 votes; Donald Stolp, Sr. 6 votes.

L’Anse District results:
Michael F. LaFernier, Sr. (Inc.) 78 votes; Toni Minton (Inc.) 70 votes; Eddy Edwards 62 votes; George DeCota 41 votes; Timothy A. Frisvall 29 votes.

Fred Dakota, Elizabeth “Popcorn” Mayo, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Donald Shalifoe, Sr., Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Toni Minton, Eddy Edwards, and George DeCota have secured the required number of votes to be placed on the General Election Ballot.

The General Election will be held on Saturday, December 14, 2013, from a ballot of:

Associate Judge:
Violet M. Frisvall Ayres (Inc.)

John Davis
Baraga District:
Fred Dakota (Inc.)
Elizabeth “Popcorn” Mayo (Inc.)
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.
Donald Shalifoe, Sr.

L’Anse District:
Michael F. LaFernier, Sr. (Inc.)
Toni Minton (Inc.)
Eddy Edwards
George DeCota

KEEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY YOUTH PROGRAM
HOLD HALLOWEEN CELEBRATIONS

Marquette area youth attended a Halloween Party on October 26th at the Harvey Community Center where they participated in costume judging for prizes, played a number of games, and enjoyed Jets Pizza.

On October 27th, a Halloween Party was held at the Niwin Akeaa Center in Baraga. In addition to costume prizes being awarded, youth participated in a cake walk, broke a piñata filled with candy, and jumped in a number of bounce houses rented for the occasion. Face painting was also available. A bake sale was held in conjunction of the party with proceedings to help fund the Youth Programs.

The parties were organized by the KBIC Youth Committee and Director with the help of the Youth Programs staff and a number of community service workers.
Sandy Carlson requested information on the Christmas Gift Check Sovereignty Check disbursement. Council informed her and others present the amount has been determined to be $1500. Baraga County checks will be disbursed on November 25th, and Marquette County checks will be disbursed on November 26th.

Carrie Ashbrook requested Council address the problems which occurred with having Marquette youth employed with the Summer Youth Program for the prior two years. The problems occurred with background clearances being conducted within the locations where the youth are employed. Back checks were not properly completed for all adult employees at those locations within the timeframe prior to the Sum- mer Youth Program commencing. Approval of the Marquette consensus is to work proactively on this issue to allow the Marquette youth to be employed for the summer's employment.

Marilyn Abbott discussed concerns with the erosion problems at the Pinney Cemetery. Council is aware of the problem and informed her that Gary Loomer, Jr., Director of Cultural Resources, is working on addressing the erosion issue.

Susan J. LaFernier brought forward the donations for November 2013. Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to approve the November 2013 donations in the amount of $5,000.00 for Marine Corps League’s Toys for Tots, $200.00 for the Bethel United Pentecostal Church for their Community Thanksgiving Dinner, $350.00 for the Baraga Alumni Basketball Tournament, $400.00 for the Salvation Army, $500.00 for the Baraga Fire Department’s Children’s Christmas Party, $1,000.00 for the GLIFWC to purchase 650.00 for the Salvation Army, for total of $8,050.00, supported by (Mayo, Susan J. LaFernier, LaPointe, Matthews, Messer), one opposed (Jokinen), 0 abstained, motion carried.

Council moved into closed session with Marilyn Abbott regarding Housing issues; Adair Abbott regarding Housing issues; Tony Rabi-
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At a council meeting held October 15, 2013, the following actions were taken:

* Approved the FY 2014 Budgets
* Approved a 3% raise for FY 2014 (clarification at a later date)
* At a council meeting held October 17, 2013, the following actions were taken:
  * Approved the September 27, 2012 Tribal Council meeting minutes
  * Approved the KBIC Community Assistance Program (CAP) revised guidelines effective October 1, 2013.
  * Approved to suspend four committees: Economic Development Committee, Natural Resources Committee, Cultural Resource Advisory Board, and the Parks and Recreation Committee
  * Approved the 3% raise for FY 2014 for government and enterprise employees, except those whose increases are identified in their contract or are serving in interim, temporary, or seasonal capacity, will be effective on their anniversary date. Employees hired on or after October 1, 2008, have an effective date of the month and day they were hired in their current position, and employee hired prior to October 1, 2008, in their current position have an effective date of October 1, 2013.
  * Approved the motor vehicle title (application) fee from $15.00 to $22.00 to cover the cost of the title and duplicate title (cost of paper); and
  * Approved one application for license plates and registration fees; and
  * Approved the Hunting/Fishing/Trapping card fee increases; and
  * Approved $1,900.00 for this year’s Christ- mas Gift Check which will also be called to be called the “Sovereignty Check”; and
  * Approved the KBCI TERO Pre-Employment/Job Readiness Fund Policy with changes; and
  * Approved the (Tier II) Services Agreement with Kirkish Furniture for the Baraga Casino carpeting; and
  * Approved the FY 2014 USGS Joint Funding Agreement for stream gauges on the Yellow Dog, Salmon Trout, and East Branch Salmon Rivers underUSGS’ priorities to discuss with our Mining Consultant; and
  * Approved the Entertainment Agreement with Carol K. Carver/Tiger Productions for the “Prescott Fantasia Female Revue” on November 16, 2013; and
  * Approved the Services Agreement with Mabel Lewis-Hill for language immersion services for one year;
  * Approved a Big Boat Commercial Fishing License to Tammy Seymour and to pro-rate the fee pending available tags.
  * At a council meeting held October 17, 2013, the following actions were taken:
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  * At a council meeting held October 15, 2013, the following actions were taken:
  * Approved the KBIC Request for Proposals for Ecologist Assistance with the KBIC Water Quality Management Program; and
  * Approved the KBIC Request for Proposals for Marine Corps League’s Toys for Tots; and
  * Approved the KBIC Request for Proposals for Ecologist Assistance with the KBIC Water Quality Management Program (AN Grant); and
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- Approved the (Tier II) Services Agreement with Hope Works for $25,200.00 to be paid from the Tribal Court's Healing to Wellness; with Becky Panasiewicz to have Charles Brumleve, Mining Consultant provide a list of current projects he is working on.
- Approved the Project Agreement with the Board of County Road Commissioners of Baraga for preliminary engineering services for the Wagada Road and Tailor Road improvements.
- Approved the Project Agreement with the Board of County Road Commissioners of Baraga for construction work for the replacement of culverts at Due Nome Creek, Roubillard Creek, North Branch of Gomanche Creek and the South Branch of Gomanche Creek.
- Approved the (Tier II) Services Agreement with L’Anse Furniture Mart for $13,935.00 for the primary banquet facility.
- Approved an amendment to the (Tier II) Kirkish Furniture Services Agreement for the Baraga Casino carpeting.
- Approved the bid from LaCourt Bottled Gas Company for a guaranteed price for the month of $1.60 a gallon through May 31, 2014; to have Charles Brumleve, Mining Consultant provide a list of current projects he is working on.
- Approved Resolution KB 1952 for the year 2013.
- Approved Resolution KB 1953-2013 Mark J. Misegan Recreational Lease.
- Approved the Project Agreement with the Board of County Road Commissioners of Baraga for engineering and construction work for the replacement of culverts at Deer Nome Creek, Roubillard Creek, North Branch of Gomanche Creek and the South Branch of Gomanche Creek.
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At a council meeting held October 31, 2013, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the resolution of Holley Makela; with Rebecca Panasiewicz/Hope Works for a Positive Peer Group Counseling Program with Rebecca Panasiewicz/Hope Works for a Positive Peer Group Counseling Program with Rebecca Panasiewicz/Hope Works for a Positive Peer Group Counseling Program.
- Approved the adjudication of Holley Makela; with Rebecca Panasiewicz/Hope Works for a Positive Peer Group Counseling Program with Rebecca Panasiewicz/Hope Works for a Positive Peer Group Counseling Program.
- Approved the Medicare Part D Plan implementation.
- Approved Motor Vehicle/Licensing Fees due to the rising costs of materials and in order to cover those costs, the Tribal Council approved increases to the following Motor Vehicle and Licensing Fees

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Barack Obama proclaimed November 2013 as Native American Heritage Month. He called upon all Americans to commemorate this month with appropriate programs and activities to celebrate November 29, 2013, as Native American Heritage Day.

I have an update report on the Treaty fairness and the right to hunt. The Judge denied the DNR’s motion to dismiss. He didn’t buy their argument that the 1854 Treaty terminated the special privileges of occupancy reserved in the 1842 Treaty. In the 1842 Treaty, the Indian signatories ceded large portions of the western Upper Peninsula of Michigan but reserved “the right of hunting on the ceded territory, with the other usual privileges of occupancy.” Brenda Turunen was the attorney for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. She lives and works on her family farm.

I attended an United Tribes of Michigan meeting in Mount Pleasant, MI. We met and discussed a number of issues including an invitation to The Governor and her Children Initiative. The purpose is to engage Tribal Leaders and Tribal citizens in creating a plan to improve the well-being of Tribal Children ages 0-8, including quality education, safe communities, and good health. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) is participating in this project. The next step in the planning process is to participate at a summit being held in Pontiac on October 13th and 14th. We are sending a team down there to develop a proposal to submit to the WK Kellogg Foundation. The United Tribes of Michigan need to come to a consensus and agree to the plan.

At the United Tribes meeting, a discussion took place regarding Environmental Accords with the State of Michigan and Federally-recognized Tribes in Michigan. I informed them in advance that the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community would not be signing any accord without any recognition of our inherent right to govern ourselves and that recognition is recognized by the Governor of the State of Michigan. In addition any Environmental accord to be considered would have to be legally enforceable in a Court of Law. In 2004, an accord concerning protection of shared water resources didn’t help us in resolving our outstanding issues. The Eagle’s Nest Project also reminded other Tribes in attendance that we are at a meeting of the United Tribes of Michigan, and if one tribe is opposed, all other tribes should be opposed. While in Mount Pleasant, MI, at the United Tribes meeting, I became aware of another meeting. This meeting was about the 1993 gaming compact in which the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community is a part of and has standing. I asked the Tribe myself and immediately asked why the Community wasn’t invited to participate in the discussions. I was told that since the last gaming compact, I don’t expire and that some attendance didn’t feel the need to include the Community. I informed those in attendance that the Community intends to participate in further discussions and would appreciate if they would forward any and all documents related to the proposed evaluation.

Recently I attended a dedication ceremony for the solar panels that were installed at the Community’s commodity food warehouse in Zeba, MI. At this ceremony, Dustin Denkins of Waterfront Solar, LLC, the company that installed the system, provided us with a tour and a descriptive overview of the system which is one of the biggest solar system arrays of solar panels in Upper Michigan. We were very important to include the youth of our Community because it is their project, and we wanted to dedicate the system regardless of whether they were in mind and let them know that this is their system and to take care of it. It is a step in the right direction; it fits within our strategic plan and the Community is very happy with the solar system. We have been told it is one of the biggest solar system arrays of solar panels in Upper Michigan. This is an opportunity to use some of that free energy.

One of the cases that we are watching at the Supreme Court level is the Bay Mills Indian Community versus Michigan. Michigan’s original complaint sought only perspective relief that cannot be obtained by suit against the Community. This concludes my report.

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

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community has contracted with LaCourt Bottled Gas of Baraga, to provide a Guaranteed Price Program for Liquefied Petroleum (LP) gas for the 2013-2014 heating season (Nov 1, 2013 – May 31, 2014). Enrolled KBIC members can participate in the program by contacting LaCourt Bottled Gas directly at 906-4104.

Activities reported by the Treasurer, Jennifer Misegan, for the month of October 2013. Donations received for the month of October were: National Indigenous Heritage Day $500.00, March of Dimes $500.00, L’Anse Yearbook $200.00, Baraga Yearbook $200.00, American Cancer Society $500.00, Howl-O-Scream Haunted House $100.00, and L’Anse Football Team 5th Quarter Event $210.00. The annual meeting was held on October 27, 2013 after many meetings and reviews. This was a very difficult budget as I reported last month. When we began the process, we had a proposed deficit of $2.9M. Many modifications were made after careful review of the proposed programs and services. In the middle of the budget process, we had a consulting company, Innovative Gaming Solutions, come in to conduct an evaluation of our Casinos. They did many surveys and in-depth review of the books to make suggestions for increasing revenue which will positively impact the bottom line of both properties. The largest expenses causing the proposed deficit were discussed. They proposed closing the Margarita Bar and the café in Margarita. The DNR has approved a gaming compact in which the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community is a part of and has standing. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community’s suit should be dismissed by the Supreme Court level. This is huge news! The Community has been working for a number of years trying to achieve this status, and it is good to hear the news.

The DNR has also reminded other Tribes in attendance of the biggest solar system arrays of solar panels in Upper Michigan. This is an opportunity to use some of that free energy. One of the cases that we are watching at the Supreme Court level is the Bay Mills Indian Community versus Michigan. Michigan's original complaint sought only perspective relief that cannot be obtained by suit against the Community. This is an opportunity to use some of that free energy.

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The following is a list of activities that occurred in the office of the President during the month of October 2013:

- President’s Report for the Month of October 2013
- KBIC CONTRACTS GUARANTEED PRICE PROGRAM WITH LACOURT BOTTLING GAS COMPANY
- TREASURER’S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER
CEO REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2013

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

- The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community now has a Facebook page. Be sure to “Like” us, so you’re able to receive information related to new or modified programs and services, events, and activities taking place, and other useful information being shared.
- The Tribe has contracted with LaCourt Bolt- tile Gas Co. of Baraga to provide guaranteed pricing of LP gas for its buildings and members residing in the service area. This year’s price is guaranteed at $1.60 per gallon and is effective for the heating season covering November 1, 2013 through May 31, 2014. There is a slight change to the program this year for members who participate. LaCourt delivers the gas at their current retail price; upon payment within their credit terms, the guaranteed price is provided. The service area covers areas leading out of Baraga as follows: north to Broome Rd. on US-41, east to the M-95 junction on US-41, and west to Rousseau Rd. on M-38.
- The Tribe hired Innovative Gaming Solutions (IGS) to perform a comprehensive evaluation of its gaming and gaming support operations. The evaluation included four components: an off-site initial review of documents provided to IGS, related to the areas being evaluated, an eight-day on-site visit to interview staff and view the operations first hand, a preliminary report of their findings to Council, and a comprehensive written report. The comprehensive 288-page report was received from IGS and will be reviewed by Council and management in two weeks. Plans will be developed, including timelines, and then implemented to address the findings. In nearly every case, a preliminary report, a proposal to contract for training with IGS was also received and will be considered by Council. Follow up on their review of the comprehensive report.
- The FY14 Budget review sessions continued in early October with final approval by Council on October 15. Sarah Maki, Asst. CEO, is in the process of sending departments their approved budgets along with notations regarding the changes made during review of their submissions.
- The Affordable Care Act, also known as “Obama Care”, provision for open enrollment which is occurring now through December 23rd. Employers are required to provide notices to their employees of this provision. Both our enterprise and governmental employees were informed. The Tribe has until January 1, 2015, to comply fully with all the employer provisions of the act. This is a very complex and ever changing issue of which staff is doing their best to stay on top of.
- The Tribe has instituted an Emergency Medical Technology Loan Program. The program serves as co-sponsor on loans to eligible KB members residing in Baraga County desiring to participate in an EMT program. The program is administered through the Tribes TERO Office located within the Tribal Center. Interested members can contact Debbie Picciano who directs the TERO Office.
- The Tribe received official notice of funding for its Low Income Heating Energy Assistance Program (aka LIHEAP). Guidelines for this year’s program will be posted on the Tribe’s website and Facebook page next week.

SOLAR ARRAY DEDICATION HELD, ZEBAB, MICHIGAN

The dedication ceremony for the solar array at the Commodity Foods Warehouse in Zeba, MI, was conducted on Wednesday, November 6, 2013. President Warren “Chris” Swartz, Jr. and Councilors: Susan J. LaFerriere, Carole LaPonte, Jean Jokinen, and Don Messer Jr. also participated in this event. President Swartz welcomed those in attendance and described that conserving natural resources by utilizing green energy is an activity identified within the Community’s Comprehensive Strategic Plan. The solar array was funded primarily through a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The Michigan Economic Development Corporation assisted in providing matching funds. According to Dustin Denkens, owner of Waterstone Energy LLC, the project is expected to save $4,864.14 in electrical energy costs in the first year of operation. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Tribe will continue monitoring the actual savings against these projections. Should the pilot-project produce the anticipated savings, other green energy systems will be considered for additional facilities, including commercial, administrative and residential. Ultimately, the goal is to create jobs through training and employment, and to conduct site preparation including digging and setting the footings, installing the pipe and framing and connecting to electrical systems.

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- Photo and article submitted by Gregg Nominalli, Economic Developer.
The KBIC Natural Resources Department is in need of full pine marten carcasses (minus the pelt) for research on pine marten diet, genetics, health, and age.

We will need the following information with the carcass:

- Registration/Tag number for the animal
- Township, range, and section where the animal was harvested. (a plat book is available to use in the KBIC Licensing Dept.)

If you’re interested in donating to this study, please contact Wildlife Biologist, Pam Nankerse, or Wildlife Technician, Kyle Seppanen at 524-5757 ext. 19 or 27. We can pick the carcass up, or you can bring it to the KBIC Natural Resources Department in Pequaming.
December is Family Health History Month at the LaPointe Health Center

Visit the community health information table on the 2nd floor at the LaPointe Health Center through the month of December to learn why knowing your family health history is an important part of your story. Family members inherit more than just hair and eye color. You can inherit risks for health problems like heart disease, diabetes, and cancer. Learning the best way to create a family health history and use it, could save your life or the life of a loved one.

While you’re at the table check out the baby pictures of our Health Center family. Guess who they are and enter to win the drawing at the end of the month. You could win gift cards, slippers, and much more.

BOOK CLUB members, please call the library in December about our new book for January and our new meeting place.

I want to take a minute of your time to explain our policy when either Kathy or myself are not working.

We make every effort to post dates and times (on the main door) when we are taking time off. Of course, there are times when we can’t give prior notice and we try to have a notice.

I also post library news on our Facebook page: Ojibwa Community Library.

For you Duck Dynasty fans, we have another book: Si-Cology 101 by Si Robertson.

Kathy and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

~ submitted by Mary Bergerson, Tribal Library Director

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**KBIC RECEIVES ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE GRANT**

Dr. Susan Hedman, Regional Administrator for EPA Region 5, Chicago, Illinois, attended a Tribal Council meeting on November 7, 2013, to personally present the certificate of award to KBIC for receiving a $30,000.00 Environmental Justice Grant from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). Dr. Hedman said, “The grant will be used by KBIC Natural Resources Department to learn how often members in this community eat fish from local waters; what kind of fish they eat; and which lakes, rivers, and streams they use for fishing. This is important because of the cultural significance of fish to this community and because of the health risks especially to children and younger women associated by eating fish contaminated by mercury and other contaminants. KBIC members will be able to use the information gathered by the study to make better decisions about which fish they should eat and how often. This is one of 39 Environment Justice Grants the EPA is making nationwide this year, and it was a very stiff competition, so I wanted to personally congratulate KBIC on being selected for this award, and I look forward to seeing the results of the study and what the Community does with the results of the study.”

President Warren “Chris” Swartz, Jr. thanked Dr. Hedman for coming to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and personally presenting their award. President Swartz said, “We are a fishing tribe, and we have always depended on that resource. Fish has always been a part of our diet. Most of us have grown up on our resources; the fish and the game that were harvested by our parents. So it is important to us to take a look at those consumptions and see if we can continue to eat those fish. I know there are some fish that are in certain bodies of water that are mercury contaminated, and there are fish advisories that have been posted for pregnant women and small children.”

Additionally, Dr. Hedman informed the Community that the USEPA has reviewed KBIC’s Clean Water Act Program (CWA) eligibility application and has determined that the application is complete and can move forward for a thirty day compact. The application may be read online at www.epa.gov/region5/water/wqs5/wqstripes.html or at the following locations: Baraga County Clerk, KBIC Tribal Center, KBIC Tribal Court, or U.S. EPA Region 5. Dr. Susan Hedman was appointed by President Barack Obama to be the Region 5 Administrator on Earth Day of 2010. She directs EPA’s operations in six states in the Great Lakes Region (Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota) as well as 35 Federally Recognized Tribal Governments. One of her most important roles is that of Great Lakes National Program Manager in which she oversees restoration and protection of the largest fresh water system in the world. She leads a team of over 1000 scientists, engineers, lawyers, environmental specialists, and administrative staff in the Region 5 office.

**OJIBWA COMMUNITY LIBRARY LITERACY NIGHT, “EMPOWERING FUTURES”**

The Ojibwa Community Library held their Literacy Night, “Empowering Futures” on October 24, 2013, at the Niwin Akeea Center, in Baraga, Michigan. It was an opportunity for the members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and KBOCC instructors and students to share their creative talents with the community. Stories and poems were presented by: Shirley Brozzo, Clara Corbett, Sally Brunk, Joe Kirkish, Cecilia Chosa, Jessie Koenig, Sarah Garver, and Helene Shallfioe. Drawings by Sydni Voakes were also on display. The Literacy Night was funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

**DECEMBER 2013 Calendar Events**

Dec 3: Loving Families for Growth and Change Program; 
Dec. 5: Constitutional Committee Meeting, 1 pm, Council Chambers; 
Dec. 7: Reg. Sat. Council Meeting, 9 am, Ojibwa Resort Conference Room; Ride and Learn; 
Dec. 14: General Election; Marquette County KBIC Youth Christmas Party; 
Dec. 15: Baraga County KBIC Youth Christmas Party; 
Dec. 18: Veteran’s Meeting, 7 pm; 
Dec. 24-26: Gov’t Offices Closed, Christmas Holidays; 
Dec.31-Jan.1: Gov’t Offices Closed, New Years Holidays. 
- submitted by newsletter editor 

Events occurring throughout KBIC are welcome to be listed on the Calendar of Events. Contact newsletter@kbic.nsn.gov to list your events. Some events are more detailed FYI within the newsletter. For up-to-date event listings, visit www.ojibwa.com and click on calendar. For Youth events, see @ www.ojibwa.com, click on youth club, or contact 353-4643/Main Office at Youth Club, or 353-4644 for the facility attendants or the Kitchen/craft rooms.
The Senior Travel Committee will meet on Wednesday, December 4, 2013, at 12 noon at the Center.

The Senior Christmas Dinner is on Saturday, December 7, 2013. Sign-in will start at 4:00 p.m. with dinner at 5:00 p.m. Please call Dave Firestone in the Nutrition Office at the Senior Center (353-6096) by December 5, 2013, to let him know you will be attending the Christmas Dinner.

The December Senior Meeting will be held on December 9, 2013, at 12:15 p.m. Information on the Green Bay trip and Island trip will be available at the Christmas Dinner.

December 11, 2013, at approximately 12:30 p.m., and the trip to the Christmas Show on Ice at the Island Resort will leave on December 13, 2013, at approximately 12 noon. Those seniors participating in these trips will be receiving a letter outlining trip details.

January 2014

Regular Senior Meeting—January 8, 2014. Pasty pre-preparation—January 22, 2014, 12:15 p.m. (right after lunch) Pasty sale—January 23, 2014. Volunteers are needed at 5:00 a.m. or as early as possible. We are usually done by 11:00 a.m.

Everyone is invited to attend a presentation at the Ojibwa Senior Center on Dec. 3rd at 8pm.

Free coffee and a chance to win $50 dollar gas card.

Loving Families for Growth and Change

Learn about drug abuse and what happens when we rescue.

Learn about how to truly help your loved one.

Loving without resisting is necessary for you, your loved one and your family. Come learn the difference between resisting and loving.
AFDO/Seafood Alliance HACCP Training Course
Ojibwa Casino Resort—16449 Michigan Ave. (M-98), Baraga, Michigan 49908
December 10-12, 2013

December 10
8:00 a.m. EST Chapter 1, Welcome and Course Overview (Ron Kinnunen), Chapter 2, Prerequisite Programs (Jim Thannum), Chapter 3, HACCP Preliminary Steps (Jim Thannum), Chapter 4, Seafood Safety (Hazards (Beth Waitrovich), Chapter 5, Hazard Analysis (Ron Kinnunen)
12:15 p.m. Lunch. Chapter 6, Determine Critical Control Points (Jim Thannum), Chapter 7, Establish Critical Limits (Beth Waitrovich), Chapter 8, Critical Control Point Monitoring (Ron Kinnunen), Chapter 9, Corrective Actions (Jim Thannum)
5:30 p.m. Adjourn

December 11
8:00 a.m. EST Chapter 10, Establish Vulnerability Procedures (Beth Waitrovich), Chapter 11, Record-Keeping Procedures (Jim Thannum), Chapter 12, The Seafood HACCP Regulation (Jim Thannum)
12:00 p.m. Lunch
1:00 a.m. Commercial Processing Example—Smoked Fish (Ron Kinnunen), Smoked Fish Regulations (Ron Kinnunen), Chapter 13, Sources of Information on Preparing HACCP Plans (Beth Waitrovich), Regulations Related to Homeland Security (Ron Kinnunen), Review and Preparation for Developing HACCP Plans
5:30 p.m. Adjourn

December 12
8:00 a.m. EST Seafood HACCP Course Review, Work Sessions on Conducting Hazard Analysis and Developing, HACCP Plans (break into groups)
11:30 a.m. Lunch
12:30 p.m. Work Sessions Reports (Discussion, Questions, and Answers)
3:30 p.m. Adjourn

Registration Deadline is December 3, 2013. Include $100 Check payable to “NCAFDO”. Mail to: Ron Kinnunen, Michigan Sea Grant, 7110 Chippewa Sq. #202, Marquette, MI 49855,
Course No. 4088
First Name: MI Last Name: Company:
Address 1:
City: State: Zip:
Country: USA Phone: Ext.:
Fax:
E-mail:
Training Location: City—Baraga State—MI
Training Date: December 10-12, 2013
Professional Affiliation: (please circle one)
Industry Government Education Consultant Other
AFDO Region: (please circle one)
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FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS (FDPIR)
NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS* (Revised 7-27-14)

Household Size
SNAP Net Monthly Income Standard SNAP Standard De- duction Use this amount
1 $ 958 $ 152 $ 1,110
2 $ 1,293 $ 152 $ 1,445
3 $ 1,628 $ 152 $ 1,780
4 $ 1,963 $ 163 $ 2,126
5 $ 2,298 $ 191 $ 2,469
6 $ 2,633 $ 219 $ 2,852
7 $ 2,968 $ 219 $ 3,167
8 $ 3,303 $ 219 $ 3,522
Each additional member $ 335

Alabama: $ 420

FDPIR Income Eligibility Guidelines—See 7 CFR 255.3

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 equal to 30 percent of the child care costs paid by the 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.

Medical Expense Deduction — Households that incur medical expenses by any household member who is elderly or disabled are allowed a deduction in the amount of out-of-pocket medical expenses paid in excess of 10 percent of their adjusted gross income. Allowable medical expenses are provided at 7 CFR 273.9(b)(3).

Home Energy Assistance Deduction — Households who furnish the majority of meals for a home care attendant are allowed an income deduction equal to the maximum SNAP benefit for a one-person household. In Fiscal Year 2014, the amounts are as follows:

Each additional member $ 420

FDPIR Income Eligibility Guidelines—See 7 CFR 255.3

FDPIR Net Monthly Income Standard

Household Size
SNAP Net Monthly Income Standard SNAP Standard Deduction Use this amount
1 $ 1,196 $ 260 $ 1,456
2 $ 1,615 $ 260 $ 1,875
3 $ 2,035 $ 260 $ 2,295
4 $ 2,454 $ 260 $ 2,714
5 $ 2,873 $ 274 $ 3,133
6 $ 3,392 $ 274 $ 3,556
7 $ 3,711 $ 274 $ 3,985
8 $ 4,130 $ 274 $ 4,404

Malissa Hronkin Named 2014 Michigan Art Education of the Year and Elementary Level Art Educator of the Year

Michigan Art Education Association (MAEA) September 11, 2013
Malissa Hronkin was selected by the Michigan Art Education Association to receive the 2014 Michigan Art Educator of the Year Award and Elementary Level Art Educator of the Year Award! This award recognizes the exemplary contributions, service, and achievements of one outstanding MAEA member annually. The award was presented to Malissa Hronkin during the MAEA Annual Conference banquet at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, on October 26, 2013.

Suzanne Butler Lich: “Malissa is dedicated to art education and goes far beyond the confines of her classroom. She is actively involved, providing quality art experiences for children and adults in the community.”

Malissa Hronkin teaches Elementary art at Houghton Portage School District in Houghton, MI, and at local colleges as an adjunct instructor. This fall semester, she is teaching Art Appreciation and Digital Photography at Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College. She received her BFA at the University of Alaska, Anchorage, MFA at the Minneapolis College of Art and Design, teaching endorsement at Northern Michigan University, and an MA in Art Education at The Ohio State University.

Malissa has been a regional co- liaison for MAEA Region 16-18 for 12 years and served at the NAEA delegate in 2008-2009. She co-chaired the 2003 Fall Conference held in Sault Ste. Marie, and is currently co-chairing the 2013 Conference held on Mackinac Island. Melissa spearheaded the 2013 UP Summer Professional Development Retreat held at Finlandia University’s International College of Art and Design. She is active in community arts organizations, and teaches summer arts camp for youth and community art classes around the UP.

The membership of MAEA includes elementary, middle level and secondary art teachers, higher education professionals and student members, representa- tives from Michigan’s art’s museums, the State Department of Education, arts coun- cils and major colleges and universities throughout Michigan. MAEA was founded in 1949 and has provided an exemplary networking opportunity and col- legial support for visual art educators throughout Michigan ever since. The Michi- gan Art Education Association is unified with the Mid-Michigan Art Education Association and is currently one of the largest state art associations in the nation with over 1,000 members. For more information visit the MAEA website at www.miaerted.org.

MAEA President, Amy Marsh, amyelizabethvp@gmail.com MAEA Award Chair, Diane F. Heath, contact # 586-306-2337, email: dheath@rochester12.k12.mi.us

KBIC Seasonal Flu Vaccine Clinic
Vaccine Clinic, KBIC Health Dept, 2nd Floor
Friday, December 6th, 1:00—4:00 p.m.
Walk In Basis – While Supplies Last
Vaccine is available for Tribal Members, de- pendants, and non-native household con- tacts.
For more information contact:
The Michigan Art Education Association’s mission is to promote quality visual arts education through leadership, service, and professional development.
Would You Like FREE Money?

The Keewenaaw Bay Ojibwa Housing and Community Development Corporation (KBOHDC) 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!!

Funds may be used toward home purchases (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 on income eligibility please contact:

Angela Shellcoe
KBOHDC Program Administrator
906-353-7117 X106
Angela@bjbaha.com

~ NOTICE ~

TO ALL KBIC SENIORS 55 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, AND PERMANENTLY PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED-DISABLED PERSON:

SNOW PLOWING REQUIREMENTS

Head of Household Name: ______________________________

Keewenaaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Member’s Enrollment #: ____________

Reside on the Reservation (Baraga County) Yes ________ No ________

Physical Address: ______________________________

Phone Number: (906) ________

Proof of Age — Birth Date: ______________________________

Sign up at the front desk at the Tribal Center with proof (Enrollment Card, Driver’s License, and/or proof of disability) or mail the information to:

KBIC Tribal Center
ATTN: Front Desk Recreational
16425 Bear Town Road
Baraga, MI 49908

The Tribal Council will consider plowing privileges for those with permanent physical disabilities within a five mile radius of the Reservation. Please submit a request and the above information.

* approved 01-14-2011
Tribal Council Meeting

NOTICE:
FY 2014 Community Assistance Programs (CAP) Office

Funding has been approved & applications are available in the CAP office for the following programs!

Before you apply, see Income Guidelines below!

LIHEAP
Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program
Direct Assistance Program (DAP)
One-Time Payment to Heating/Electric Vendor
Your choice of either full payment on heating bill or half on heat/half on electric.

CSBG
Community Services Block Grant
Emergency/Crisis
Housing, Energy, Food, etc.
Non-Emergencies
Education, Testing, Training, Employment Services, etc.

Income Guidelines:
Household Size/Annual Gross Income Allowable
1-2 persons, $29,758
3 persons, $34,760
4 persons, $42,048
5 persons, $49,964
6 persons, $57,766
7 persons, $66,084
8 persons, etc.

In accordance with 45 CFR 96.85, 60% of each state’s estimated median income for a 4-person family is multiplied by the following percentages to adjust for household size for LIHEAP. 52% for 1 person, 48% for 2 persons, 44% for 3 persons, 100%, 100%, 112%, and 132% for 4 persons, 5% for each additional member above 6 persons, add 3 percentage points to the percentage for the five-person household (312%), and multiply the new percentage by 60% of the state’s estimated median income for a 4-person household.

Income Guidelines:
Household Size/Annual Gross Income Allowable
1 person, $13,692
2 persons, $18,912
3 persons, $23,862
4 persons, $32,712
5 persons, $35,732
6 persons, $37,762
7 persons, $40,792
8 persons, etc.

For each additional household member add: $4,960.00

FEDERAL FUNDS
Fiscal Year: October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014

LIHEAP-Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program: Heating/Electric Funding and Shutoffs
CSBG-Community Services Block Grant: Utility Shutoffs, Emergency Food Assistance, New Employment, New Education-Training Expenses, Emergency Services, etc.

TRIBAL FUNDS
Fiscal Year: October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014

These funds became available on October 15, 2013 and applications are currently being accepted throughout the fiscal year through September 30, 2014. Tribal funds are payor of last resort and intended to assist only, not to cover full payment.

Non-Medical Assistance: Medical specialists appointment, Lifeline services, family hospitalizations and/or surgical procedures, etc.

Medical Assistance: Medical specialists appointment, Lifeline services, family hospitalizations and/or surgical procedures, etc.

Additional Assistance: Fire Assistance and Local Funeral Assistance

BIA/GENERAL ASSISTANCE
Calendar Year: January 1 thru December 31, 2014

TRIBAL ELDERLY/DISABILITY PENSIION CASH/HEATING ASSISTANCE
Fiscal Year: November, 2013 through October, 2014

ALL Gross Income for each member of the household, 18 yrs. of age and older must be submitted for all programs except Tribal Funds and will be considered in making a determination on each request.

IMPORTANT UPDATE

Applications will not be accepted if your tribal ID address and those of all the KBIC members in your household do not match the address on your CAP Household Application. The Enrollment office is the KBIC’s central contact office. It is your responsibility to update your tribal ID and make sure that all KBIC members residing in your household update their ID’s, as well, with the Enrollment before applying for any of the programs in the CAP office.

If you have any questions or want additional information, please contact the CAP office at (906) 353-8137. Applications for all programs are available in the CAP office and online at: www.obiwa.com

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Attention Patients 65 and over

Open Enrollment for Medicare Part D plans for prescription drug coverage through Humana, is now available to patients that use the KBIC Pharmacy, who reside in our Contract Health Service Delivery Area (CHSDA)

The KBIC Tribal Council has approved payment of this Medicare Part D premium for you, if you qualify. It is easy to enroll with one of our Patient Assistants!

The 2014 enrollment period is from October 15, 2013, to December 7, 2013. We DO need a copy of your Medicare card and any other insurance you may have or a spouse has for you, so please provide that to us if you have not done so already. We may ask for more information once we meet with you. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Please call our patient assistants at (906) 353-4539, or (906) 353-4507 if you have any questions. We are looking forward to working with you.

By signing up for Medicare Part D, we are able to be reimbursed for your prescription drugs. These revenues will go back into the community health services! Help BUILD our community today!

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

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

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 activity 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 sell raffle tickets on the L’Anse Indian Reservation?

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Applications must be received 30 days prior to all drawings for processing.

To place an ad, submit an article, or relate information or ideas on possible articles contact: Laurie Denomie at (906) 201-0263, or e-mail: newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov.

2014 KBIC FORESTRY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The KBIC Education Department announces the availability of the 2014 KBIC Forestry Scholarship application. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community has a vital interest in the preservation of the land and forests on and near the reservation. The Tribal Council has approved one scholarship for a college student pursuing a Forestry degree. The scholarship amount is $2,500 for the 2014 Winter/Spring semester. Applicants must meet the following criteria:

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

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

For more information and to request an application, contact Amy St. Arnold, Education Director at 906-353-6623, ext. 4117 or at amy@KBIC-nsn.gov. The application deadline is December 16, 2013, at 4 p.m.