KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY HOLDS FIRST ANNUAL FOSTERING FAMILY FUN DAY

The Indian Child Welfare Committee (ICWA) and the Tribal Social Services Department sponsored the First Annual Fostering Family Fun Day on Saturday, September 20, 2014. The event was originally planned to be held at the Ojibwa Campgrounds, but due to the forecast of thunderstorms, the location was relocated to the Niiwin Akeaa Facility.

The event was held in an effort to bring families together and provide positive activities promoting healthy families. It was a day that provided a relaxing environment where our KBIC Tribal families enjoyed spending time with one another. There were a number of games and activities for families to participate in together where they were able to earn prizes. Preprimary offered a unique storytime station, There Is A Monster Under The Bed, and all participants received a flashlight. Community Health’s Tribal Family Spirit staff offered a crafting table of Sun Art. The Ojibwa Cultural Committee offered cultural crafting and assisted participants with making a number of different kits. Ojibwa Library offered a reading table where participants received a book of their choice. The Office of Child Support Services offered a scavenger hunt activity and also did face painting. The KBIC Education Department offered activities, and youngsters were able to play a fish game. Tribal Social

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KBIC PARTICIPATES IN PARADE OF NATIONS

The KBIC Dance Troupe participated in the Parade of Nations held in Houghton, Michigan, on Saturday, September 13, 2014. The KBIC Honor Guard led the ten member dance troupe in the Parade of Nations who were accompanied by the Woodland Singers. The theme for this year’s Parade of Nations and Multicultural Festival was “Around the World in 25 years – Silver Jubilee.” The group placed 2nd overall in the float competition.
The Regular Saturday Tribal Council Meeting was held on September 6, 2014, at the Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room. The meeting was led by Carole LaPointe, Jean Jokinen, Gary F. Loonsfoot, S. LaFernier, M. LaFernier, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Don Messer, Jr., and Jennifer Misegan present. Warren C. Swartz, Jr. was absent.

Ogima Donald Shalifoe, Sr., shared a motion to hire VAST as our employee health benefits broker to save $800,000.00 per year. Eddy Edwards supported the motion; supported by Carole LaPointe.

The following language is provided in the Constitution of the KBIC, including his Oath of Office: therefore, he should be expelled from Council for improper conduct. Motion by Eddy Edwards to dismiss this petition for lack of merit; the Tribal President, according to Constitution, has general supervision of the affairs of the Tribal Council and with the general welfare of the Community; supported by Carole LaPointe. Six supported (LaPointe, Jokinen, Edwards, Curtis, Matthews, Messer); four opposed (Loonsfoot, M. LaFernier, S. LaFernier, Misegan); one abstained (Shalifoe); one absent (Swartz), motion carried.

The following is provided in the Constitution of the KBIC: the Tribal Court is the judicial branch of the KBIC. The Tribal Court will not have jurisdiction to hear any claims that are based on the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 25 U.S.C.A. §2710. The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act Gaming compact, it is deduced that the challenging of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act suit against the Tribe is brought, then Tribal Judge to be removed as to why we believe our actions were justified, as leaders. We can provide explanations as to why we believe our actions were justified, legal, and ethical. Or we can admit we acted improperly and failed to uphold his oath of office; in my opinion and those who signed the petition. Elected officials should lead by setting good examples for those around us. Certainly, there are times when leaders make mistakes just like the rest of us. We don't always respond well during contentious situations and act in ways that we nor- mally wouldn't and may say things we regret. It's what we do after those situations that set us apart as people and even more importantly, as leaders. We can provide explanations as to why we believe our actions were justified, legal, and ethical. Or we can admit we made a mistake, right our wrongdoing, apologize, and learn from it. Either way, we will likely gain the admiration and respect of not only those affected, but our peers as well. If we don’t attempt to right our mistakes, we can expect those around us to lose respect for us as people and as leaders. Now that this petition has been presented, each of you will need to decide how you can be a great leader by setting a good example for the rest of us. I am hopeful that this petition will be taken seriously, and the process outlined in our constitution carried out.
TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2014

Treasurer, Eddy Edwards, gave a verbal report for the month of August 2014. (This verbal report has been transcribed and edited by the Newsletter Editor with Mr. Edwards’ final approval).

The Casinos are finalizing their budgets, and Department Heads are working on their budgets. I’m expecting executive management to meet with staff on September 15th to prepare the budgets for Council’s review and hopefully be able to approve those budgets by the end of September.

I have submitted reports from both the Casino General Managers that talk about some of the issues that have been occurring both bad and good. The financial information shows that both casinos monthly indexes for coin-in and net-win are all trending upwards for the month reported on. It appears that many of the things that are in place are starting to come to fruition and work for us. Hopefully, this trend continues.

We have been working on employee health benefits. There was a $1.2 million increase in employee health benefits this year, so we worked on trying just as good of service and same benefits this year, so we worked on trying to achieve that. I have submitted reports from both the Consumer’s Mutual Insurance, and Shield plan does yet still save us some money. Hopefully, this trend continues.

We have been working on expanding our services to the other side of the Bay which include the gas station, smoke shop, and Zeba Hall. The Zeba Hall is almost finished. The roof is done. We will be holding the primary and general elections at the Zeba Hall for the L’Anse district. A lot of departments have committed to bringing their services over there such as KB Outpatient Services, the Youth Club, and the Health Department will be offering services such as Dentists Care and an immunization clinic.

The gas station, smoke shop, and Zeba Hall should all be up and running hopefully by Halloween. This concludes my report for the month of August.

Respectfully submitted, Eddy Edwards, Treasurer

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Whereas, the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community has a value for strong families and goals to support strong family values to create a caring Community that nurtures and supports children, women, and families through new and expanded Tribal programs and services, and;

Whereas, the goals of the KBIC include providing the opportunity and support for all Tribal families to flourish and strengthen in a caring, safe, and supportive environment, and;

Whereas, violence against women is the seed to so many other forms of violence, and a shift in our conversation must happen because violence against women continues to have devastating effects on entire communities, including our own, and;

Whereas, when our children witness violence in the home, those children are impacted by what they have seen and often experienced themselves. If we want to tackle violence in our country, in our communities, then we must address the violence that occurs in so many homes, and;

Whereas, a family’s home becomes a place of fear, hopelessness, and desperation when a woman is battered by her partner, and the children witness the abuse of their mothers or loved ones, or a senior is victimized by family members, and;

Whereas, survivors of violence often suffer in silence, not knowing where to turn, with little or no guidance and support and the exposure to violence in the home can contribute to behavioral, social, and emotional problems, and;

Whereas, domestic violence that results in murder is too many on this sovereign Tribal Nation, and;

Whereas, all members of this community must be engaged to end the violence, and our efforts to address domestic violence and assault must include a redefinition of domestic violence and a commitment to domestic violence awareness and strong families month to support prevention, so

Therefore, during the month of October each year, our tribal community will rededicate ourselves to breaking the silence and cycle of violence, we will provide our survivors with education about healthy alternatives and will work on changing attitudes that support violence, and we recognize that domestic violence can be prevented.

Proclamation for Domestic Violence Awareness Month, on this 5th day of October, 2009.

EDUCATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM

The Keweenaw Bay Education Committee offers the Education Incentive Program to local KBIC tribal students. Monetary incentives are awarded at the end of each of the four marking periods of the academic year. Awards are given for Honor Roll and Perfect Attendance. Students must meet the following criteria:

1. Must be enrolled KBIC members.
2. Must reside in one of the following four counties: Baraga, Houghton, Ontonagon, or Marquette.
3. Must attend a public or private school.

A student’s Honor Roll status is defined according to the regulations of their school district. Students in grades 4 through 12 are eligible to receive this award.

Perfect Attendance follows the school policy, but allows time for doctor or dental appointments and funerals may be eligible to receive this award.

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For a complete review of this decision you can read Judge Ayre’s decision on KBIC.com or the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community facebook page. Tribal Council President Shalifoe’s response is “I hope we can move forward as a community.” He also said, he hoped the decision would help speed the closing of the Lakeside Inn. After which he updates the KBIC Constitution and By-Laws as the reason for the Judge’s decision which states:

Constitution of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community

Article VI Section 1 — “The Tribal Council shall have the power subject to any limitation imposed by the statutes or the Constitution of the United States and subject to all express restrictions upon such powers contained in this Constitution and attached By-Laws.”

By-Laws of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community

Article I — Duties of officers “The President of the Tribal Council shall preside at all meetings of the Council. He shall at all times have general supervision of the affairs of the Tribal Council and such matters as may be essentially related to the business of the Community, and shall be the legal representative of the Community. He shall be the President of the organization and shall have the power to authorize the President to act in his absence. All meeting shall be held in the Board Room of the Tribal Council and the President shall have the power to move any business on the agenda. The President shall have the power to appoint all committees and boards.”

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.

Contract Health Has New Acronym continued:

if services will be covered by PRC.

It is the responsibility of the member to call Purchased Referred Care for their voucher for all out of clinic services, NOT the referral coordinators or nurses! They set up your referral appointments to the clinic referred outside of our medical care facility. The PRC staff determines if referred care is covered based on funding and the established priorities of coverage for that fiscal year. Extenuating circumstances (such as catastrophic health emergencies) may occur where special committee review could be requested. The committee consists of the Medical Director Peter Benson, Lead RN Sue Ollila, AR/Patient Benefits Coordinator Michelle St. George, PRC Clerk Elvera Lantz, Billing Clerk Laura Mayo, Medical Records Clerk Denise Malic, and Associate Director Becky Tussing. The PRC Committee meets every Thursday at 8:30 a.m. Call 906.353.4537 to speak to Purchased Referred Care Clerk, or to leave a message. Please notify her within 72 hours of your emergency room visits.
NEWS FROM THE OJIBWA SENIOR CITIZENS

October:

- October 9—12:15 p.m., Senior Meeting. All seniors going on the January 10, 2015, Cruise must come and pay their final and last payment for the cruise. The deadline with the Carnival Cruise Line is October 12, so final payment must be made at our meeting. Karen Lahti will be present to receive the deposit payment and also to schedule any shore excursions individuals wish to sign up for. Because of the Carnival cruise deadline, no extensions for payment can be given unless approved by Karen Lahti.

- October 23—Pasty prep at 12:00 p.m. (right after lunch). We are done by 3:00 p.m., and volunteers are needed and very much appreciated!

- October 24—Pasty sale at 5:00 a.m., or as early as you can get there. We are done making pasties by 11:00 a.m., with bagging pasties and clean-up. Volunteers are needed as early as possible! Thank you for volunteering!

PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

- The deposit for the Green Bay trip in December is now being collected. Please contact Susie Crawford to pay your $30.00 deposit. (Non-refundable if you cancel after November 1, 2014).

- There will be no pasty sales in November and December. Thank you everyone for your hard work this past year.

OJIBWA SENIOR CITIZEN PICNIC HELD

The Ojibwa Senior Citizens held their annual picnic at the Ojibwa Powwow Grounds on Friday, August 22, 2014. Dave Firestone, Senior Nutrition Director, organized the event with assistance of the Health Department ladies. Pictured above are a few of the seniors who stayed to enjoy the music of musicians Bob Keippela and Ray Aho, picture below.

MEDICAL CENTER UPGRADES

Dear Patients:

We have recently upgraded to a new software system! You may have to give us your basic information again, as all information does not automatically transfer to our new system.

Information / verification we may need is:

- Drivers' License
- Enrollment card
- Social Security number
- Telephone number
- Address
- Date of Birth

Your identification will be scanned into your record today as well. Thank you for your cooperation as we move forward to improve our services for you!

HEALING TO WELLNESS CELEBRATION DINNER

The Healing To Wellness Court held a celebration dinner on Friday, September 19, 2014, as their first attempt to educate the general public about the Healing To Wellness Court. Shown with the check (left to right) is: Carole LaPointe, Health Administrator, Carl Rasanen, Health Board Chairman, Heather Wood-Paquet, Health Promotions Educator, Rose Roose Health Care Analyst BCBS, and Linda St. Arnauld, Provider Consultant/Services BCBS. Picture compliments of Health Department.
A crowd of 218 people registered and walked in the first Baraga County ‘Out of the Darkness’ Community Walk For Depression & Suicide Awareness in downtown L’Anse Saturday morning, September 13, 2014. The event brought awareness, education, and comfort to those who are themselves, or have family members dealing with depression, suicide, and related issues. Many people, including Team Seppy, wore custom printed t-shirts in memory of loved ones lost. Guest speakers, a memory table, resource tables, a balloon release, and memorial garden dedication was also held. The KBIC Tribal Council was a generous sponsor of the event. Members of the local Suicide Prevention Coalition include Nicole Ross, Cindy Collins, Karen Harris, Tammy Hollon, Wanda Seppanen, Ann Marie Amssler, Kim Hendrickson, Caitlan Bowers, and Pam Dove.

William (Chill) Seppanen, Sr. cited information from the American Foundation For Suicide Prevention. “Every 14 minutes someone dies from suicide in the U.S. Yet, more than 90% of people who take their lives, have at least one diagnosable and treatable mental illness, such as depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, and/or substance abuse. Yet, despite the statistics, suicide and mental illness remain hidden and shrouded in stigma. With better recognition and treatment, suicides can be prevented. Suicide is preventable and the more of us who participate in awareness activities, the louder our voice is heard, bringing this issue into the spotlight. I whole-heartedly support the Baraga County Suicide Prevention Coalition and its efforts to continue its lifesaving work.”

The Ojibwa Community Library hosted Literacy Night to present energizing community talent on Thursday, September 18, 2014, in the Chippewa Room of the Ojibwa Casino Resort. Through grant funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services a book compiling the writings of five authors and the art of many community members has been produced and is now available at the library for you to enjoy.

KBIC member, Shirley Brozzo, shared two short stories: Owls and Indian Summer; and two poems: Native Women and Admerica. Sally Brunk, of Baraga, read short stories and cited poetry. Sally said, “For me writing is a way of healing. I write about my family, and my stories are about them.”
Fostering Family Fun Day continues:

Services Prevention Program offered crafting in the form of a handprint family tree. The Tribal Police Department had a station utilizing drunk goggles, an educational tool, and three vehicles for families to check out. The Baraga Fire Department offered rides to families, and children were excited to blow the sirens. Other activities organized by ICWA and Tribal Social Services were: snack station with snow cones, popcorn, and cotton candy; clowns with balloons; Pop-Ur-Prize (dart board); Pick-A-Duck game; a number of toss games; tee-shirt crafting; archery; karaoke; horse racing; and a bounce house.

In addition to winning prizes at the stations, families who attended ten stations were eligible for the family prizes. With the assistance of donors, 24 family prizes were offered and a number of large prizes were offered in each age category. A fabulous dinner was served with a menu consisting of BBQ chicken, spaghetti and garlic bread, macaroni and cheese, veggies, fruit, cake, and a keg of root beer.

There was a short program (Tribal Social Services Booth) where family ideals, healthy relationships, and the importance of culture in our families were discussed. Organizers promoted strong, safe, healthy families, encouraged foster parenting, and recruited foster parents.

ICWA and Tribal Social Services would like to thank the following individuals, business, and programs for donations and volunteering:

- Agnes Huecksteadt
- ATR Program
- Baraga Volunteer Fire Department
- Beth Dix
- BP
- Carol Hamacher
- Community Service Workers
- Cultural Committee
- Donald A. LaPointe Medical Facility
- Eagle Radio
- Education Department
- Headstart Program
- Healing to Wellness Court
- Jake Misegan
- Joyce Chosa
- Kaylee Brunk
- Kim Kloepstein
- Lucky 7's
- MTU
- Nancy Lamb
- Natural Resource Department
- Office of Child Support
- Ojibwa Library
- Ojibwa Motel
- Ojibwa Senior Citizens
- Pines
- Preprimary
- Pressbox
- Public Works
- Rachel Parker
- Robert Rajacic
- Ron Huecksteadt
- Shirley Zasadny
- SORNA
- Suzy Jondreau
- Tribal Council
- Tribal Court
- Tribal Family Spirit Program
- Tribal Police
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- Youth Program

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Family and friends visited Thursday, July 31, 2014, with funeral services at 7:00 p.m. Interment was in the Allouez Catholic Cemetery. Miss Minnie will be sadly missed, but she is in a better place with Jesus.

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Swartz hired as KBIC’s Public Relations Director

Jacqueline Swartz is an Ojibwa ikwe from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. She is the daughter of Marilyn and Charles Loonsfoot Sr. Jacqueline studied in various colleges after leaving Baraga High School that include Northwestern Michigan College, Michigan Tech and Northern Michigan University. For a little over the last decade she has been in Marketing and Public Relations with a couple of different Native Communities and has served as the Michigan Field Site Coordinator for the OPREVENT program brought to KBIC and the Hannibalville Indian Community by Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore Maryland. She served as the Marketing Director for that program as well. She has been married to former Tribal Chairman Chris Swartz for over twenty years and together they raised three children, Brandon, Chystal, and Stuart. Here is what Jacqueline has to say about her new position as the Public Relationship Director for the KBIC “The opportunity to serve my Native Community in a field that I love is very exciting! I look forward to getting the message out to the Tribe of all the changes here in KBIC and working with all the Community Departments. Migwetch KBIC for this opportunity!”

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To be added to the mailing list or to correct your mailing address, contact the enrollment office at (906) 353-6623 ext. 4113.
The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) Natural Resource Department’s Air Quality Program is collecting information on local behaviors and attitudes towards our air quality. The information will be used for program planning, assessing local air quality, and partly for use in our Emissions Inventory. If you will, please take the time to fill out our Air Quality Survey. At the end of the survey you will be asked for your contact information. This is optional but if you choose to submit your contact information, you will be mailed one of three incentive gifts ($15—$20 value). The gifts are: a carbon monoxide detector, a radon test kit, or a wood moisture meter. Your name will also be included in a raffle to receive one of three $50 Pine gift cards. Raffle prize winners will be chosen on October 20, 2014. If you should have any questions regarding this program or the survey, please feel free to contact Stephanie Kozich, Air Quality Specialist at (906) 524-5757 ext. 28.

To complete the survey, go to:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KBIC-Air-Quality

HEALING TO WELLNESS CELEBRATION continued:

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Natural Resources Department received a binational award for their multi-year project restoring wildlife habitat at Sand Point. A panel of U.S. and Canadian judges with the Binational Forum selected the stamp sands restoration project as a recipient of its 11th Annual Environmental Stewardship Award in the U.S. Tribal category. The judges were very impressed with the ambitious goals of the project and the use of native plants, many grown in the KBIC NRD greenhouse, to restore the natural landscape and enhance wildlife habitat and human recreation opportunities.

Funded through competitive grants in partnership with federal agencies, regional organizations, and local businesses, the KBIC NRD spread a topsoil cap to cover the toxic stamp sands. The cap was then planted with thousands of native grasses, flowers, trees, and shrubs to filter the contaminants and stabilize an eroding shoreline. Walking trails were established at Sand Point complete with exercise stations and informative signage for visitors. As of the summer of 2014 there is now a 3.3 mile trail loop in the Sand Point area.
Remember your Permit!

Firewood Permit – Tribal members looking to harvest their own firewood on tribal land need to obtain a permit from the Tribal Forestry Department located in the Planning and Development building.

The permits must be renewed annually with the new cycle beginning October 1st.

This permit can also be used for harvesting maple sap, birch bark, boughs and other gathering activities when specified.

MEMBERS OF THE KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY

Primary Election is on Saturday, November 1, 2014

Those members wishing to place their name on the ballot to serve on the Tribal Council in the Baraga or L’Anse Districts will need to submit a letter of intent stating their position and listing their qualifications for that position to the Treasurer of the Tribal Council. Letters will be accepted beginning on Thursday, September 18th. Pertinent requirements are listed below.

The letters may be addressed to:
Eddy Edwards, Tribal Council Treasurer, 16420 Bear Tows Road, Baraga, MI 49908.

The letter must be received at the Tribal center no later than Thursday, October 2nd, 2014 @ 4:00 p.m.

The requirements to serve on the Tribal Council are:
1. Enrolled member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
2. Must be 25 years of age, on or before December 13, 2014
3. Must be one-fourth (1/4) or more degree Indian blood
4. Must physically reside within the District that you wish to serve for at least one year as of November 1, 2014.

The four candidates receiving the highest amount of votes in the Primary Election from each District will advance to the General Election in December.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS (FDPIR)
NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS* (Effective October 1, 2013)

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.

48 Contiguous United States:

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<th>Household Size</th>
<th>SNAP Net Monthly Income Standard</th>
<th>SNAP Standard Deduction</th>
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<td>1</td>
<td>$1,196 + $260 = $1,456</td>
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<td>$1,515 + $260 = $1,775</td>
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<td>$2,035 + $260 = $2,295</td>
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<td>$2,464 + $260 = $2,714</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>$2,873 + $260 = $3,133</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>$3,392 + $274 = $3,666</td>
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<td>$3,711 + $274 = $3,985</td>
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<td>$4,130 + $274 = $4,404</td>
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Each additional member + $420

FDPIR Income Deductions—see 7 CFR 253.6(b)

Earned Income Deduction — Households with earned income are allowed a deduction of 20 percent of their earned income.

Dependent Care Deduction — Households that qualify for the dependent care deduction are allowed a deduction of actual dependent care costs paid monthly to a non-household member.

Child Support Deduction — Households that incur the cost of legally required child support to or for a non-household member are allowed a deduction for the amount of monthly child support paid.

Medical Expense Deduction — Households that incur monthly medical expenses by any household member are allowed an income deduction equal to the maximum pocket medical expenses paid in excess of $10 per month. Allowable medical expenses are provided at 7 CFR 273.9(f)(2).

Home Care Meal-Related 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:

48 Contiguous U.S. States:

October 1, 2013—October 31, 2013 = $200

November 1, 2013—September 30, 2014—$189

For Alaska, please select appropriate link below.

FDPIR Programs

Shelter/Utility Expense Deductions—Based on Region*

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<th>Region</th>
<th>States Currently with FDPIR Programs</th>
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<td>Northeast</td>
<td>Michigan, Minnesota, New York</td>
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<td>Midwest</td>
<td>Wisconsin</td>
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<td>Southeast</td>
<td>Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Texas</td>
<td>$300</td>
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<td>Mountain</td>
<td>Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming</td>
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<td>Plains</td>
<td>Arizona, California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Washington</td>
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*The geographic boundaries of an Indian reservation extend to more than one region per the identified regional groupings above, then a qualifying household has the option to receive the appropriate shelter/utility expense deduction amount for the State in which the household resides or the State in which the State agency’s central administrative office is located.
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Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Employment Opportunities


- On-call positions: Pharmacy Technician, Facility Attendant, Registered Nurse, Licensed Practical Nurse, Internal Sales Specialist, OWV Unit Manager, Pharmacist, Receptionist/Clerical Worker, Receptionist, Board Operator, Cashier, Account Executive/Sales, Pre-Primary Teaching Assistant, Community Service Supervisor, Unit Manager, Family Aide, Van Driver.

For current job listings, complete job announcements, applications, and closing dates contact: KBIC Personnel Department, 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49908-9210 or 906-353-6623, ext 4176 or visit: www.ojibwa.com

OCTOBER 2014 Calendar Events

- Oct. 4: Reg. Sat. Council Meeting, 9 am, Ojibwa Resort Conference Rm;
- Oct. 6: Constitutional Committee Meeting, 10 am, Council Chambers;
- Oct. 15: Veteran’s Meeting, 7 pm; Lanterns on the Lake;
- Oct. 18: Harvest Feast, 1 pm;
- Oct. 22: Michigan Indian Legal Services Clinic, 9 am;
- Oct. 31: Happy Halloween.

- submitted by newsletter editor

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

An IDA program is a matched savings program in which we provide a $4 to 1 match up to $4000.00 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 Shelifoe
KBH CDC Program Administrator
906-353-7117 X 106
angle@kboha.com

Literacy Night continued:

Sally’s short stories included: Ritual of Frybread and LacVieux Desert Part II. Her poems were: Uncle Jimmy and Sonny. Cecilia Chosa featured two of her recent poems: My Gifts and Lessons.

In addition to the writings, Bryan Welsh shared an acrylic painting. Isabelle Welsh shared her pottery work and acrylic paintings.
OJIBWA LIBRARY NEWS

When choosing a book for children K-grade 8, it can be very daunting. The Library of Michigan has just made it easier for you. Use this website: mel.org then find Novelist K-8. It will be your gateway to popular and appropriate reading for your child. Once you are in mel.org check out the many databases that are available to you at no charge. If you want to print from the site it will only ask for your driver’s license number or state I.D. number. They use the numbers to track usage of the site. Have fun!
~ submitted by Mary Bergerson,
Tribal Library Director

Michigan Indian Legal Services
Free Legal Aid Clinic
For Low-income Native Americans
Do you need advice or assistance with a pressing legal problem and you think your income may fall lower than federal poverty guidelines? If so, come to the free legal clinic on:
Wednesday, October 22, 2014,
9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M.
(No appointment necessary),
1st Floor Conference Room, KBIC Tribal Center,
16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI.

Issues may include (among others): Family law, Housing, Child Welfare and ICWA, Treaty rights, Juvenile delinquency cases, Garnishment and attachment of per capita distributions.

PLEASE MAKE SURE TO BRING ALL THE PAPERWORK RELATED TO YOUR LEGAL PROBLEM.

Have any question or would like more information? Cannot make it to the clinic but still would like free legal advice? Please call MILS at 1-800-968-6877.

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

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

tpl://www.kbic-sn.gov/html/ocss.htm

Happy Halloween
KBIC Youth Programs
Halloween Party Oct. 31st
KIDS: 6PM-8PM
• CANDY • SNACKS • GAMES
• COSTUME JUDGING • PRIZES
TEENS: 9PM-12AM
• SNACKS • DANCE
• COSTUME JUDGING • PRIZES
Niwin Akeaa Community Center

(12) Ashi Niizh

Loving Families for Growth and Change
Learn about drug abuse and the disease of addiction.

Everyone is invited to attend a presentation at the Ojibwa Senior Center on Oct. 7th at 6:30 pm.
Free coffee and a chance to win a $50 dollar gas card.

Have you ever felt like loving your family member just wasn’t enough to help them?
Come learn why.

Border Wars 2
Featuring Michigan v. Wisconsin
Saturday, October 11 | Doors Open 6:00 PM
Located in Big Bucks Hall
Tickets: $25 General | $45 Cage Side

Cosmic Halloween Bingo
Friday, October 24th
Doors 6PM | Bingo 7PM
During Intermission of Regular Bingo
1st-$100 | 2nd-$50 | 3rd-$25

Big Bucks Bingo Costume Contest
Thursday, October 30th
During Intermission of Regular Bingo
1st-$100 | 2nd-$50 | 3rd-$25

All Hallows Eve 2014 Costume Contest
Friday, October 31st
Organized by Memorial Boy Scout Troop and Family
1st-$200 | 2nd-$100 | 3rd-$50

See Guest Services for Details
16449 Michigan Avenue (Hwy M-38) | Baraga, Michigan 49908
OjibwaCasino.com | 906-353-6333