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SPECIAL POINTS
OF INTEREST:
• June 2, 2012 Tribal Council Meeting
• KBIC Holds Senior Banquet
• KBIC High School Graduates
• Congrats to our College Grads
• Kuemmel Runs for a Cause
• Retirees—Changes in Tax Laws
• Nominelli Speaks on behalf of KBIC’s Proposed Gas Station
• REZHEADZ coming to KBIC
• 34th Annual KB Maawanji’ding schedule announced

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The Keweenaw Bay Tribal Education Committee held its Annual Senior Banquet on Friday, June 1, 2012, at the Big Bucks Bingo Hall. Twenty-one KBIC high school graduates were honored for their achievements. KBIC member Jessica Koski was chosen as this year’s guest speaker. Jessica graduated from Rhinelander High School in Wisconsin in 2005. She is a graduate of the Ojibwa Community College, Michigan Technological University, and the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies where she recently received her Master’s Degree in Environmental Management. Her work experience includes: internships with NASA, the U.S. House of Representatives, the National Science Foundation, and the U.S. Forest Service. For the past year, she has been employed full-time as KBIC’s Mining Technical Assistant addressing mining issues in the Lake Superior Basin and Ojibwa Ceded Territory. Jessica has also served as an adjunct instructor at Ojibwa Community College, teaching Contemporary Native American Issues for the Spring 2012 semester. She is also helping to coordinate a KBIC Oral History Project through KBOCC.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR KBIC GRADUATES

Baraga Area Schools

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Council was addressed at length by a number of law firms and concerned Tribal members on the topic of the lack of an enforceable code for the management of the permits issued by the MDEQ/MDNRE. All parties made it clear that the opponent/enemy here is Rio Tinto Kennecott, the number one contaminator of the environment and who have a proven record of success in representing Indian tribes. Loman felt the Tribe’s current counsel, a business law firm, does not have the expertise to handle the Tribe’s best interest to protect our resources. Loman gave the CEO Report (page five). Council passed the Department Head Reports for June 2, 2012.

The 3rd Reading of Proposed Limited Liability Company Code 2011-03 was held. Eddy Edwards explained the code was prepared by Susan Morgan and his firm. The code was designed to provide an opportunity for Tribal members to incorporate their businesses under Tribal Law so they can protect their personal assets. It was adopted in the up and the following motion made: that the Tribe adopt the policy for press coverage of Tribal Council meetings. It was adopted in the up and the following motion made: that the Tribe adopt the policy for press coverage of Tribal Council meetings.

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Eddy Edwards motioned to approve the Proposed Limited Liability Company Code 2011-03, supported by Eddy Edwards, eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried. Vote on Proposal Limited Liability Company Code 2011-03, supported by Eddy Edwards, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.

The Education Committee has four seats open. After discussion regarding the May 31, 2012 meeting motion, President Swartz said, “Those people who met the deadline for applying for the Education Committee should be considered for the other three seats that are available.” Eddy Edwards motioned to reconsider the Education Committee nomination, supported by Susan J. LaFernier, eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.

Elaborate on the following article:

The President's Report for the Month of May 2012

The following is a list of activities that occurred at the Tribal Council meeting on May 2012:

1. I attended the first ever Tribal Mining Forum at the Niwin Akeaa Center (Ojibwa Community College) Gymnasium. The purpose of this forum is to educate Tribal Members on the mining industry in order to increase awareness of its historical and contemporary impacts within the Lake Superior basin and Ojibwa ceded territory.
2. I participated in an economic prosperity meeting held at Northern Michigan University wherein economic leaders and stakeholders identified obstacles in the way of economic prosperity in the region, as well as to identify specific solutions to allow for long term sustainable growth. Over 60 people gathered to help Governor Snyder's request to meet. The goal of the meeting was to deliver a guidance paper that provides a list of perceived opportunities and obstacles to economic growth and development in the region and offers items to help the UP prosper as a region taking the opportunities and obstacles into account.
3. I was informed the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) announced that the Tribe was allowed to review Orvana's project in the western Upper Peninsula. Other permits for air emissions, wetlands/streams, and water discharges are still under review for Copco 632 (Nonferrous metallic mining permit) and the board wrote and presented the briefs.
4. The Tribe's Best Interest to Protect Our Resources. Loman of- fered suggestions. Fred Dakota motioned to approve the Proposed Limited Liability Company Code 2011-03, supported by Eddy Edwards, eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.
are finalized, a legal opinion on the Community’s ability to perform the functions as a state will be needed. Due to our current situation in the Attorney’s office, we will have to seek the assistance of Dorsey and Whitney to do the legal opinion. They were low bidders and have experience in Indian law including experience in doing these types of applications.

- The Community received a resolution of support from the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians supporting its two parallel initiatives, requesting the Governor for the State of Michigan to promptly concur with the positive determination made by the Secretary of Interior and to sign a concurrence letter in support of the KBIC’s Gaming application to place land in trust for gaming purposes in Negaween and Michigan.

- Through the advice of Jeffrey Loman, the Community requested government-to-government consultation with Dr. Hedman from the United States Environmental Protection Agency. This will serve as an opportunity to negotiate an agreement by which EPA, and not the State of Michigan, demand (issue an Order) that Rio Tinto obtain a NPDES permit. We received notification from Dr. Hedman that her department is willing to sit down and discuss the issues raised in our letter. We are awaiting contact from that office to schedule the consultation.

- We are waiting on a decision from the Michigan Court of Appeals whether or not that mining company’s permit is valid. The record is so extensive that the attorneys do not believe any additional paper work will have to be filed, and the Court may not even want oral arguments. The case was argued May 24th in the neighborhood of 200,000 to 500,000 pages long.

- I was reading a report in the US News that ranks schools according the Math and English proficiencies. In that report, I noted that Baraga scored low. I contacted Baraga Area School board member, Bill Jondreau, regarding the report. He informed me that he would address these concerns at a Board meeting. After a meeting of the Board, Bill noted that these areas have been identified by the school administration based upon various testing components, and the school matrix and testing methods are being adjusted to focus on the concerns.

- On Thursday, May 17, as President of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, I met with Professor James Anaysa, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, at the 11th Session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in New York, New York. Also in attendance for this meeting was KBIC Board member Jessica Koski, Professor Nicole Friederichs, and her student Lillian from the Suffolk University Law School Indian Law and Indigenous Wellness Clinic.

- During my consultation, I raised awareness of the serious threats to our lands and waters posed by mining activities on our ceded territory where we retain subsistence and cultural rights to hunt, fish, and gather. I highlighted immediate issues concerning the Rio Tinto Eagle Mine which is currently under construction on the Yellow Dog Plains at our sacred site, Eagle Rock. We provided a brief overview of the case history, aerial photographs of the site before and after construction, and maps showing the extent of Rio Tinto’s mineral interest on our ceded territory that expand westward and reach to the Bad River Indian Reservation homeland on allotted lands at the “BIC” site. I explained that these activities are being permitted by the State of Michigan without federal regulatory protections, and without meaningful consultation and our informed consent -- which are internationally recognized rights embedded in the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

- I asked the UN Special Rapporteur what actions he can take to help address the issues we face with mining on our territory. He said that he may be able to include information from our recently submitted Statement of Information concerning mining activities, in collaboration with the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, in his official country report following his official visit to the United States from April 23 through May 4. He also selects specific cases to investi- gate in more detail, and ours is an unusual situation because the land is moving toward development. He may also issue specific recommendations to the United States.

- I called on a letter seeking interested Tribal members to submit their letters to apply for three open seats to our newly created Tribal Business Corporation. Those interested in being on the Board responded from Aanikoosing, Inc. should exhibit exemplary experience in business, be responsible, and express integrity, as well as good judgment. I decided to send out letters instead of using the local media because the cost to send letters to Tribal members were significantly lower than using local newspaper ads.

- Earlier in the month, the economic developer and I met with a number of government officials in the Marquette area to discuss an opportunity for them to submit a letter to Governor Snyder supporting the Casino in Negaween Township near the old airport. The meetings went well, and we look forward to their letters to the governor.

- A power grab threatening the livelihood of small farmers across the state and the ceded territory was brought to the attention of the KBIC Council. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources, under the guise of Invasive Species Act to expand its jurisdiction beyond hunting and fishing to farming operations. We heard from Joseph O’Leary and Brenda Tununen regarding a license for her and decided to issue her a farming license from the Community, so she could continue to raise pigs. This will be beneficial to the treaty-protected right to farm from both a sovereignty standpoint and an economic development standpoint. The Tribal Council decided to donate $25,000 to the Farm-to-Consumer legal defense fund.

This concludes my report.

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

SECRETARY’S REPORT FOR MAY 2012

Activities reported by the Secretary, Susan J. LaFerriere, for the month of May 2012.

ANIN! We honor the greatness in you. We continue to recognize the richness of Native American contributions, accomplishments, and sacrifices to the political, cultural, and economic life of Michigan and the United States.

NATIVE VOTE 2012—every vote and voice count. NCAI (National Congress of American Indians) President Jefferson Keel stated in his official country report following a meeting with the House of Representatives. He expressed the Native vote can have a significant impact on the upcoming 2012 elections and challenged Indian Country to turn out the highest possible voting rate. There are more than one million eligible voters in Indian Country who are not registered! We need to get out and vote not only have Native voices heard but also to ensure that U.S. leaders understand Indian Country and that Indian Country matters, especially in Michigan. Attached is more information regarding voting in our national, state, local, and Tribal elections. Our goal for Ke- weenaw Bay is to have 100% of our eligible members vote! Here are five challenges that can make a big difference:

1. Get your self registered to vote TODAY! You can do it online.
2. Think of three people you care about. Make sure they are registered and challenge them to reach out to three more people they care about. Our Native Vote Community Coordinator is Jennifer Mise-gan. 4. Volunteer to make calls encourag ing others to register and vote. 5. With less than six months to go until Election Day, take the time to vote early, online at www.tribalvote.org. August Primary: Tuesday, August 7, 2012. November General Elec tion: Tuesday, November 6, 2012.

The President and I continue to hold update/informational Mining meetings each month with Chuck Brumleve, Jessica Koski, and Todd Warner. I attended the Tribal Mining Forum on May 18 at KBOCC which was hosted by the KBIC Mining Outreach & Education Initiative. Our thanks to Jessica Koski, NRD Mining Technical Assistant, for facilitating the forum. It was interesting to hear from Tina VanZile, the Director of the Mole Lake Sokaogon Chippewa Community Environmental Department, that for many, many years their Tribe spent all of their funds on the fight against the Crandon Mine. They had nothing else, and only today are they beginning to grow with new programs and businesses.

She also stated that they never talked to the mining companies, and we have a tougher battle here in Michigan. Because of the state laws, it is easier to get a mine.

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The Drug Tip Line number is 353-DRUG or 353-3764. The yellow banners are around the reservation with this drug tip line number displayed. The Drug Tip Force hopes to make “more” people aware of the Missions Statement is: “To promote education through public awareness with the specific objective to eliminate the use of ‘illegal’ drugs for the health, well-being, and safety of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and our neighboring Communities.”

Continue to pray for each other as well as to remember our soldiers, all of our veterans, service men and women, and their families. Remember those who are ill, our economic struggles, and all who have lost loved ones, good food, and for the great blessings of our land, loved ones, and friends. Let us continue to be thankful for our beautiful area. We pray for peace in the world. Remember your fathers on June 17, both here on Earth and in heaven.

During May 2012, the Tribal Council held their regular Tribal Council Meeting on May 5, 2012. The minutes are covered in the June 2012 Newsletter. Tribal Council held five Special Council Meetings. Following are the unapproved motions from May:

At a council meeting held May 3, 2012, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the July 9 and July 14, 2011 Tribal Council meeting minutes;
- Approved John Gervais for the Casino Restaurant lease per the recommendation of the General Manager;
- At a council meeting held May 10, 2012, the following actions were taken:
  - Approved the July 21 and July 28, 2011 Tribal Council meeting minutes;
  - Tabled the Director of Fire Management job description and have the Firefighting Committee review the Fire Prevention Technician’s position and have a recommendation from the Committee in two weeks;
  - Denied another request from Paul Smith for the Life Sciences;
  - Approved the former Weed & Seed office space, three rooms at the Four Seasons Motel for office space, and the use of any other space in the new Pre-Primary building that is available;
  - Approved to overturn the CEO’s termination decision on case #007-12, give her back pay from the date of termination and return the sick and annual leave she used for EAP sessions;
  - Approved to encourage management to implement the recommended changes received from Energy3 energy efficiency reports and recommendations;
  - Approved to adopt proposed Ordinance 2012-03, 3.2025 Temporary Lodging and Travel: an Ordinance of the KBIC for the betterment of the health, wel-

Approved $1,764 from the youth budget for a youth basketball tournament on May 18, at Peshawbawtoum, MI per the Youth Trip Policy;

Approved to amend the motion adopted at the May 10, 2012 meeting which reads: “To amend Ordinance 2012-12, give back pay from the date of termination and return the annual and sick leave used for EAP sessions that were mandated and move to withdraw the return of back pay from the date of termination”;

Approved the James Nankervis Professionals Services Agreement to provide architectural design services (preliminary design) for future renovations of the Pressbox Bar and kitchen areas;

Approved the KBIC Treaty Rights Farming License for Brenda Turunen do/b/a Ma Hog Farm;

Approved the Professional Services Agreement with Pine Beach LLC to prepare an environmental assessment for the BIA application for the fee-to-trust for the three acre property near the City of Marquette and change the term of the agreement to 90 days for completion;

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Approved the Aanikoosing, Inc. Board of Directors posting;

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- Approved Resolution KB 1889-2012 BIA IRR Referenced Funding Agreement pursuant to KB’s IRR Program Agree-
KUEMMEL RUNS FOR A CAUSE—PRESENTS DONALD LAPOINTE MEDICAL CENTER WITH PLEDGE CHECK

Lynn Kuemmel is definitely a player you’d want on your team. Lynn, who has rheumatoid arthritis, runs to give assistance to those in need. This heartfelt woman is an employee of KBIC, employed as a pharmacist assistant at the Tribal Pharmacy located in the Donald LaPointe Medical Center.

Lynn said, “I began running in 1999 in Alaska. I was living in Illinois at the time but became interested in a run in Alaska where I raised $30,000 for a young boy who suffered from Leukemia. I wanted to assist him and his family, so they could make journeys to and from the hospital.” Lynn continued to make runs to raise money for many organizations and individuals in need. To date she has completed ten marathons and has two more planned this summer and early fall.

Lynn said, “I do charity runs to assist financially for organizations and needy individuals, and I do so with all of my heart. People pledge money for me to run in the name of the organization or individual who I am determined to help. I once ran for pledges for the Brain Tumor Foundation and the Marine Corp Marathon in honor of my cousin, Mike, who died from a brain tumor at the age of 50.”

Recently Lynn ran in the Baraga County Lake Trout Festival held in Baraga County on June 9, 2012. She raised over $1000 from pledges which she has donated to the Brain Tumor Foundation and the Marine Corp Marathon in honor of her cousin, Mike.

Lynn, who trains by running every other night, plans to run a marathon in October with pledges to assist funding at the KBIC Donald LaPointe Medical Center and a young “patient hero” who has arthritis. Lynn, who now lives in L’Anse, MI, grew up locally, moved to Arizona and Illinois, but returned home when her mom took ill and passed away.

Lynn said, “Running helps me relieve everyday stress, and at the same time I am helping people. It is a win-win situation. The more I can run, the more I can give.”

CEO REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2012

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

- As was mentioned at last month’s meeting, the $600,000 HUD ICDBG grant for the Transfer Station Project was denied; based on the fact they had scored an already funded project. The agency has agreed to score the proper application. As of this past Thursday, the application had not been completely scored and a follow-up call to Elton Jones will be made this coming week to provide comment on questions they have before they finalize the scoring process.
- The energy efficiency reports and recommendations have been completed by Energy .3. The reports provide the Tribe with a number of ways to effectively save energy and provide savings with reducing energy costs. The recommendations include immediate plans as well as future plans and have been distributed to affected departments to begin implementing them.
- The former Red Apple Restaurant is now leased to John Gervais and will be called the Lucky 7's Restaurant. He is in the process of hiring staff and as of Friday, is in the facility which will be fully operational next week offering a full line of menu items for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.
- On the 15th, the bi-monthly department head meeting was held. Gregg Nominelli, Economic Developer, provided the group with the upcoming plan for reviewing the Tribes Comprehensive Strategic Plan. The department heads will be meeting with Council throughout the next couple of months to update the plan. Also provided during the meeting to the group was the new format for their monthly reports. They will begin using it with the development of their May report.
- As was reported during my May 17th weekly update, the Citizens Corporation, aka the CITGO, funding was not awarded this year. Sarah Maki, Asst. CEO and Janice Halverson, CAP Director, have been working on getting to the bottom of the denial. The funds, in past years, have been provided to LIHEAP eligible applicants and provided just over $20,000 in heating assistance funds.
- The Tribe has filled the newly developed Director of Fire Management position. George DeCota has been reclassified from Fueils Technician to Firefighter Position and will officially begin in the capacity on June 4th. The position will aid in providing a more cohesive bond between the very successful Beartown Wildland Firefighter operations and the Tribe. The position will also be developing plans to take on the responsibilities of emergency management for the Tribe.
- The Ojibwa Community Library is now connected to the Great Lakes Digital Library. The new program allows access to thousands of audio books and ebooks by downloading them to your computer, mobile device, iPod, or eBook reader. Those wishing to use the program will need to acquire an Ojibwa Community Library card. Further information stop by or call the library.
- Plans are well underway for the 10th Annual KBIC Kids Fishing Derby. The event will be held at the Tribe’s Sand Point Recreation Area on June 30th. This year’s event is being held in honor of the Gauthier Family. Anyone wishing to help can contact the Natural Resources Department.
- The Tribe’s Summer Youth Employment program will be coordinated by Maria Dunham this year. She and three supervisors who have liked that Todd was very busy over the next couple of weeks preparing for the hiring of the summer youth workers who will begin the week of June 18th.
- In a final note, our office has been overseeing and directing the activities of the Natural Resources Department during the absence of Todd Warner, NRD Director. It is anticipated that Todd will return around the middle part of June.

As always, if anyone has questions, concerns, or issues that the CEO’s office can assist with, please don’t hesitate to stop, e-mail, or call.

Respectfully submitted.
Larry J. Denomie, III, CEO

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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!
Richard Alexander is the son of Dawn and Dan Alexander. He participated in track for three years. He also played junior varsity and varsity football. He was also involved in the power lifting program at the Baraga school. Richard recently competed in the power lifting competition and won the following medals: Three 1st place, two 2nd place, and one 3rd place. He has been a KBIC Summer Youth worker and was a member of the Rez Runners basketball program.

Richard's hobbies include weightlifting, watching tv, and spending time with family and friends. He plans on joining the Navy after graduation.

Jeffrey Degenaer is the son of Ann and Patrick Degenaer. He has played basketball since the seventh grade. He played basketball for four years. In his senior year, he joined the Baraga/L'Anse bowling team. He has achieved Perfect Attendance and has been on the Honor Roll. He worked for the KBIC in the Summer Youth Program. His hobbies include hunting, fishing, four-wheeling, and being with friends. Jeff's plans are to attend college with an undeclared major.

Corey Pietila is the daughter of Juliet Goyen and Chuckie Pietila. She has played junior varsity and varsity volleyball. She received Honorable Mention for her two years of varsity volleyball. Corey played basketball for seven years, beginning in the fifth grade. She was a member of the varsity track team for two years and also played Rez Runner basketball. In her free time, Corey enjoys swimming, bowling, and bonding with family and friends. She will be attending Grand Valley State University in the fall.

Durwyn Chaudier is the son of Aimee Emery and Durwyn Chaudier. While in high school, DJ participated in basketball and football for four years. He was an All-Conference second team pick his senior year along with an All-U.P. honorable mention in basketball. DJ was a High-Five mentor and a counselor at Camp Nesbitt. He has helped with Young Author’s Day at P.L.E.S. for the last two years. He was a Rez Runner and employed as a KBIC Summer Youth worker.

His hobbies include weightlifting, basketball, and spending time with family and friends. He was selected as an Outstanding Senior by the Baraga High School faculty. DJ will be attending Northern Michigan University this fall majoring in elementary education.

Tyler Rasanen is the son of Jodene and Jim Rasanen. He has been on the track team for three years and on the Cross Country track team for one year. He has achieved Perfect Attendance. His hobbies include making CD's and video libraries for friends, running, weightlifting, and spending time with family. He plans to attend college in the fall.

Otis Malmgren is the son of Kathy Malmgren and Neil Malmgren. While in high school, he completed the Auto Tech class offered in Hancock and the Voca- tional Construction class in Baraga. He was very involved in the construction class and was the lead carpenter on building sites including a garage. Otis has been an outstanding student in the carpentry class, and his instructor speaks highly of him.

Otis's hobbies include hunting, fishing, four-wheeling, racing, mudding, and volleyball. He also likes to collect and haul metal.

Otis will be attending Gogebic Community College this fall majoring in Automotive Technology.

Can we summarize the information given in the text?
friends and family. He will be leaving for Army Basic Training in October. He plans on attending college while in the Army and to continue his education after the Army.

William Ross-Geroux is the son of Janet Ross and Bruce Geroux. He has played basketball for four years. He also ran track for four years participating in both field and running events. He was on the Cross Country team in his junior year. He received athletic letters for sports including track, cross country track, and basketball. He was selected to be the Daily Mining Gazette Student of the Week. William enjoys skating, skiing, basketball, playing the piano, four-wheeling, and playing his X-Box. He plans on working for a year and then will attend college to earn a degree in aviation mechanics.

Kyle Soli is the son of Michelle St. George and Mark Soli. He has been in the construction trades class and was a participant in this year's Construction Trades Challenge at Northern Michigan University. He has assisted many students in his shop class with their projects. He enjoys hunting, fishing, construction, and working. Kyle's plans are to work for a year and then attend Northern Michigan University.

Rachel Sutherland is the daughter of Lynelle Lussier and Curtis Sutherland. She has participated in junior varsity basketball for two years, track and cross country for four years, cross country for two years, cheerleading for three years, and bowling for one year. Rachel received All-State honors in track and cross country and was on the West-Pac first team in cross country. She has been on the Honor Roll every quarter. She enjoys reading, writing, running, being at the lake, and spending time with friends and family. Rachel will be attending Grand Valley State University majoring in English.

Dustin Telkari is the son of Sarah Mayo. He has played basketball every year since the seventh grade. He also played football in junior high and the tenth grade. He received varsity letters for basketball and track. He was on the basketball team that was district champions and made it to the regional championship. He enjoys being with friends, bowling, softball, and swimming. Dustin's plans after school are to join the United States Army.

Alisha Tilson is the daughter of Allison and Dana Hietikko and Tim Tilson. She was a cheerleader, a member of SADD, and the yearbook committee. She was her class vice-president and was the president of the National Honor Society. She has consistently been on the Honor Roll and finished off her high school year with all A's. She has received Perfect Attendance numerous times. As an advanced art student, Alisha painted a mural in the school of a famous castle. She received the Copper Country Student Leadership award, was the Daily Mining Gazette Student of the Week, was Miss Congeniality for the Lumberjack Days Queen contest, and her artwork was selected for the Student Note Card Contest. Her hobbies are reading, writing, photography, traveling, working with children, and video editing. She was selected as an Outstanding Senior by the Student Note Card Contest. She will be attending Northern Michigan University this fall majoring in Digital Cinema.

Sierra Ayres is the daughter of Violet and Jason Ayres. In high school, she was a member of the National Honor Society, International Travel Club, Drama Club, Varsity Cheerleading, Pep and Symphony Band, and the 2012 MSBOA District XIV Honors Band. She was cast in the 2011 Copper Country All-School Musical "Annie" and performed in the 2011 and 2012 District and State Solo and Ensemble receiving top scores in trumpet solo and trio pieces. She volunteered in High Five mentoring. Adopt a Highway, KBIC Youth Club, and she was the Varsity Volleyball statistician. Sierra has been an elected Class Officer since the sixth grade serving as Historian and Treasurer. She was the 2011 KBIC Mid-Winter Pow-wow Head Female Youth Dancer and represented her tribe as a delegate at the 2011 National Inter-tribal Youth Summit in New Mexico. She has received the annual Honors Convocation every year since the fourth grade and was on the Honor Roll every quarter. Sierra received the Ina McClintock Been Scholarship, the Michigan Competitive Scholarship, and the Presidential Distinction Award given to graduates with a GPA higher than 3.8. She graduated sixth in her class. Her hobbies include reading, playing the trumpet, singing, walking, camping, and spending time with her family and friends. Sierra has worked as a math tutor, barista, Pre-Primary worker, and independent intern for the Tribe’s Natural Resource Department.

Sierra will be attending the University of Michigan this fall to study Actuarial and Financial Mathematics and Music, and she has been accepted into the Michigan Community Scholars Program at U of M.

Angelica Bogda is the daughter of Cheryl Bogda. While in high school, she was involved in basketball, cross-country, and Health Occupations Students of America. She has been on the Honor Roll. She knew she wanted a career in the medical field and participated in the Nurse’s Aide class at LHS. She was the vice-president of the KBIC Youth Club. Angelica took two classes at Ojibwa Community College and received a Scholastic Achievement Award from the college for obtaining a 4.00 GPA. Angelica spends her time taking care of her son, Blake, plus shopping, computers, four-wheeling, hunting, and being with her family. She has worked at the Pre-Primary program, the Pines, and the Youth Center.

After graduation, she plans on attending Finlandia University to study Phlebotomy and obtain a degree. She would like to continue her education to make a better life for herself and her son.

Cody Haataja is the son of Cindy and Leslie Haataja. While in high school, Cody played football. He received the First Team Defensive Line All West-Pac award and Defensive Lineman of the Year team award. He has been on the Honor Roll and has had Perfect Attendance. He enjoys hunting, fishing, weightlifting, and four-wheeling. He has worked as a cashier at BP and has worked for the Summer Youth Program. Cody plans on attending college or joining the military.

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As of January 1, 2012, Michigan is taxing pension and retirement benefits at the standard rate of 4.35%. Some pension and retirement plan administrators are automatically withholding this tax from your distributions.

If you are a Tribal member whose income is exempt from state taxes, you MUST ACT to prevent the state from taking this tax out of your retirement distributions. Contact your tax advisor to find out if your distributions have been subject to state income tax withholding in the past and if this new tax should apply to you.

There is a form (MI W-4P) to claim exemption from the tax. The form must be completed by you and filed with your retirement plan administrator. For a copy of the form, visit www.michigan.gov/taxes and click on the link under Highlights for ‘Withholding Information for Pension Recipients’. This will take you to the page with the MI W-4P form and instructions. You should check Box 1 if you believe you will not have any balance due on a Michigan income tax return.

If you find out that this tax has already been taken out of your retirement distributions and you are exempt from Michigan income taxes, you may have to file a Michigan income tax return at the end of the year to get your money refunded. Please contact your tax advisor to find out how this new tax has affected you and how to protect your exempt income from future taxation.

EMJAY Participants: Phil Giuffre, our contact with the EMJAY Pension Plan, sent letters to all those recipients who were affected by the new tax withholding. The letters to all those recipients who were affected by the new tax withholding. The letters included the following excerpt from the 2012 Pension Withholding Guide below:

**Effective January 1, 2012, Michigan’s tax treatment of pension and retirement benefits will change, and these benefits will be subject to income tax for many recipients.**

Michigan law now requires the administrators of pension and retirement benefits to withhold income tax on payments that will be subject to tax.

Under Michigan law, qualifying pension and retirement benefits include most payments that are reported on a 1099-R for federal tax purposes. This includes defined benefit pensions, IRA distributions, and most payments from defined contribution plans. Payments received before the recipient could reduce the withholding under the provisions of the plan or benefits from 401(k), 457, or 403(b) plans attributable to employee contributions alone are not pension and retirement benefits under Michigan law and are subject to withholding.

Beginning in 2012, pension and retirement benefits will be taxed differently depending on the age of the recipient. For couples, age is determined using the age of the older spouse. Military pensions, Social Security benefits, and railroad retirement benefits continue to be exempt from tax.

For recipients born before 1946, the law remains the same as it was prior to 2012. Those born before 1946 may subtract all qualifying pension and retirement benefits received from public sources and may subtract private pension and retirement benefits, up to $47,309 if single or married filing separate, or $94,618 if married filing a joint return. Withholding will only be necessary on taxable pension payments (private pension payments) that exceed the pension limits stated above for recipients born before 1946.

Recipients born during the period 1946 and 1952 will be able to deduct $20,000 in pension and retirement benefits if single or married filing separate or $40,000 if married filing a joint return. This exemption does not apply to payments from 457 plans, 401(k) plans, 403(b) plans or any other elective deferral plans if only the employee made contributions to the plan. If the benefit will exceed less than the deduction amount, no withholding is required unless the recipient requests withholding by submitting an MI W-4P. If benefits are paid other than monthly, withholding is only due on the amount that exceeds the recipients’ deduction amount.

Recipients who indicate on the MI W-4P they are married (withhold as single) should have withholding computed as if they are single.


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**CONGRATULATIONS TO KBIC’S COLLEGE GRADUATES**

The Education Department is pleased to announce the following nineteen KBIC college graduates for the 2011-12 academic year:

- DeAnna Hadden, Northern Michigan University, Auto Service Technology A.A.
- Angela Loonsfoot-Pearson, Ojibwa Community College, Liberal Studies, A.A.
- Patrick Madden, Bay de Noc Community College, Criminal Justice A.A.
- Kim Maki, Ojibwa Community College, Early Childhood Education, A.S.
- Nissa Moomingstar, Ojibwa Community College, Early Childhood Education, A.S.
- Laura Mayo, Gogebic Community College, Business/Medical Coding & Billing A.A.
- Ashley Soli, Ojibwa Community College, Early Childhood Education, A.S.
- Nicole Arens, Michigan Technological University, English, B.A.
- Leonard Beaudoin, Northern Michigan University, Criminal Justice, B.S.
- Leslie Haataja Il, Northern Michigan University, Electrical Engineering Technology, B.S.
- Melissa Kruse, Alverno College, Nursing B.S.
- Lisa Madosh, Northern Michigan University, Business, M.B.A.
- Nissa Morningstar, Ojibwa Community College, Liberal Studies, B.S.
- Nicole Arens, Michigan Technological University, Rhetoric and Technical Communication, M.S.
- Andrew Chosa, Northern Michigan University, Business, M.B.A.

Congratulations to all of our graduates. We are very proud of you and your accomplishments!

**CREBESSA GRADUATES WITH BSN DEGREE**

KBIC Tribal Member, Melissa "Crebessa" Kruse graduated from Alverno College, Milwaukee, WI, with a BSN Degree in May 2012. Melissa is the daughter of the late Jerry "Yogi" Crebessa and granddaughter of Lois and Roger Bodga of L'Anse. She will be applying at the Veterans Hospital in Illinois where she was her husband and brother will be attending college.

To place an ad, submit an article, or relate information or ideas on possible articles contact: Lauri Demone (906) 201-0253, or e-mail newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov.

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**ATTENTION RETIREES**

Changes to Michigan’s Tax Laws Could Cost You

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**SORNA MEETING**

A meeting to discuss the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community’s participation in the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA) will be held on Wednesday, July 18, 2012, in the Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room from 2:00 p.m. until approximately 4:00 p.m.

This meeting is designed to educate Tribal members and residents living within the L’Anse Reservation about the current status of KBIC as a SORNA registration jurisdiction. Any questions regarding how sex offender registration and notification works, the requirements for registration, and the reasons why someone may or may not be on the sex offenders list can be answered or looked into at this meeting. In addition, there will be a session covering the KBIC sex offender public website, where anyone interested can register to receive e-mail notices when changes to the public registry occur. For more information, please contact Chuck Miller, SORNA Coordinator – KBIC Tribal Police, at 353-6626 or cmiller@kbic-nsn.gov.
New Day/KBIC was represented at the Dept. of Justice (DOJ) Meth Summit in Phoenix, AZ, this past May. Those making the trip included KBIC Tribal Police Commissioner, Dale Dakota, Council Member Popcorn Mayo, K B I C Tribal Police Officer, Matt Shalifoe, Jr. and New Day Administrator/Council Member, Jerry Lee Curtis.

Jerry Lee was invited as a Speaker/Presenter on the importance of the cultural aspect in a treatment setting and the history and longevity of New Day.

Don also spoke in one of the Plenary Sessions and in a Breakout Session. Jerry Lee attended both presentations. During his talks, Don referenced New Day and how it has already instituted the cultural components into a treatment setting. That is exactly the message that Don wished to bring forth to conference attendees, i.e., how important it is to have that cultural connection and reconnection.

It was pretty humbling to hear such kudos from one of the main speakers of the conference as Don referenced “New Day for the work they do in serving those in the struggles of addiction.” Jerry Lee said, KBIC should be proud, yet humble, in knowing their treatment center is recognized at the national level.

Jerry Lee attributed the longevity and success of New Day to the past and present staff and this awareness of the need for the cultural component and how vital a role it plays in getting the much needed balance and harmony back into one’s life while on the road to recovery.

If one has any questions, please feel free to call New Day at (906) 524-4411.
The pros and cons of plans by the Ke-weenaw Bay Indian Community to operate a gas station near Marquette were presented at a meeting of the Marquette Township Board on June 5. A standing room only crowd packed the small conference room to lend support both to the Upper Peninsula Petroleum Association, which opposes the project and to KBIC.

The public forum was scheduled by the Township Board after the UPPA asked to be on the agenda to ask the board to oppose construction of the gas station/convenience store to be constructed on the former Los Tres Amigos restaurant property just west of Marquette on U.S. 41.

KBIC tribal member Fred Dakota addressed a question from Board Trustee, Pete Larue, on whether the Tribe would adhere to the township’s zoning and signage ordinances because if the land were put in trust the Tribe would not be bound by such ordinances.

Dakota told Larue, “I’ve been on the Tribal Council for 42 years and Chairman for 21 … I think we can work together.”

After the presentations, Ferns spoke with Eagle Radio news and explained why Marquette’s gas prices are so high. “In Marquette, we’re further away from fuel sources, the nearest place to buy fuel is in Green Bay,” she said. “We can’t put a forty-five cent stamp on the gasoline truck; we have to profit from it because fuel is very expensive.”

Ferns said, “Obviously competitors in the Baraga area have lowered their prices. Otherwise there’s no way they’d get people into their stores to buy things they can profit from.”

Ferns defended her allegation, the Pines Conveniences in Baraga which is owned by the KBIC saying lower gas prices have caused businesses in that town to lose business.

Juniper said, “Marquette’s gas prices are so high. “In Marquette, and I like the area a great deal, however what I don’t like is that we have the highest gasoline prices in the state,” he said. “I understand the concern of the UPPA that competition will cut into their profits, but lower gas prices are good for KBIC, its members, as well as residents and businesses in the Marquette area.”

Nominelli addressed the concerns about the loss of sales tax money by listing some of the many contributions KBIC has made to local units of government in Marquette and Baraga counties. He concluded by acknowledging those opposed to competition and asking, “What is having a gas station with lower gas prices detrimental to the surrounding communities or not?”

The Township Board neither endorsed nor opposed the plan. However, Supervisor Dennis Limitti, said, “Another public forum may be held to gather additional comment.”

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Head Start & Early Head Start Center. You can do this at any time. But you must be present to win them!

ATTENTION ATR CLIENTS

NOMINELLI SPEAKS ON BEHALF OF KBIC’S PROPOSED GAS STATION

by Mark Wilcox, Eagle Radio News Director

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

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

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

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2012 KBIC FORESTRY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Ojibwa Senior Citizens Raffle

Sunday, July 9, 2012

Prizes: 1st prize - 42” flat TV 2nd – 550 gas card 3rd – $50 Gift Cert 4th – $25 bingo pass

Tickets: $10 each

Call Barb at 524-6626.

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

ATR clients who have one year in the program and have completed their phase (either phase 1, 2, or 3), and did their six month follow up. You are eligible and encouraged to attend a special session on July 9, 2012, 5-8 p.m. at the Chippewa Conference Room. Please call R.D. Curtis at 353-8121. If you attended the March 5, 2012, session, you are not eligible. There will be nice prizes given away, but you must be present to win them!
REZHEADZ events will be held at the KBOCC gym and are guaranteed to be an amazing event to be remembered by all.

July 16, 2012—Evening Event hosted by Dakota Black
6:20 pm—Introduction to Conference—Smoke
6:50 pm—Comedy by Dakota Black, Featured in: CSI-NY, Sons of Anarchy, 1000 Ways to Die, Indian Island
8:20 pm—Live Musical Performance—Smoke & Mimi—Multiple Award Winning—International Recording Artists
8:40 pm—Live Musical Performance—Cisko—Award Winning Recording Artist
8:50 pm—Live Musical Performance—Big Gemini—Billboard Top 10 Recording Artist
9:30 pm—Autograph Photo Session—All Presenters

July 17, 2012—Conference Agenda hosted by Smoke
9:00 am—Opening Prayer—Cisko
9:20 am—Introduction—All Presenters
10:00 am—T.E.A.M. Building Exercises—All Presenters—All Attendees
11:00 am—Workshop Rotation begins
11:10 am—Gathering of Nations—Smoke, Mimi, & Cisko (Drug & Alcohol Abuse)
12:00 pm—Lunch break
12:45 pm—Gathering of Nations—Smoke, Mimi, & Cisko (Leadership, Bullying)
1:20 pm—Dakota Black—Culture, Comedy, & Motivation (Drug & Alcohol Prev.)
2:00 pm—Brian “Cisko” Gower—Knowledge is Power (Positive Choices)
2:35 pm—Lyrical Healing—Smoke (Expression & Identity)
3:10 pm—Break
3:25 pm—One on One with Big Gemini—I believe in me
4:00 pm—Open Panel—All presenters (Question & Answer)
4:30 pm—Closing Keynote Presentations—All Presenters
5:15 pm—Dinner

Rezheadz is sponsored by KB Outpatient Services with donations from the community. Please call R.D. Curtis at 353-8121 for more information.
Deena Misegan is the daughter of Jennifer and Duane Misegan. Her activities in high school included SADD, Youth in Government, Prom Committee, and Health Occupations Students of America. She was involved in the KBIC Youth Group and Rez Runners. Deena attended the National Congress of American Indians as a Youth representative for the Tribe. She has volunteered at Bayside Village, with the Little Brothers of the Elderly, at flu shot clinics at Baraga County Memorial Hospital, and for many activities with the Youth Group. Deena has been on the Honor Roll every marking period since the fourth grade and has been an Honor Convocation recipient. She enjoys spending time with her family and friends, shopping, and volunteering. She has worked for three summers at the Early Head Start Program through the Summer Youth Program and after school at the Pre-Primary Program. She was a student in the Certified Nurse’s Aid Class this year, and it helped her to decide that Nursing is what she wants to do.

Deena received the Dr. Tamas Lanczy Memorial Scholarship and a Northern Michigan University merit award. She will be attending Northern Michigan University this fall to obtain a Bachelor’s of Science degree in Nursing.

LeRoy Gauthier is the son of Cathy LaBeau and George Gauthier. While in school, he played Junior High and Junior Varsity football and basketball. He also played Rez Runner basketball for six years. He was a member of the Youth Club and was Vice-president of the Youth Committee. He also joined the Youth Advisory committee for Baraga County and served as Vice-president.

He attended multiple leadership programs in Ann Arbor at the University of Michigan. He achieved Honor Roll status at the time of his graduation. He had a poem published in the Star of Hearts, book of 2012. He has worked for the Summer Youth Program and at the Pressbox. His hobbies are playing X-Box, being with friends, babysitting, and helping out others when needed. He plans on moving to Green Bay, Wisconsin, to work construction and is considering attending college in the future.

Michael Shalifoe Richard is the son of Michael Shalifoe. While in high school, he states that he worked very hard and got good grades! His hobby is playing basketball. He has worked in maintenance and as a Beartown Fire Fighter.

His plans after graduation are to find employment.

Shani Shelifoe is the daughter of the late Brigitte Shelifee and Robert Curtis and her second mom, Jeannine Kaupilla. She was active in basketball at Baraga Area Schools and also played for the Rez Runners. She was a member of the Youth Club and traveled to New York City as a member of the Youth Entrepreneur group in 2008. Her hobbies include swimming, camping, traveling, and attending pow-wows. She was employed at the Pre-Primary Program and Even Start for the Summer Youth Program. Her future plans are to attend Northern Michigan University to major in Computer Science.

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