KBIC Holds 5th Annual Chelsey LaFernier Walk

This year the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community held the 5th Annual Chelsey LaFernier Walk on Saturday, October 5, 2013. With 237 registered participants, the walk began at the corner of McGillan and Lyons Street in Baraga, a location near the residence where Chelsey LaFernier, a KBIC member, was murdered by her domestic partner on January 22, 2009, on the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Reservation. Since October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the annual event, which has been named for Chelsey, has been held every October since her death. The event is held to increase domestic awareness within the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and surrounding neighborhoods.

Participants, who wore purple in support of domestic abuse awareness, marched to the Ojibwa Senior Citizens’ Center on Main Street in Baraga. This year the event hosted two KBIC speakers: Marilyn “Molly” Loonsfoot and Wausaumoutouikwe Sandman-Shellfoe, who spoke of their own experiences with abuse and how they escaped from that abuse and became survivors. Another hosted speaker (shown above) was Lily Marcotte who is the eldest sister of Chelsey LaFernier. Lily spoke of the suffering she and her family members have experienced due to the loss of their family member at the hands of domestic abuse.

KBIC Tribal President Warren “Chris” Swartz, Jr. addressed the crowd in his wel-
The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on October 5, 2013, at the Ojibwa Casino Conference Room, in Baraga, Michigan. President Warren C. Swartz, Jr. presided over the meeting with Elizabeth D. May, Susan J. LaFerriere, Toni Minton, Jennifer Misegan, Robert (RD) Curtis, Jr., Donald Shalifoe Sr., George DeCota, Jr., Carole L. LaPointe, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, and Don Messer, Jr. present. Absent: Jean Jokinen.

President Warren C. Swartz, Jr. shared numerous Thank You and For Your Information items addressed to Council. President Warren C. Swartz, Jr. gave the President’s Report (page three, and he stated that the Ojibwa Tribe’s Tribal Council passed the Department Head Reports for August 2013.

Violet C. Chaudier, Election Board Chair, presented the list of eligible Tribal Members who have submitted their names to be placed on the Primary Election Ballot as: Michaela, Martinez, Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Bruce LaPointe, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Gerald Magnant, Elizabeth Mayo, Donald Shalifoe, Sr., and Donald Stolp (For Tribal Council—Baraga District); George DeCota, Edward Edwards, Timothy Friisvall, Michael F. LaFerriere, Sr., and Toni Minton (For Tribal Council—L’Anse District); John B. Davis and Violet Friisvall-Aymes (For Associate Judge). Ms. Chaudier said, “A Primary Election is required above each Ojibwa Districts for the position of Tribal Council. The Board recommends approval of all the Tribal Council Candidates. The Judicial position of Associate Judge will be decided by a petition signed by a representative by Fred Dakota to approve the candidates in the L’Anse and Baraga Districts as presented by the petitioners. Nine by supported (Mayo, S. LaFerriere, Curtis, Dakota, M. LaFerriere, LaPointe, Matthews, Messer), nine opposed (Minton), one abstained (Jokinen), motion carried. On another matter, Diana Chaudier, informed Council that there are 337 eligible voters who registered for the October 22, 2013, Secretarial Election.

Treasurer Jennifer Misegan brought forward the resolutions for October 2013. Motion by Jennifer Misegan to approve the October 2013 donations in the amount of $500.00 for Special Olympics (match donation), $500.00 for March of Dimes (match donation), $500.00 for the Cancer Society, $100 for Howl-O-Scream House/Youth of Baraga County who holds a haunted house at the Whirligig and placement of full page ads in both the L’Anse and Baraga Yearbooks. ($200.00 for L’Anse, Baraga when requested) for a total of $1800.00, supported by Michael F. LaFerriere, Sr., ten supported (Mayo, S. LaFerriere, Minton, Curtis, Dakota, M. LaFerriere, LaPointe, Matthews, Messer), 0 opposed, one abstained (Jokinen), motion carried.

Joseph White, Tribal Member, addressed Council with concerns regarding not being eligible to receive Medicare because he has over $2,000 in assets. He requested for Council to address the matter of Part B of the Medical Insurance and have it paid for the Community’s Enrollment Board since it first began in 1995. They have been faithful members of the Board for 18 years. They have not been easy years; their responsibilities on the Board were for a time very controversial. They were chosen for the Board because of their knowledge of our ancestors, our Tribal families, and our tribe in general. They have been invaluable to me. I personally have learned so much from them. Not a meeting went by without learning about families from Zebu to Assinins. I heard a lot of ‘she was this one’s great grandmother; she was married to so and so from Marquette; he had two kids with this one; and do you remember who her grandmother was.’ Their knowledge and memories have been amazing and irreplaceable. There have been some very good stories. There have been times when if someone was unsure, Violet would go to them and our tribe in general. They have been invaluable to me. I personally have learned so much from them. Not a meeting went by without learning about families from Zebu to Assinins. I heard a lot of ‘she was this one’s great grandmother; she was married to so and so from Marquette; he had two kids with this one; and do you remember who her grandmother was.’ Their knowledge and memories have been amazing and irreplaceable. There have been some very good stories. There have been times when if someone was unsure, Violet would go to her archives, or basement, and find newspaper articles or obituaries and bring the information back to the Board. They have also been a lot of jokes, usually told by Bill, but the very best each meeting, and not many of them can be repeated here. They have all served our tribe well and done so very respectfully. Chi Migwech to Bill, Violet, and Gretchen.”

Correction: In the October 2013 issue the following was incorrectly printed: Motion by Carole LaPointe to wait for the written report to review from yesterday’s meeting and then make a decision to either stop the audit or move on, supported by Don Messer, Jr., nine supported (LaPointe, Messer, Mayo, S. LaFerriere, Minton, Curtis, Dakota, Jokinen, Matthews), two opposed (Misegan, M. LaFerriere), 0 abstained, motion carried.

The correct motion is: Motion by Carole LaPointe to wait until the written report comes in from yesterday’s meeting from the auditors then decide to move further, supported by Don Messer, Jr., supported by two (LaPointe, Messer), nine opposed (Mayo, S. LaFerriere, Minton, Misegan, Curtis, Dakota, Jokinen, M. LaFerriere, Matthews), 0 abstained, motion defeated.

ATTENTION KBIC MEMBERS

The 2nd Reading of the Proposed Ordinance 2013-04 Tribal Code Title Twenty Natural Resources Chapter 20B KBIC Mining Moratorium will be held on Thursday, November 21, 2013, in the Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room at 1:00 p.m. during the Tribal Council meeting.

The Tribal Council will receive verbal and written comments from Tribal members at the public hearing in accordance with the Legislative Process public hearing procedure adopted by the Tribal Council.

Copies of the Proposed Ordinance 2013-04 are available at the Tribal Center, KBIC Donald LaPointe Medical Center, Pines Convenience Center, Ojibwa Senior Citizens Center, Tribal Court, Commodty Foods Center, Ojibwa Housing Office, and Ojibwa Community College. Copies are also distributed to all Departments within the Tribe.
The month of September 2013 included the following activities and reportable items:

- Our office has been working closely with Community Development of the FY14 budgets. The approval of budgets for the start of FY14, which would have begun on October 1, 2013, due to the balancing efforts taking longer than anticipated. This has been one of the most difficult years to balance due to many factors. Because approval of budgets hasn’t occurred yet, and some policies for programs are under review, some programs are suspended. Members have been asked to keep their documents, so they may be provided to receive a reimbursement once budgets are approved.

- Debbie Picciano, TERO Director/Training Coordinator, and I have been meeting with Ojibwa Community College staff to develop training programs. The first set of program offerings includes MS Office 2010 programs which entail 10 hours of training in Word, Excel, and Power Point and will begin mid-October.

- The Sand Point camping area is undergoing a major face lift. Following the Labor Day holiday, the Department of Natural Resources was suspended, so construction crews could install the new roadway which will include blacktop surfaces, signage, and the fitness center now fall under the responsibility of one director. The change provides for cost savings to the Tribe.

- The Tribe has approved the location of the new Zeba Hall/Community Center. The land, which will part of the match for the HUD Indian Community Development Block Grant, is the baseball field located in the Ojibwa Housing projects off of Whirl-Gig Road.

- The Tribe approved moving forward with an evaluation of the casino operations. Mr. Cump of IGS and his staff have been on site this week performing their evaluation. The team will complete their on-site visit on October 9, by meeting with Council and management to deliver their initial report. IGS will provide their full report shortly after which will identify specific issues and risk assessments as well as make recommendations for correcting the issues. As of this report, the team has met with staff associated with the scope of the evaluation and indicated that everyone has been very cooperative.

- An RFP has been sent to local LP Gas companies to solicit proposals for guaranteed pricing for the upcoming heating season. LaCourt Bonded Gas Co. of New York was awarded the contract last year which provided a significant savings to the Tribe and the members who participated. This year’s request covers the period of November 2013 through May 2014. The deadline for submission of proposals is Oct 9.

- The distribution of one year agreement with US Oil Co. for retail of fuel products at the Pines is coming up in mid-October. We are working on finalizing of supply contract and will be providing more information at the October 10 meeting.

Activities reported by the Treasurer, Jennifer Misegan, for the month of September 2013. The approved increases to the Ojibwa State Inspection were as follows: Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run $500.00.

The Fiscal Year 2014 budget reviews began September 9, 2013, with a review of the last fiscal year audits and a summary of net assets. All audits were given unqualified opinions. There were a few exceptions which were noted. The President, Larry J. Denomie, III, CEO. As reported last month, the auditors had returned the Ojibwa Housing Authority, which contained numerous questions that include the use of program funds, internal controls, formation of the “holding” company, and the lack of audited financial statements. The CFO stated that the net assets of the Tribe continue to grow while the net assets of the Ojibwa Housing Authority have gone down this past year as their funding has not been renewed. The CFO stated that we stand at a pretty good financial position even though the cash flow is lagging. It was noted by Fred Dakota that in 1969, the Tribe had $800 in the bank, now we are worth close to $100M. Sometimes we forget how far we have come and how successful we are.

The Tribe approved moving forward with a forensic audit. All Council members were in favor except Jean Jokinen. The forensic audit of the Ojibwa Housing Authority continues. The audit was called because the Tribal Council has questions, regarding the operations of the office, that have gone unanswered for a long time. Questions that include the use of program funds, internal controls, formation of the “holding” company, and the lack of audited financial statements. Eddy Edwards, the Executive Director of the Housing Authority, which contained numerous recommendations for improving the operation for the Tribe.

The audit was not called because of allegations of theft on the part of OHA staff. No such accusations were ever made.

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During the Council meeting this week, we were told that OHA Board of Directors will meet with the Council until they meet with their attorney.

The Ojibwa Housing Authority is an entity created by the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Council. It is still under the umbrella of the Tribe and still a part of the Tribe. The funds that they receive from Housing and Urban Development are funds that go to the Tribe and are given to OHA to administer. The OHA is responsible for those funds. Eddy stated at the Council meeting this week that their money is the Housing Authority’s, not the Tribe’s.

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Due to the rising costs of materials and in order to cover those costs the Tribal Council approved increases to the following Motor Vehicle/Licensing and Fees:

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TREASURER’S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2013

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Activities reported by the Secretary, Susan J. LaFernier, for the meeting held on October 1, 2013. ANIN! We honor the greatness in you. Remember: ‘Indian Country Counts’ and ‘Our People’. We continue to recognize the richness of Native American contributions, accommodations, and sacrifices to the political, cultural, and economic life of Michigan and the United States.

A wonderful fall is upon us as we prepare for the cozy, cold season that is another part of the seasons of our great. There was very good information shared at the annual visit to Keewenaw Bay from U.S. Attorney Patrick A. Miles, Jr. and the Western District of Michigan staff on September 25, 2013. We later honored and recognized our special Government employees for 10, 15, 20, 25, and 40 years of service (Gerry Mantilla) to our Tribe (see article). Our congratulations and thanks to these dedicated employees.

It is never too late to encourage others and begin positive lifestyle changes that will help us live longer, healthier, happier lives. Mino-Bimaadzin—‘Live Well’. We encourage everyone should participate in at least 30 minutes of physical activity five times a week to stay fit. The annual blood drive was held on October 1st at the LaPointe Health Center, and we thank everyone who donated blood and who helped with this successful event.

NATIVE VOTE 2013—every vote and voice counts. By the time this is read, the October 22nd Secretarial Election will be over, and the determinative action of the Secretary of Interior from our Constitution-Article VIII Section 1 Amendments will have been decided. Community Informational meetings were held on September 24th and September 26th. It is also that time of year to remember to vote in the L'Anse-Baraga Primary Election to be held on November 2, 2013, and the General Election to be held on December 14, 2013. Our goal for Keewenaw Bay is to have 100% of our registered/eligible members vote!

Remember continue to pray for each other, honor and remember all of our veterans, service men and women, and their families. Also remember those who are ill, those with economic struggles, and all those who have lost ones close to us the past year. We pray that we all make peace today that the world will be graced with the gifts of peace, love, and joy. Thank you for all that you do to keep our land the beautiful place it is. Thank you, God and Creator, for our blessings of the great lands. ‘Who does the land belong to?’ Some to those who have asked to live, but most to those yet to be born.”—unknown

‘Veterans Day’ is a day when we pause to give thanks to the people who fought for the things we have. Thanksgiving is a day when we pause to give thanks for the things we have. We wish each a blessed, happy Thanksgiving!

During September 2013, the Tribal Council held one Regular Tribal Council Meeting on September 7, 2013, at the Ojibwa Motel Conference Room. This meeting is covered in the October 2013 Newsletter. One motion from the September 7th meeting was not in the newsletter: Approved a motion to move forward with an appeal to the administrative level regarding the B.I.A. Forestry funds direct contract request, and the clarification of a motion regarding the Ojibwa Housing Authority’s forensic audit. Defeated a motion to wait until the written report comes in from the previous day’s meeting from the auditors, then decide to move forward.

Tribal Council held ten Special/Finance Council Meetings. Following are the unapproved motions from September.

At a council meeting held September 5, 2013, the following actions were taken:
- Approved the September 20 and 25, 2012 Tribal Council meeting minutes;
- Approved to appoint William Jondreau as the Appellate Justice for the Tribal Council;
- Approved a donation of topsoil to the L’Anse Sports Complex and to have the Tribe be recognized when the complex is completed;
- Approved John Paul DeCota’s big boat protocol license for 2013.

At a council meeting held September 9, 2013, the following actions were taken: Annual Finance/Budget review meeting which was open to KBIC Tribal members;

At a council meeting held September 10, 2013, the following actions were taken: Annual Finance/Budget review meeting.

At a council meeting held September 11, 2013, the following actions were taken: Annual Finance/Budget review meeting.

At a council meeting held September 12, 2013, the following actions were taken:
- Defeated a motion to build the Zeba Community Building at the Zeba ballfield; approved a motion to consider other options/locations for the Zeba Community Building;
- Approved Resolution KB 1946-2013 and Ojibwa Industrial Park easement to UPPCO to run power to the new transfer station;
- Approved the Water Front Solar Agreement with Dustin Jones for the Commodity Foods solar project;
- Defeated a motion to table the reorganization of the Niwin Akeea Fitness Facility until the end of the next year budget process;
- Approved the reorganization of the Niwin Akeea Fitness Facility;
- Approved to reclass Nicole Reenders-Arens as the Niwin Akeea Programs Director and to post the Facility Lead position;
- Approved to move forward and authorize the B.I.A. 2007 Contract Support Claim letters;
- Approved the Employment Agreement with Heath Chapman as a promotion to Tribal Attorney/Tribal Prosecutor, effective today.

At a council meeting held September 19, 2013, the following actions were taken:
- Approved to change the list of names representing (working on) the Ojibwa Housing Authority forensic audit from Jennifer Miseegan and John Jokinen to Toni Minton and Don Messer, Jr.;
- Approved to have Sally Snyder (OHA) work directly with the auditors on the forensic audit;
- Approved the (changes) to the KBIC Youth Program Activity Fund Guidelines for 2013;
- Approved the purchase of a Trimble (navigation) GPS Unit with trade in from Seiler for $6,129.00;
- Approved the renewal Independent Contractor Agreement with Lauri Demone for the Wikwenedz Dachi-Ojibwe Newsletter;
- Approved purchasing an ice machine for the Community building in Harvey for the Tribal commercial fishermen on the Marquette Trust Property;
- Approved the Funny Business Comedy Club’s (5) for the radio stations for $6,000.00 for 2013–14;
- Approved Reading Proposals Ordinance 2013-03 Clarification Title 218.604 Net Profits From The Sale of Tobacco Products of the Community-Tobacco Ordinance 2008-02 which added: who are 18 years of age and older, defeated a motion for proposed amendment to add: Territory specified in Article I of the Constitution and By-laws of the Keewenaw Bay Indian Community and who are 18 years of age and older;
- Approved a motion for proposed amendment #2 to clarify and add: who are 18 years of age and older and reside in Baraga and Marquette Counties. The net profits shall be distributed equally to eligible Community members in the form of a Christmas Gift Check to be issued following the end of each fiscal year. Added: Eligibility requirements for the recipient of the checks other than those specified in this section, shall be further defined in guidelines approved by the Tribal Council;
- Approved the September meeting held September 29, 2013, the following actions were taken:
  - Approved a motion for the original cut-de-sac design around the marina loop, to pave this year and to leave the lakeside road as a one way;  
  - Approved a personnel policy change to the Government and Enterprise policies regarding Worker’s Compensation and Annual/Sick Leave effective today.

At a council meeting held September 23, 2013, the following actions were taken: Annual Finance/Budget review meeting.

At a council meeting held September 26, 2013, the following actions were taken:
- Approved the liquor license renewal for ‘Jamiganish Wadokaged’ Warrior Helpers people’s fireproof of insurance and to waive the fee;
- Approved Resolution KB 1956-2013 Joseph J. LaFernier recreational lease;
- Denied the request of Mark Blaker for travel funds from Washington to attend his father’s funeral in Wisconsin;
- Tabled the approval of a bid for the Head Start carpeting/flooring for 2013;
- Approve the bid from Wolverine Door Services for $28,581.67 for the overhead doors for the transfer station;
- Approved to pay the outstanding amount due of $1,087.83 for the Spring Cleanup;
- Approved $52,120.20 from the ICDBG grant to purchase two underground storage gas tanks;
- Approved the bid from L’Anse Furniture Mart for $16,521.00 for the Head Start carpeting/flooring.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan J. LaFernier, Secretary

SEniR’s REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2013 (approved at 10/10/2013 meeting)

KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY’S HARVEST FEAST

Picture by Lauri Demone

FRONT: Luann Jossens, Heather Asher, Teresa Loonsfoot, Tyler Tolonen, Helene Shalffe-Curtis, Shanna DeCota, April Dowd.

BACK: Chad DeCota, Teri Curtis, Lisa Chosa-Hitchinson, Carrie Curtis, Cheryl Demone, Stacey DeCota, Dominic Durant, Jr.

KBIc’s Harvest Feast was held on October 19th at the Big Bunks Bingo Hall. This year’s feast was organized by KBIC’s Healing to Wellness Court and involved the participation of a number of community service workers. Not all helpers are present in this picture. Many community members were in attendance. Four Thunder Drum hosted songs and a 50/50 drawing was held to benefit the Early Springs Production move—Muff.

There will be a Native American Craft Bazaar on Wednesday, November 27, 2013, 12–3 pm, at the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Center behind the Ojibwa Casino, M-28, Marquette.

Featuring… fry bread, beadwork, blankets, Indian sweetbreads, wreaths, Christmas center pieces, banana breads, dream catchers, and beaded earrings.

Call Sandy at (906) 273-0286 for information.
The President's Report was presented orally. The following was transcribed and edited by the editor with President Swartz's approval.

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

- The Community is continuing to move forward with our current solar project at the Commodity Foods Program. We intend to install solar panels there and monitor how it works. This is the first one where the Commodity is involved, so we are excited to move forward with it and see how it works. If it works well for the Community, we will take lessons learned from that project and apply it to other buildings. We’ve gotten assistance from the Michigan Economic Development Council, which contributed approximately $15,000 towards this project.

- I was involved with employee recognition last month where we recognized a number of our seasonal employees who have been working with the Community throughout the years and a number of the Council Members took the opportunity to recognize them with plaques, certificates, and gift cards. We did have one 40-year employee who worked with the Tribe for 40 years when Fred was the Tribal Chairman, and Fred had the honor of recognizing Gerry Mantila for her many years of service.

- Last month we were able to obtain twenty-five-hundred pounds of green wild rice with a grant through the Circle of Life program. I had the opportunity to present this to the Ojibwe Natural Resource Department. They used some of the rice at the Wild Rice Camp which was held on our reservation at the Poowon grounds. We have engaged the services of Roger LaBine who has been hosting camps at the LakeVieux Desert Reservation for a number of years now. It is good to see our community members practicing the traditional ways of harvesting and cooking wild rice. We plan to continue on offering these teachings in the upcoming years.

- Last month we heard from Attorney Connie Sue Martin who is our mining lawyer. She gave a presentation related to ongoing issues between the Community and Eagle Minerals. She talked to us about a number of items including regulatory capture, Clean Water Act, the loopholes found, and how they can be fixed. She informed us the EPA is not doing enough, and it appears that the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality isn’t even concerned. She talked about the waste and how they are treating that waste and discharges. She gave an update on the Executive Order made by President Obama to consult with tribes what can be done to make the State of Michigan, particularly the DEQ, consult with tribes regularly and significantly which has not happened in the past at all; and she discussed EPA’s delegated powers that should have been passed on to the State of Michigan and that the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has not been informed of this. She talked about the tribe which is a certain area of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. We are going to continue to monitor the EPA’s delegated trust responsibilities and hold someone accountable because that is something we have reserved in our treaty, and somebody has to uphold the trust responsibilities to the tribes. We are taking that very seriously, and we are going to go all the way to the President if we must to get someone to uphold the trust responsibilities that are there. She talked about contacting the Senate Indian Affairs Community to do anything to force Michigan to consult with tribes and to stop infringing on treaty rights and tribal sovereignty.

- We approved a big boat license to John Paul DeCota.

- We continued to work on the budgets which is an ongoing process.

- The KBIC campground site near the lake is continuing and moving along. It is prepped and ready for the pavement.

- Bruce LaPointe gave Council an update regarding the culverts on Indian Road which are up-to-date now. The progress is coming along really well. They were able to divert the stream, and it has helped them to complete the culvert and the fish passage culvert they are installing.

- The Community has approved the Zeba Hall project and chose a site for the hall. It will be where the Zeba baseball field is currently. We look forward to a number of events which will be held at the new hall.

- We continue to move forward with the gas station project in Marquette. We purchased two underground steel tanks for gas and diesel fuel for the Marquette gas station.

- Congress is continuing to work on the budget which has a little bit of effect on the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, and we hope that Congress can pass a budget soon. In addition, the bigger picture which is coming up is raising the debt ceiling which may have a huge impact on the finances of the United States as a whole. I continue to monitor what is happening because it indirectly has an impact on the programs we have here in the Community since we have a lot of federal grants in our budget.

This concludes my report.

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

SOLAR SYSTEM AT COMMODITY FOODS WAREHOUSE

The KBIC Committee for Alternative & Renewable Energy (CARE) has been evaluating alternative and renewable energy systems for installation at Tribal facilities, to lower energy costs and the impact on natural resources and the environment. In 2011, with grant funding from the U.S. Department of Energy, KBIC erected two wind monitoring towers, one at the Commodity Foods Warehouse, which consumes force Michigan to consult with tribes and to do anything to get someone to upgrade the culverts on Indian Road which is an ongoing process. Bruce LaPointe gave Council an update regarding the culverts on Indian Road which are up-to-date now. The progress is coming along really well. They were able to divert the stream, and it has helped them to complete the culvert and the fish passage culvert they are installing.

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WEBB, Jesse Forcia, and Mitchell Durant at Commodity Foods and Bruce LaPointe and Public Works for accommodating and assisting this project. The Committee plans to host an event to showcase the new solar system once it is installed.

- submitted by Gregg Nominelli, Economic Developer

KBIC Seasonal Flu Vaccine Clinic
Vaccine Clinic, KBIC Health Dept. 2nd Floor
Thursday, November 7th, 1:00–4:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 14th, 1:00–4:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 21st, 1:00–4:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 5th, 1:00–4:00 p.m.
Walk-In Basis – No Supplies Last
Vaccine is available for Tribal Members, descendants, and non-native household contacts.

Bring your insurance card if you have one.

For more information contact
Heather at 353-4546.
Sponsored by KBIC/DHEHS.

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come and said, “Since the passage of the VAWS nearly 20 years ago, our Community’s response has greatly improved. What was often done behind closed doors is now an issue we are addressing. We’ve changed the laws, transformed our culture, and have improved services for survivors; and yet we can continue to move to prevent violence from occurring. During this week, we stand with survivors, celebrate our progress, and resolve to carry on until there is no more domestic violence.

We here at the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community are committed to halting this violence. We continue to develop policies, provide our police with better resources to investigate cases, and empower Tribal Court to prosecute those who commit domestic violence. Ending violence in the home requires vigilance and dedication from everyone. We must continue to stand alongside advocates, service providers, law enforcement, and our criminal justice system. We must reach out to loved ones who suffer and tell them, they are not alone.

This October, let us honor this week by promoting peace in our families, homes, and communities. Let us renew our commitment to end domestic violence.”

Lily Marcotte shared a poem by Jeff Edwards, Message From Heaven. “Do not be mistaken in all that you are going through, I just want you to know that I have never left you. While it is true you can no longer call me on the phone, I will always be with you—so you are never alone. When you hear a child’s laughter, when a golden sunset you see, when you feel the touch of a breeze… all these things are me. So don’t ever think for one moment that we are apart, for God has left me with you to live forever in your heart. You may see me in the sunshine you may see on any day, you may hear me in the sound of children at play. Feel me as unnumbered raindrops cover your skin. Do not think that you can know these things never again. While the rest of the world may never know that I am there, I am and always will be, I am not going anywhere. Do not think this is the ending; this is a brand new start, for God has left me with you to live forever in your heart.” Chelsey’s daughter, Alexxus DeCota, released the balloons immediately upon the conclusion of the poem.

Participants gathered for a pot luck feast where a number of prizes were also raffled off with proceeds to benefit the Niimi Gimiwang Transitional Home. Four Thunder Drum hosted songs for the event.

Miigwech to all who participated in the 5th Annual Chelsey LaFernier Memorial Walk and Feast. Two hundred thirty-seven people registered for the walk this year to share in their remembrance of Chelsey, support the fight against domestic violence, and listen to the stories of our own Anishinaabekwe. Chi miigwech also to those who volunteered, donated, and sponsored this event (see advertisement on left).
On September 15th, 36 Ojibwa Seniors traveled to Branson, Missouri. While there they saw seven shows, including the Branson Showboat, and returned home on September 21st. Those traveling were: bottom row, left to right: Sandi Pittsley, Francis Darcy, Martha Pharr, Nancy Shalifoe, Matt Shalifoe, William (Chilli) Seppanen, Susie Crawford, Janice Shalifoe. Second row, left to right: Floyd Crawford, Barb Swartz, Don Funke, Rosie Funke, Lois Bedell, John Jacker, Carol Jacker, Robert (Beaver) Voakes, Ron Spruce, Wanda Seppanen, Sandy Swartz, Debra Parrish, Joyce Hebert. Top row, left to right: Gretchen Emery, William (Gene) Emery, Rich Monroe, Dan Lamson, Lena Kuopus, Philomena Eckdahl, Valerie Voakes, Pat Pillsbury, Betty Spruce, Avis Leinonen, ShirleyMcKasy, Tony McKasy, Veronica Adams, Wally Adams, and Rosemary Haataja.

The seniors have been making pasties, having bake sales, 50/50 raffles, and other fundraising activities for the past year to fund this trip.

KBIC MEMBERS TO BE FEATURED IN NATIVE/FINN CULTURE MOVIE—MUTT

A number of Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Members will star in an Early Spring Productions Company film Mutt, being produced by a Copper Country resident Rick Allen. The film focuses on a young lady, Meda Paavola, who is half Finnish and half Native American, who struggles to find love and her own identity in a multi-cultural world. Meda, whose mother died when she was very young, was raised by her Finnish family and had next to no exposure to her Native American culture. She meets and falls in love with Neil, a Native American man who lives on a nearby reservation. Her Finnish family has difficulty adjusting to Meda’s newly found roots. Meda faces conflict as a half-breed by her Native American community. Will the couple’s love be strong enough to endure the prejudice?

Cast members are familiar to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community with Samantha Bach featured as lead female role, Meda, and Mitch Bolo as her boyfriend, Neil. Neil’s father is played by Donald Stolp, Sr., and Jaycie Forcia plays a young Meda at the age of 12. Other cast members include: Lisa Denomie, Roxanne Carlson, Cody Blue, Paul Smith, and Nate Sherman. Scenes also include a number of extras.
The Affordable Care Act permanently reauthorizes the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCIA) and authorizes new programs to ensure that the Indian Health Service (IHS) is more equipped to meet its mission to raise the health status of American Indians and Alaska Natives to the highest level.

Tribes or tribal organizations carrying out a program under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act or urban Indian organizations carrying out a program under Title V of IHCIA may now purchase coverage for their employees from the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHB). As of July 31, 2013, over 10,000 employees from 53 tribes in 15 states are enrolled in the FEHB. Ten additional tribes have expressed interest, representing approximately 2,000 additional employees.

IHS and Tribal programs are now starting to receive reimbursement payments from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for direct care services provided to eligible veterans under the IHS VA reimbursement agreement signed as a result of a new authority in the Indian Health Care Improvement Act.

Targeted interventions, such as Community Transformation Grants (CTG), promote healthy lifestyles, lower health care costs, and reduce health disparities in tribal communities. Major investments to improve quality of care are improving management of chronic diseases that are more prevalent among American Indians and Alaska Natives.

In the past three years, the IHS has supported the National Indian Health Outreach and Education (NIHOE) project, an effort involving the National Congress of American Indians, the National Indian Health Board, and the National Council of Urban Indian Health and 11 regional entities, primarily Regional Tribal Health Boards, to conduct a tribal specific outreach and education regarding the Affordable Care Act. As of May 2013, the NIHOE project has completed over 330 trainings with tribes, tribal organizations, and urban Indian health programs.

What Medicaid Expansion in the State of Michigan means to Tribal Health Clinics

With the recent passage of Medicaid Expansion, the number of AI/ANs enrolled in Medicaid will increase, if aggressive outreach and enrollment practices are funded, an estimated 58,000 AI/ANs in the state will likely be eligible for exchange subsidies.

Medicaid expansion, not without its own challenges, will be far easier to achieve than AI/AN participation in the health insurance exchanges.

The new national standard for Medicaid is 133%, plus a 5% income disregard equalling a maximum of 138%. Very few Medicaid eligible patients will be subject to the individual mandate, but it is thought that the mandate and the new culture of coverage will, despite its non-application, act as an incentive to many more to enroll in Medicaid.

With more Tribal Members enrolled in Medicaid, revenues from Medicaid will be received, and the CHS funding will no longer have to be used (as is done now for your visits if you have no insurance). More revenues at the Health Center will mean more services that we can provide and more providers that we can hire to provide them or refer you too. There is no cost sharing at the Tribal Health Center, which means when you get your services here, you will have no deductibles or co-pays.

Certified Assistants are: L-R: Michelle St George, Monica Kohn, and Denise Maki. Picture by Carole LaPointe.

Approximately 541 KBIC Members and descendants, who are currently uninsured, will be able to select a Health Insurance Plan, under the Affordable Care Act, beginning October 1, 2013.

Notices are posted throughout the community, and should be received in the mail, to notify all KBIC uninsured that they may now choose from 14 different Qualified Health Plans (QHP) offered in the Federal Exchange, that the State of Michigan has chosen to participate in. Your proof of income, social security card, tribal enrollment, and proof of descendancy to an enrolled Tribal member (IF we do not already have this information on file) are required information needed for enrollment into a Qualified Health Plan.

With the Health Insurance Marketplace, you can sign up with one of our Certified Assistants from the Donald A. LaPointe Health Center, at (906) 353-4507, or online at www.healthcare.gov, and combine affordable, low monthly medical premiums with preventive care coverage. You can access an extensive network of physicians in Michigan and throughout the country. Cost-sharing (deductibles and premiums) do not exist if you use the Donald A. LaPointe Health and Education Center for your medical, dental, mental health, audiology, and pharmacy needs.

The Affordable Care Act will provide $79,000 uninsured American Indians and Alaska Natives an opportunity to get affordable health insurance coverage. The following provides an overview of the coverage and benefits available to American Indians and Alaska Natives today, and those made possible beginning in 2014 by the Health Insurance Marketplace.

Happening Now: Improving Health Care for American Indians and Alaska Natives

Film, Mutt continued:

Rick Allen held auditions in August, began filming September 21st and is hoping to be ready for editing by the end of October. After three months of editing, the film should be ready for film festivals by March.

Allen said his company sought $10,000.00 to produce the film. The Tribal Council donated $2,500.00 towards the costs, and a number of fundraisers have generated about 25% of the amount. Besides Allen, the company employees three part-time employees and some free-lance writers. Allen has a radio and television background and recently worked with ABC 10 television.

Visit www.earlyspring.net or Facebook Early Spring Productions for more information.

Certified Assistants are: L-R: Michelle St George, Monica Kohn, and Denise Maki. Picture by Carole LaPointe.
GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZED FOR YEARS OF SERVICE

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community held their Falling Leaves and Apple Harvest KBIC Employee Recognition on Wednesday, September 25, 2013, at the Niwii Akeaa Gymnasium. Participants began the event with a 15-30 minute health walk around the Niwii Akeaa parking lot. Judging on the best autumn-themed craft using natural materials was held where the winner, Isabelle Welsh, won a $100 Pines gift card. Lunch and employee recognition followed. Employees are honored in five year increments, beginning at ten years of service.

Ten years:
- Todd Pittsley—10 yrs. 0 mo.
- Caleb Fried—10 yrs. 0 mo.
- Sarah Wood—10 yrs. 0 mo.
- Sarah Beaver—10 yrs. 0 mo.
- John Preston—10 yrs. 7 mo.
- Theresa Massie—10 yrs. 8 mo.
- Hope Laramore—10 yrs. 9 mo.
- Kim Klopmatt—10 yrs. 10 mo.
- Kristy Tekari—10 yrs. 10 mo.
- Leslie Swartz—10 yrs. 10 mo.
- Chris Ann Saar—11 yrs. 1 mo.
- Monica Kohn—11 yrs. 2 mo.
- Rose Kariainen—11 yrs. 4 mo.
- Ron Huenckstaedt—12 yrs. 0 mo.
- Catherine Shellfroe—12 yrs. 2 mo.
- Olivia Loonsfoot—12 yrs. 8 mo.
- Becky Tussing—14 yrs. 11 mo.

Fifteen years:
- James Richardson—15 yrs. 0 mo.
- Edwin Granell—15 yrs. 0 mo.
- Julie Rasatan—15 yrs. 4 mo.
- Robert Curtis, Jr.—15 yrs. 6 mo.
- Ruth Keller—15 yrs. 7 mo.
- George DeCota—15 yrs. 7 mo.
- Dale Goodreau—15 yrs. 8 mo.
- Norma Kokko—15 yrs. 9 mo.
- Jeffrey Mayo—15 yrs. 9 mo.
- Timmy Tolson—15 yrs. 10 mo.
- Floyd Forcia, Jr.—15 yrs. 11 mo.
- Clay VanBuren—15 yrs. 11 mo.
- Richard Shallfotee III—16 yrs. 1 mo.
- Gerald Cadeau, Jr.—16 yrs. 2 mo.

Twenty years:
- Cosie LaFerriere—16 yrs. 5 mo.
- Cherie Dakota—16 yrs. 8 mo.
- Susie Lawrence—16 yrs. 10 mo.

Twenty-five years:
- Elvera Lantze—20 yrs. 0 mo.
- Michael Biering—20 yrs. 1 mo.
- Mary Dee Shanahan—20 yrs. 4 mo.
- Jesse Forcia—20 yrs. 8 mo.
- Timothy Nusrzyk—20 yrs. 8 mo.

Twenty-five to thirty years:
- Arian Frisvall—25 yrs. 6 mo.
- Lisa Denomie—25 yrs. 6 mo.
- Brenda Brunot—25 yrs. 9 mo.
- Debbie Picciano—26 yrs. 2 mo.
- Francis LaPointe—27 yrs. 8 mo.

Thirty years:
- Geraldine Mantilla—40 yrs. 0 mo.

Madison Lynn Stein

Madison Lynn Stein, infant daughter of Tanya Asher and James Stein passed away Saturday, September 28, 2013, at Bell Memorial Hospital, Ishpeming.

Madison is survived by her loving brothers: James Stein, Chris Morseau, Chace Stein, and 10-year-old twin sisters: Erika Shawana, Jamie Shawana, and Kaylie Stein; grandparents, aunts, uncles, and other family members. Family services for Madison were held.

Loretta Mae Hugo

(April 14, 1936-October 6, 2013)

Loretta Mae Hugo, age 77, passed away on Sunday, October 6, 2013, at her home. She was born April 14, 1936, and was the daughter of John and Isabelle (Asher) Hugo. Loretta was a life-long resident of L’Anse, Michigan, where she lived and raised her family.

Loretta was preceded in death by her parents; her son: Patrick John Veker; and siblings: Beatrice Mitchell, Shirley (Jessie) Knapp, and Lloyd Hugo.

In 1954, Loretta graduated from L’Anse High School, and went on to graduate from Haskell Indian Nations University. Loretta’s professional career included working for the BIA Land Management, the payroll manager at Baraga County Memorial Hospital, and the Scholarship Director for the Michigan Indian Higher Education Association.

In later years she worked for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community as the Executive Assistant to the CEO and in the payroll department before retiring.

During retirement Loretta was an active volunteer. Loretta was notably a recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award for The President’s Call to Service Award and a KBIC Honored Elder. She served as a board member for the Ojibwa Senior Citizens’ Executive Board, KBIC Elections Board, KBIC Enrollment Board, Elderly Advisory Board for Language Program, and was an active member of the Michigan Indian Elder Association. She also enjoyed teaching Ojibwa language to pre-primary students. Her personal interests included: golf, bowling, softball, playing bingo, and traveling.

Pubic visitation for Loretta Hugo was held on Saturday, October 12, 2013, at Jacobson’s Funeral Home in L’Anse, Michigan, and a funeral mass followed at the Most Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church in Assinins, Michigan, with Fr. Nick Thompson officiating. The family held a reception at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens’ Building in Baraga, Michigan. Friends may sign Loretta’s guestbook or send condolences at www.jacobsonfuneralhome.com.

Loretta’s family expresses their heartfelt gratitude to her friends and the dedicated medical personnel who supported and cared for her during her cardiac rehabilitation. All who knew Loretta will remember her gregarious and vivacious spirit.

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On Friday October 4th, KBOCC and the KBIC Natural Resources Department helped host Kinomaage (Teachings from the Earth). Kinomaage is a series of educational workshops that are open to the public and free of charge. Guests at the October workshop learned about forest products such as mushrooms and maple syrup, with teachings rich in Ojibwa heritage. The event was sponsored by the Cedar Tree Institute in collaboration with the U.S. Forest Service and was attended by over 20 people. Look for postings around the community for future Kinomaage workshops.
AFDO/Seafood Alliance

HACCP Training Course

Ojibwa Casino Resort—16449 Michigan Ave. (M-30), Baraga, Michigan 49908

December 10-12, 2013

December 10

8:00 a.m. EST Chapter 1, Welcome and Course Objectives (Ron Kinnunen), Chapter 2, Prerequisite Programs (Jim Thannum), Chapter 3, HACCP Preliminary Steps (Jim Thannum), Chapter 4, Seafood Safety Hazards (Beth Walthrvoir), 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 Walthrvoir), 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 Verification Procedures (Beth Walthrvoir), Chapter 11, Record-Keeping Procedures (Jim Thannum), Chapter 12, The Seafood HACCP Regulation (Jim Thannum)

12:15 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. Commercial Processing Example—Smoked Fish (Ron Kinnunen), Smoked Fish Regulations (Ron Kinnunen), Chapter 13, Sources of Information on Preparing HACCP Plans (Beth Walthrvoir), Regulations Related to Homeland Security (Ron Kinnunen), Review and Preparation for Developing HACCP Plans

3:30 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 “NAFDO”. Mail to: Ron Kinnunen, Michigan Sea Grant, 710 Chippewa Sq. #202, Marquette, MI 49855.

Course No. 408B

First Name: Mt.

Last Name:

Company:

Address 1:

Address 2:

City:

State:

Zip:

Country: USA

Phone:

Ext.:

FAX:

E-mail:

Training Location: City—Baraga State—Mt

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* (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.

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Each additional member + $335

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Each additional member + $420

FDPIR Income Deductions—see 7 CFR 234.13

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 who is elderly or disabled are allowed a deduction in the amount of out-of-pocket medical expenses paid in excess of 35% of monthly income. Allowable medical expenses are provided at 7 CFR 273.9(b)(3).

Home Care Medical-Related Deduction — Households who furnish the majority of meals for a home care caretaker 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:

All Contiguous U.S. States:

- October 1, 2013—October 31, 2013 = $200
- November 1, 2013—September 30, 2014 = $189
- Alaska: please select appropriate link below.
- October 1, 2013—October 31, 2013 = $200
- November 1, 2013—September 30, 2014 = $189

See 7 CFR 272.7(b) for area designations in Alaska.

Standard Shelter/Utility Expense Deduction — Households that incur at least one monthly shelter or utility expense are allowed an income deduction (see chart below). Allowable shelter/expense deductions are provided at 7 CFR 273.9(b)(5).

*2014 minimum SNAP Standard Shelter/Utility Expense Deductions—Based on Region

Region

States Currently with FDPIR Programs

Shelter Utility Deduction

Northeast

Michigan, Minnesota, New York

$400

Midwest

Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Wisconsin

$300

Southeast

South Carolina, South Carolina, Oklahoma, Texas

$400

Mountain

Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Washington

$400

Plains

Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming

$350

West

Alaska, Arizona, California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Washington

*If the geographic boundaries of an Indian reservation extend to more than one region per the identified regional groupings above, then a qualifying household may have 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.
Congratulations to Amy Manning, Summer Haataja, Tracy Emery, and Janice Shelifoe on winning the drawing for our Halloween Baskets which was held at the Chelsey LaFernier Memorial Walk on October 5, 2013.

The library has a section called "Empowering Futures." Some titles in this section are: Everything I Need to Know I Learned from Other Women, Who’s Pulling Your Strings?, The gift of Fear and Other Survival Signals That Protect Us From Violence, and Fierce Women.

We have some new books in the library:

**Adult books:** -- All Indians Do Not Live in Teepees (or Casinos), Learning Native Wisdom, The People Named The Chippewa, Buried Indians, Before and After The Horizon, Anishinaabeg Artists of the Great Lakes, Making Natural Beauty Products, 60 Things to Do When You Turn 60, and The Birth Order Book.


The following books were donated to the library:

**Careers in High Tech** by Nicholas Basta, The Quick Resume and Cover Letter Book by Michael Farr, Job Interview Tips for People with Not-So-Hot Backgrounds; How to Put Red Flags Behind You to Win the Job by Caryl and Ron Krannich, Ph.D.s, But What If I Don’t Want to Go To College? by Harlow G. Unger, Leave Your Nose Ring at Home by Joe Swinger, and Best Jobs for the 21st Century by Micheal Farr.

~ submitted by Mary Bergerson, Tribal Library Director

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**NOTICE**

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

**SNOW PLOWING REQUIREMENTS:**

Head of Household Name: __________________________

Reside on the Reservation (Baraga County): Yes No

Physical Address: __________________________

Telephone 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 Receptionist
19429 Bear Town Road
Baraga, MI 49908

The Tribal Council will consider plowing privileges for those with permanent, physical disabilities within a five mile radius off the Reservation. Please submit a request and the above information by 12/14/2011.

~ approved 11-14-2011

Tribal Council Meeting

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**Would You Like FREE Money?**

The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwah 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 $4000.00 on funds you deposit!!!

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

All IDA funds are new open to Tribal Members and First Generation Descendants of KBIC. Home Purchase and Small Business Start—Up or Expansion may be utilized in the service areas of Baraga, Marquette and Ontonagon Counties. Education IDA’s may be used throughout the entire Upper Peninsula.

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

Angela Shelifoe

**KBOHDC Program Administrator**

906-353-7417 X106

Angela@kbaha.com

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**HARVEST MARKET**

November 22

Ojibwa Casino
Chippewa Room
M-38 Baraga, MI 49908

Friday 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

**Native American Crafts**

**-** Native American Jewelry

**-** Jams and Jellies

**-** Baked Goods

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**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 game without a license.

Please contact the KBIC Gaming Commission Office at (906) 353-4222 or stop by the office located at the Tribal Center for an application and a copy of the rules and regulations.

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

16429 Bear Town, Rd
Baraga, MI 49908
(906) 353-4222

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On September 19, 2013, students at Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College took part in a canoe trip on Keweenaw Bay. The College offered canoeing to encourage students to engage in health and wellness activities. “Canoeing is a great way to connect with nature,” said Denise Cadeau, the Dean of Student Services. “Being on the water provided students an excellent environment for mental relaxation and a physical challenge.” Expert canoer, Mike Gage, provided students with canoeing basics and safety tips. Pictured from left to right, students: Sarah Garver and Jodene Rasanen.

~ Submitted by Denise Cadeau, KBOCC

OJIBWA CASINO HONORS ROBERT CHENOWETH

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On September 19, 2013, students at Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College took part in a canoe trip on Keweenaw Bay. The College offered canoeing to encourage students to engage in health and wellness activities. “Canoeing is a great way to connect with nature,” said Denise Cadeau, the Dean of Student Services. “Being on the water provided students an excellent environment for mental relaxation and a physical challenge.” Expert canoer, Mike Gage, provided students with canoeing basics and safety tips. Pictured from left to right, students: Sarah Garver and Jodene Rasanen.

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