The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community held their General Election on Saturday, December 13, 2014. Baraga District voters cast their ballots at the Ojibwa Senior Center, and L’Anse District voters cast their ballots at the new Zeba Community Hall. A Primary Election was held on November 1, 2014, for the L’Anse and Baraga Districts which put the top four candidates in each district on the ballot for the General Election.

Preliminary counts were announced by the Election workers immediately following the closing of the polls. Those results follow:

**Baraga District:**
- Robert “RD” Curtis (Inc.) 259 votes;
- Doreen Blaker 392 votes;
- Fred Dakota 226 votes;
- Elizabeth “Popcorn” Mayo 237 votes.

**L’Anse District:**
- Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews (Inc.) 235 votes;
- Jean Jokinen 210 votes (Inc.);
- Randy Haataja 331 votes;
- Toni Minton 330 votes.

Doreen Blaker and Robert “RD” Curtis each secured a three-year term in the Baraga District. Randy Haataja and Toni Minton each secured a three-year term in the L’Anse District.

Proposal 1 – Do you support allowing the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples subject to tribal rules and regulations? 302 yes, 261 no. Proposal passes.

Proposal 2 – Do you support allowing the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community to manufacture and/or sell marijuana for adults 21 and over, and the possession of marijuana by these adults all subject to tribal licensing, taxation, and regulation? 298 yes, 267 no. Proposal passes.

Popular Referendum 1 - Do you vote to approve the acquisition of the Baraga Lakeside Hotel and Marina for relocating the Ojibwa Casino Baraga? 246 yes, 319 no. Referendum defeated.

Proposal 2 – If the acquisition of Baraga Lakeside Hotel and Marina is approved by popular referendum, do you approve a $31,200,000.00 budget for building the new casino and renovating the hotel? 229 yes, 333 no. Referendum defeated.

Election results are on the agenda to be considered for certification by the Tribal Council at the meeting scheduled for January 10, 2015. Following certification, the twelve seat council will make nominations and vote for their Executive Board.

**SANTA VISITS WITH KBIC YOUTH**

Santa Claus visited Marquette KBIC youth on Saturday, December 20, 2014, at the Marquette Children’s Museum. Children visited with Santa, and each received a special gift and a bag of Christmas candy. Jett’s Pizza was served, and families were able to enjoy the exhibits and activities offered throughout the museum.

Santa Claus returned to the reservation on Sunday, December 21, 2014, and visited with KBIC youth at the Niwin Akeaa Facility. Each child received a special gift and a bag of Christmas candy. Pizza Hut pizza was served.

Both events were made possible by the KBIC Youth Committee, KBIC Youth staff, and KBIC Tribal Council.

Santa pictures continues on page six.
The Regular Saturday Tribal Council Meeting was held on December 6, 2014, at the Ojibwa Casino Conference Room in Baraga, Michigan. Ogima Donald Shalifoe, Sr. presided over the meeting with Jean Jokinen, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Eddy Edwards, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Susan J. LaFernier, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Don Messer, Jr., Jennifer Misegan, and Warren C. Swartz, Jr. present. Not present: Carole LaPointe.

Ogima Donald Shalifoe, Sr., shared numerous Thank You and For Your Information Comments.

Eddy Edwards gave the Treasurer’s Report, (page three). Council approved the Department Head Reports for October 2014. Approval of minutes July 11, 2013, through September 26, 2013, and Adjustments, 11/14/2014, through November 14, 2014, were on the agenda. Motion by Jean Jokinen to table minutes July 11, 2013, through September 26, 2013, and August 14, 2014, through November 14, 2014, supported by Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., two opposed (Shalifoe, Jokinen, Loonsfoot, Edwards, Curtis, M. LaFernier, Matthews, Messer, Misegan), two opposed (S. LaFernier, Swartz), 0 abstained, one absent (LaPointe), motion carried.

Jean Jokinen brought forward discussion on an All Department Employee Christmas Party. Motion by Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr. to table the Christmas Party discussion until the next meeting, supported by Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., nine opposed (Shalifoe, Jokinen, Loonsfoot, Edwards, Curtis, M. LaFernier, Matthews, Messer, Misegan), two opposed (S. LaFernier, Swartz), 0 abstained, one absent (LaPointe), motion carried.

Eddy Edwards brought forward Lake-эффект issue and asked if the Treasurer provided her with it. Treasurer Edwards indicated that he had not been in- formed to do so. A conference call will be scheduled with Mary Streitz in regards to the Tobacco tax issue, Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act, and the state’s new proposal about tax on gas.

Treasurer Eddy Edwards brought forward the donations for December 2014. Motion by Jennifer Misegan to approve the December 2014 donations in the amount of $500.00 for March of Dimes (match), $500.00 for the Wounded Warrior Project, and $2,000 for the Salvation Army Army of Ishpeming for a total of $2,000.00, supported by Susan J. LaFernier. Eleven supported (Shalifoe, Jokinen, Loonsfoot, Edwards, Curtis, M. LaFernier, S. LaFernier, Matthews, Messer, Misegan, Swartz), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (LaPointe), motion carried.

Treasurer Eddy Edwards brought forward the 2% requests. Council reviewed the list and made their distribu- tion choices (list in attachment). Motion by Jean Jokinen to approve the 2% requests for Marquette County pending the resolution, supported by Michael F. LaFernier, Sr. Ten supported (Shalifoe, Jokinen, Loonsfoot, Edward, Curtis, M. LaFernier, S. LaFernier, Matthews, Messer, Misegan), one opposed (Swartz), 0 abstained, one absent (LaPointe), motion carried. Motion by Jennifer Missegan to table the Baraga 2% request until it is discussed at Thursday’s meet- ing, supported by Susan J. LaFernier. Eleven supported (Shalifoe, Jokinen, Loonsfoot, Edwards, Curtis, M. LaFernier, S. LaFernier, Matthews, Messer, Misegan), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (LaPointe), motion carried.

Council reviewed bids for a new snow removal truck for the Marquette Casino. Motion by Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr. to table this and get new propos- als and to discuss the truck at governmental rates, supported by Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. Nine supported (Shalifoe, Jokinen, Loonsfoot, Edwards, Curtis, M. LaFernier, S. LaFernier, Matthews, Misegan), two opposed (Messer, Swartz), 0 abstained, 0 absent (LaPointe), motion carried.

Eddy Edwards brought forward Lakeside financing plans if the popular refer- endum is approved at Saturday’s elec- tion. He has a bank lined up to provide side financing plans if the popular refer- endum to be held next Saturday, supported by Jean Jokinen. Motion made by Jennifer Misegan to table this until we get the information from the MOFCO Elections “Hosh” LaPointe, supported by Warren “Chris” Swartz, Jr. Six supported (Loonsfoot, M. LaFernier, S. LaFernier, Matthews, Misegan, Swartz), five opposed (Shalifoe, Jokinen, Edwards, Curtis, Messer), 0 abstained, one absent (LaPointe), motion carried.

Elizabeth “Liz” Julio requested tribal approval through a written letter of sup- port recognizing her as an Ojibwemowin Instructor; a requirement to become a federally recognized Ojibwemowin In- structor. Motion made by Eddy Ed- wards to table Elizabeth “Liz” Julio’s request until Earl Otchingwanigan can give her an evaluation, supported by Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Eleven supported (Shalifoe, Jokinen, Loonsfoot, Edwards, Curtis, M. LaFernier, S. LaFernier, Matthews, Misegan, Swartz), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (LaPointe), motion carried.

Council moved into closed session with Christmas Check Denials on the agenda. Upon moving into open ses- sion with the fellow motions made prior to closing. Motion made by Jean Jokinen to give Liz Ekdahl, Yvette Fri- svall, Colleen Gauthier, Christian Pelt, Logan Roe, Baghi Sandman-Shalifoe, and James Wood their Christmas check, supported by Eddy Edwards. Five supported (Shalifoe, Jokinen, Edwards, Curtis, Matthews), six opposed (Loonsfoot, M. LaFernier, S. LaFernier, Messer, Misegan, Swartz), 0 abstained, one absent (LaPointe), motion defeated.

Motion made by Jennifer Misegan to table this until we get some informa- tion in writing from the Enrollment Director and to have it available for Council at Thursday’s meeting and to have it discussed in closed session, so Council may make an informed decision, supported by Susan J. LaFernier. Ten supported (Shalifoe, Jokinen, Loonsfoot, Edwards, Curtis, M. LaFernier, S. LaFernier, Messer, Misegan, Swartz), 0 opposed, one absent (LaPointe), motion carried.

submitted by Laurie Denomie, Editor

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This past week I attended the White House Tribal Nation’s Conference in Washington D.C. along with hundreds of Tribal Leaders from across the country. I immediately set out to speak directly with various high level administration officials about some of our issues. First, I spoke with EPA Deputy Administrator, Jane Nishida, and EPA Administrator, Gina McCarthy, about the Federal Government’s trusted responsibility to Tribal Nations. In particular, I asked them how can they justly to President Obama that they are adequately discharging their trust responsibility to us when they delegate authority to the State of Michigan. Especially concerning is the knowledge that they don’t even know what trust responsibility is. I reiterated to these government officials that our future existence relies on clean water and air clean and that we need them to make sure the laws are enforced and permits are required. Many other Tribal leaders made the same plea to keep our water and air clean.

In addition, I was able to meet Hillary Tompkins, Solicitor of the U.S. Department of the Interior, a Navajo woman, and another Indian woman, Venus Prince, Deputy Solicitor of Indian Affairs. I was able to speak to both of them several times about our land claim issue and that we needed them to help us correct a mistake made long ago. They were both very encouraging about the opportunity. Yesterday, one of our attorneys at Dorsey Whitney had a phone conference with Deputy Solicitor, Venus Prince, to follow up on moving forward with our land claim. After meeting these women, I believe we have a very good chance that the Office of the Solicitor of the U.S. Department of the Interior will help us with our land claim.

On another note, we have 2% distribution to consider for the period ending September 31, 2014. In Baraga, there is $133,640.60 available, and in Marquette, there is $173,329.94 available for distribution. For the Baraga distribution, we did not receive any proposed projects for funding by the deadline specified by Baraga Tribal Council. From Marquette, we received many requests and copies are in Council packets.

The new Zeba Community Hall is open, and it proved profitable for Eagle Radio. The Pines recently opened a new small smoke shop on the L’Anse side of the reservation at 804 N. Main Street in a space provided to Council. Last month we held a referendum as part of the general election to be held next Saturday, December 13th. This popular referendum has two questions: The first is: “Do you approve acquiring the Baraga Lakeside Inn and Marina, under different terms from the last deal, for relocating the Casino.” This deal is different and better for us because it does not involve assuming liabilities. It does not involve property taxes, and it saves us over $150,000.00 compared to the last deal. The second question on the popular referendum is: “If the acquisition is approved by the people, do you then approve a $31,200,000.00 budget for the relocation and construction of our new casino at the Lakeside.” In case this popular referendum is approved, I have been meeting with staff and assigning tasks in order to bring the Baraga Lakeside Inn into our Baraga Casino’s operations as a department. We need a smooth transition, so we can keep operating the hotel and marina and bring in revenue while we finalize our design plans for the new casino. If we move forward with this plan, we could see a brand new casino on the lakeside within 18-24 months. I also have a plan for financing the acquisition, and I have it on the agenda later this morning.

The new Zeba Community Hall is nearing completion. Tribal members will be voting during the general election in this building and will hold this year’s ballot count there. We hope to have a grand opening in February.

Respectfully submitted,
Eddy Edwards, Treasurer
NEWS FROM THE OJIBWA SENIOR CITIZENS

On December 4-6, 2014, twenty-two (22) Ojibwa Seniors (pictured above) travelled to Green Bay to shop at the Fox River Mall and attend a Christmas Show at the Meyer Theater. They dined at the Hagemeister Restaurant in downtown Green Bay. Participating in this trip were: Philomena Ekdahl, Lois Bedell, Paul and Karen Mayo, Avis Leinonen, Lena Kuopus, Sandy Swartz, Wanda Seppanen, William “Chill” Seppanen, Marsha Pharr, Don and Rosie Funke, Wally and Veronica Adams, Jackie Beauchamp, Barbara and Wilmer Loonsfoot, Floyd and Susie Crawford, Debbie Parrish, Betsy Ross, and Rosemary Haataja.

Upcoming Events:

**January:**
- January 7, 12:15 p.m. Senior Meeting.

**February:**
- February 11, 12:15 p.m. Senior Meeting.
- February 25, 12:15 p.m. Pasty prep. Volunteers are needed and are very much appreciated.
- February 26, 5 a.m. Pasty making. Volunteers are needed as early as possible! We appreciate your hard work.

Welcome Giizhik Naawaakwaa Paquin, born December 1, 2014, to Shauna Loonsfoot-Pelto and Dave Paquin of Baraga. Giizhik was 8 lbs 4 ounces and 20 inches in length. Siblings Leo and Niibi are excited to be joined by their baby sister, Giizhik. Proud grandparents are: Charlotte Loonsfoot, Pam Loonsfoot, Tom Paquin, Sr., and Great Grandfather is Virgil Loonsfoot, all of Baraga.

Welcome Kylee Rae LaPlante, born November 24, 2014, to Justine Minton and Kyle LaPlante. Kylee weighed 7 lbs. 10 ounces and 19 ½ inches in length. Kylee was born at U.P. Health – Bell in Ishpeming, MI. Proud Grandparents are Juliet and Bradley Goyen of Baraga, Jeffrey and Jacqueline Minton of Raber, MI, Kimberly and Cyril (Joe) Fortier of L’Anse, MI, Gary (Reggie) and Marlene LaPlante of L’Anse, MI, Great Grandmother, Beverly Lussier of Zeba, MI, and Great Grandparents Shirley and Robert Velmer of Baraga, MI.

ANDREW CHOSA NAMED CEO OF AANIKOOSING, INC.

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce the hiring of Andrew Chosa as the Chief Executive Officer of Aanikoosing Inc.

Mr. Chosa is a member of the Ke-weenaw Bay Indian Community and grew up in Baraga. He got an undergraduate degree (with distinction) in Business Administration from the University of Michigan in 2003. He worked as a financial advisor at American Express for a year after graduation. After leaving American Express Financial Advisors (now Ameriprise Financial), he worked for American Indian Health and Family Services in Detroit, as a Finance Manager with grant writing and management responsibilities for 5 years.

Andrew was a Graduate Assistant for two years at the NMU College of Business while he finished his Master of Business Administration degree. Upon graduating in May of 2012, he took a position at the non-profit provider of substance abuse and mental health services in 11 UP communities, Great Lake Recovery Centers, Inc., as the Foundation Coordinator in charge of marketing, fund development, grant writing and management. He was there for 2 and ½ years when he accepted the Chief Executive Officer position of the KBIC’s economic development corporation, Aanikoosing, Inc., starting in January of 2015.

The board interviewed multiple qualified Tribal Members for this position and is pleased to select Andrew Chosa to lead Aanikoosing Inc. as it completes construction and begins operation of the Marquette gas station and convenience center and continues to develop additional businesses for the benefit of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

Please join us in supporting Mr. Chosa as he works for the benefit of all KBIC Members.

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Geraldine “Honey” (Bressette) Bess
(May 15, 1940 - December 15, 2014)

Geraldine “Honey” (Bressette) Bess, 74, of Marquette, passed away Monday evening, December 15, 2014, at the Eastwood Nursing Center in Negaunee under the care of U.P. Home Health & Hospice. Honey was born on May 15, 1940, in Assinins, Michigan, to the late Clifford and Seraphine (Papin) Bressette. She was a member of St. Christopher Catholic Church and the Ke-weenaw Bay Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Honey was a devoted mother and grandmother and enjoyed being a homemaker and caring for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She also enjoyed going to the casino and attending softball games.


Besides her parents, Honey was pre-ceded in death by three brothers: Wayne, Don, and Allen Bressette; and a sister, Gloria Finnerty. A Funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, December 19, 2014, at St. Christopher Catholic Church with the Rev. Michael Chenier officiating. A luncheon immediately fol-lowed in the parish hall. The Canale-Tonella Funeral Home assisted the fam-ily.

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

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

All Tribal Veterans’ Meeting at the Lighthouse, Sand Point, will be held every third Wednesday of the month at 1900 hours.

All Tribal Veterans are Welcome!

The Marquette KBIC Seniors enjoyed a Christmas Luncheon on December 6, 2014, held at the Holiday Inn. Dinner consisted of Sliced Roast Turkey Breast, Baked Glazed Ham, Baby Carrots, Green Beans, Bread Stuffing, Fruit Pie and a Garden Salad.

All seniors were mailed a gift card compliments of the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Council.

The Marquette KBIC Senior Christmas Dinner was planned and organized by Pat Brown. Pictures were made available compliments of Carrie Ashbrook.

KBIC Tribal member, Tom Chosa, has been elected by fellow fire fighters as Fire Chief of the Baraga Fire Department. Chosa has been a dedicated fire-fighter with the department for 12 years and a total of 27 years in the field. His fire fighting career began at the age of 17 when he went on fire calls with his dad in Rocky Boy, MT. During the 90’s, he was employed full-time with the Sy-cuan Fire Department where he worked his way up to the rank of Captain and Department Training Officer. Chosa fights fires not only locally but works on-call nation-wide as a Wildland Firefighter crew member.

As the top ranking official, Chosa is overall responsible for the Baraga Fire Department. He will also be planning, with the assistance of fellow department members, fire inspections and other community events promoting fire safety in our community. Congratulations Chief Thomas Chosa!
Marquette Christmas Youth Party continues:

Alex Madosh, Dale Madosh, and Chance Kinney with Santa.

Eli Potter’s first Santa visit.

Zues, Alexis, Khole, and Kylie Schofield enjoyed their time with Santa.

Allie and Ayden Carne visit with Santa.

Hannah Harvala receives her present from Santa.

Trinity, Annabella, and James Hemmila.

Emma Spade tells Santa her Christmas list.

Hunter Verboczi enjoyed his visit with Santa.
Kiana and Kayah Loonsfoot spend time with Santa.

Beverly “Pumpkin” Lussier recalls her Christmas list for Santa.

Brothers, Preston Stevens and Kydan Dean, spent some time with Santa.

Corbin Hebert and Santa spent some time making sure his list was thoroughly noted.

Cale Swartz enjoyed his visit with Santa Claus.

Aubree Hartzog spends time with Santa.

Santa pictures continues on page twelve.
This semester, Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College is offering special topics courses and a special deal for anyone who’d like to take a course for personal interest. The special topics courses include three short courses which will be completed in the first half of the semester. In Stringed Instruments – A Study, Dave Morehouse will lead students in active experience of a variety of stringed instruments, from construction through knowledgeable listening and beginning to play. Research Interviewing, a one-credit condensed course completed in two full days in early February plus a starting-up class session in January, will prepare students to work as ethical, effective interviewers for studies conducted by Tribal organizations. Valoree Gagnon is the instructor. The topic of the third course, Graphic Novel, may need explanation. Graphic novels combine novel-like stories with comic-book-style illustrations to create a new form of literature. Students will explore graphic novels and present stories of their own in graphic novel form in Graphic Novel, taught by Jesse Koenig.

After Graphic Novel ends, A Taste of Theater will take its place in the class schedule for the second half of the semester. This course, taught by Lynn Aho, will explore the experiences of contemporary theater from the audience members’ and creators’ perspectives, including those of artists, designers, technicians, and managers as well as the better-known authors, actors, and directors.

Full-semester special courses for Spring 2015 are Introduction to Culinary Arts – offered again based on requests from prospective students – and a second-level course, Culinary Arts II, which will focus on yeast breads, plus meat, fish, and poultry. Joe Schutte will teach both culinary classes.

Students can now earn an associate’s degree in business at KBOCC as well as take courses for career development. Either, way this spring’s Business Communication course will enhance students’ effectiveness in the workplace. Current and aspiring future managers will benefit from Management and Supervision. Megan Haataja, Business Department Chair, will teach both these courses.

Please see the full course schedule on “Academics” page of the college’s new website www.kbocc.edu.

What’s the special deal? The college’s Spring 2015 “Cabin Fever Special” reduces enrollment fees by fifty dollars for students auditing a course – that is, taking it for personal interest and not earning college credits toward a degree. This is a great, low-risk way to give college a try before enrolling in a degree program as well as a reduced-cost opportunity to enjoy personal enrichment together with familiar and new acquaintances. Get out of the house and learn something new this winter!
Escanaba, Michigan—Sixteen attendees completed a two-day training offered by UPCAP in November. These individuals are now able to conduct Matter of Balance classes in their respective Upper Peninsula communities.

A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls is a nationally recognized evidence based program, designed to help people manage concerns about falls and increase physical activity.

A Matter of Balance is conducted in eight (8) two-hour sessions and uses group discussion, problem-solving strategies, videos, and gentle physical exercise. Older adults learn positive coping methods to reduce fear of falling and remain active and independent.

UPCAP believes this to be a valuable program for persons living with concerns about falling, and will utilize these newly trained coaches to help expand the availability of this program across the Upper Peninsula.

This class was completed by Mary Linden, Elizabeth "Popcorn" Mayo, and Mary Dee Shanahan, of the Donald LaPointe Medical Facility, and they will be offering classes beginning in January. The dates have not been decided yet, and flyers will be posted when information is complete. For more information on classes offered through the Donald LaPointe Medical Facility, contact Mary Dee Shanahan at (906) 353-4530.
Thank you to all that participated in the KBIC-NRD Air Quality Survey. We had well over 100 responses and many great comments. Your input will help us with the completion of a Level 3 Emissions Inventory as well as address the concerns you raised regarding our current air quality.

All respondents were offered an incentive gift for their time. Gifts included a carbon monoxide alarm, radon test kit or a wood moisture meter. We also had three raffle winners that each received a $50 Pines gift card. Those winners are: Chimene Puska, Kathleen Mayo, and Heather Maki. If you have not yet received your incentive gift and you have completed the air quality survey, please contact Stephanie Kozich, Air Quality Specialist at (906) 524-5757 x 28.

In upcoming months, the results of this survey will be published for public viewing.

January is Radon Action Month

What is Radon?
Radon is a naturally occurring gas that comes from various rocks, soils, and under groundwater sources. Radon forms from the breakdown of the natural elements uranium and radium.

Where is Radon located?
Radon can be in your home. It can get in through any tiny space that comes in contact with soil that contains radon or through groundwater. Radon changes from a solid form into a gaseous or liquid form and can be released from the soil and groundwater. One way radon can get into buildings is by cracks in the basement, and if there is not good ventilation, radon concentration can be harmful.

What makes Radon so dangerous?
Radon gives off radiation that can cause lung cancer. Radon is second only to smoking as a cause of lung cancer. It’s a silent killer, since people can’t tell if they’re being exposed.

If you are concerned about Radon in your home, test kits are available free of charge. Please contact, Stephanie Kozich, Air Quality Specialist at (906) 524-5757 ext. 28.

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Employment Opportunities


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

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

FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS (FDPIR) NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS*

(Effective October 1, 2013)

*The net monthly income standard for each household size is the sum of the applicable Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) net monthly income standard and the applicable SNAP standard deduction.

48 Contiguous United States

| House- | SNAP Net | SNAP Standard | Use this amount |
| Size | $1,196 | $260 | $1,456 |
| 2 | $1,615 | $260 | $1,875 |
| 3 | $2,035 | $260 | $2,295 |
| 4 | $2,454 | $260 | $2,714 |
| 5 | $2,873 | $260 | $3,133 |
| 6 | $3,392 | $274 | $3,656 |
| 7 | $3,711 | $274 | $3,965 |
| 8 | $4,130 | $274 | $4,404 |

FDPIR Income Deductions—see 7 CFR 273.8(b)(3)

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

Dependent Care Deduction — Households that qualify for the dependent care deduction are allowed a deduction 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 3% of monthly income. Out-of-pocket medical expenses are provided at 7 CFR 273.8(b)(3).

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

- 48 Contiguous U.S. States
  - October 1, 2013—October 31, 2013 = $200
  - November 1, 2013—September 30, 2014 = $198
  - October 1, 2013—October 31, 2013 = $200
  - November 1, 2013—September 30, 2014 = $198

Use 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 a standard income deduction (see chart below). Allowable shelter/utility expenses are provided at 7 CFR 273.8(b)(6).

FY2014 FDPIR Standard Shelter/Utility Expense Deductions—Based on Region

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*If the geographic boundaries of an Indian reservation extend to more than one region per the identified regional groupings above, then a qualifying household has the option to receive the appropriate shelter/utility expense deduction amount for the State in which the household resides or the State in which the State agency’s central administrative office is located.
JANUARY 2015 Calendar Events

- Jan 1: New Year’s Day, Gov’t Offices closed;
- Jan 2: New Year Holidays, Gov’t Offices closed;
- Jan 5: Constitutional Committee Meeting, 10 am, Council Chambers;
- Jan 10: Reg. Sat. Council Meeting, 9 am, Ojibwa Conference Rooms;
- Jan 21: Martin Luther King Day, Gov’t Offices closed.

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

ATENTION: TO: ALL TRIBAL COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN

Applications for Small Boat and Large Boat Commercial Fishing Licenses for the Year 2015-2016 Commercial Fishing Season are available at the KBIC License Department located in the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Center. The new license year will begin: May 1, 2015.

Applications must be returned to the Licensing/Motor Vehicle Office by: Friday, February 6, 2015. All applications for licenses will be reviewed and selected by the Tribal Council. All Tribal members who apply must have completed the required U.S. Food and Drug Administration Hazard Analysis and Critical Point (HACCP) Training and present a copy of the certificate with the application. A Boat Safety Fishing Vessel Examination with a certified official must be completed and that documentation must be provided with the application. The application also includes fishing vessel information which requests: the vessel’s name/number/length.

For Boat Safety Inspections contact:
Tribal Conservation Department, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, (906) 353-6626 or U.S. Coast Guard/Hancock, (906) 482-1520

~ NOTICE ~

Tribal Council passed KB-44-2014 and there will be a Constitutional Convention to address Council’s resolution on the following dates, times, and locations:
- February 3, 2015, Zeba Community Center, 6 pm — 8 pm
- February 10, 2015, Ojibwa Senior Center, 6 pm — 8 pm
- February 17, 2015, Zeba Community Center, 6 pm — 8 pm
Baraga Christmas Youth Party continues:

Madison and Jadyn Chaudier visit with Santa Claus.

Bentley and Bryten VanDyke give Santa their lists.

Johanna Tammelin tells Santa her Christmas list.

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
11th Winter Traditional Pow-Wow
Saturday, January 31, 2015
Niwin Akeaa Community Center • Baraga, MI

Public Welcome
Honoring • Tribal Council
11:00 AM

Head Man Dancer
Randlin Awonohpay

Head Lady Dancer
Jamie Awonohpay

Head Veteran Dancer
James Martin

Youth Head Man Dancer
Donavin Awonohpay

Youth Head Lady Dancer
Jaycie Forcia

Junior Head Boy Dancer
Nathnin Awonohpay

Junior Head Girl Dancer
Shantell Simmons

Host Drum
Beartown Singers

Invited Drums
Four Thunders
Mongosi Singers
Summer Cloud
Woodland Singers

Master of Ceremonies
Joey Awonohpay

Arena Director
George Gauthier

Assistant Arena Director
LeRoy Gauthier

Veteran Honor Guard
Keweenaw Bay

Traditional Advisor
Harlan Downwind

Pink Shawl Honor Dance: 4 PM
Honoring Beverly Lussier

Miss Keweenaw Bay
Kayla Dakota

Tribal Elder
Shirley A. McKasy

Tribal Elder
Roger F. Duscheene

For information contact KBIC Cultural Committee
Cultural Center: 906-353-7020
Gerry: 906-201-2407 • Diane: 906-553-6060
Rodney: 906-201-0064

Not Responsible for Theft or Accidents
Security Provided
Absolutely NO Alcohol—NO Drugs—Violence will NOT Be Tolerated
Invited Dances Only—DUE TO LIMITED SPACE

Happy New Year! Be safe and use a designated driver!

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

“Your Children…Our Priority”
We provide the following services:

• Establishment, Enforcement and Modification of Child Support Orders
• Paternity Establishment
• Location of Custodial and Non-Custodial Parents
• Community Education

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