Shakopee Mdewakanton Tribe
Assist KBIC with Water Monitoring on Yellow Dog Plains

Water is a sacred gift of life. This teaching is an important part of Ojibwe culture. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) is concerned about the threat metal mining poses to the Great Lakes and takes seriously its obligation to protect the waters for the next seven generations. Planned and permitted hardrock mining in the western Lake Superior region brings with it potential large scale and long term environmental risks. Accordingly, KBIC has been very active in mining issues in Michigan for the past several years.

Aquifers of the Yellow Dog Plains, located just east of the L’Anse Reservation, discharge to form several pristine rivers including the Salmon Trout River and the Yellow Dog River which flow directly into nearby Lake Superior. The Yellow Dog Plains is also the location of the first metal sulfide mineral mining permitted by the State of Michigan under their new non-ferrous metal mining laws at the Eagle Mine.

KBIC feels ecologic baseline conditions and water monitoring are needed to verify that these untested regulatory rules are sufficient to mitigate the environmental risks which pose potential threats to their 1842 Treaty reserved rights and to their 1855 Treaty reserved language and culture. The Tribes also share a common cause to protect our reservations, ceded lands and culture. These Tribes also share a common cause to protect our reservations, ceded lands and culture.

KBIC believes that the preservation of our land, our culture, and our way of life require that we act now as guardians for the next seven generations and sulfide mining will be the single greatest threat to our lands in our lifetime. Many thanks to the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community for the funding assistance on this critical water monitoring project.

KBOCC GRANTED ACCREDITATION STATUS

The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College received formal notification that the Higher Learning Commission Board of Trustees at its meeting on June 27, 2013, voted to grant accreditation to the College. In taking this action, the Board considered the self-study submitted by the College, the report of the comprehensive evaluation team, the report of the Institutional Actions Council (IAC) hearing committee, and the College’s responses to these reports. The evaluation team visited the College's campus on November 5-7, 2012, and recommended accreditation. On May 6, 2013, a four member team from Ojibwa Community College met with the Institutional Actions Council who concurred with the evaluation team and submitted their recommendation to the HLC Board of Trustees.

Many attend 11th Annual KBIC Kids Fishing Derby

This year the champion Fisherkid is 11-year-old Bryan Kin-nunen (left), who caught five bluegills and a sunfish. Kinnunen won over $100 in gift cards and various coupons from local businesses, the Championship Trophy, and first pick in the big prize tent (he selected the bike he is pictured riding on!). KBIC Tribal Natural Resources held their Annual Kids’ Fishing Derby on Saturday, June 29, 2013, at the Ojibwa Recreation Area—Sand Point Pond, in Lakewato, WI.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- July 12, 2013 Tribal Council Meeting
- KBOCC Granted Accreditation
- 11th Annual Kids Fishing Derby
- KBIC Constitution Committee’s Information Release To The People
- Dompier Retires from Ojibwa Casino
- KBIC Dance Troupe Exhibitions
- Maamaadizi
- Deepest Sympathy

KBOCC President Debbie Parrish said, “The accreditation process has been a long journey for the College, from our initial candidacy status in 2009 to full accreditation in 2013. All of the hard work from our staff, faculty, and Board of Regents has finally paid off. We are very proud of the commitment and support we received from our students, the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Council and community. A celebration will be held in August.”
The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled meeting on July 13, 2013, at the Ojibwe Casino Conference Room, in Baraga, Michigan. President Warren C. Szwarz, Jr. presided over the meeting with Elizabeth D. Mayo, Susan J. LaFerriere, Toni Minton, and Jennifer Misegan present.

A brief update on the sales and use tax resolutions. The scholarship amount is $1,000, twice a year for up to six years, and will be awarded to a new student each fall. The KBIC Education Department announces the availability of the 2013 KBIC Memorial Scholarship Application deadline is August 10, 2013. For more information and to request an application, contact amy@KBIC.nsn.gov.

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

- I participated in a feral swine management conference with the USDA. The primary goal is to manage feral swine and to reduce the impacts of feral swine running loose in the wild. Officials from various agencies are coming to the reservation to do a government to government consultation.

- Commander Shalifoe and I met with Veteran State Representatives at Post 144 in L'Anse to discuss their funding levels. They told us there is a possibility their funding could be cut, and we talked about options to keep the program going. We told them to consult with other tribal leaders in Michigan and see if they could access their 2% gaming funds to help. In addition, they provided an update to us regarding the programs and services they offer to Veterans here in Michigan.

- I met with Regional Director Diane Rosen and discussed the forestry program. She told us the funding level we requested was not what they were able to provide. She gave us an overview of the program here in Michigan and how the funding is spent. About $300,000 is spent here in Michigan. She suggested we make a request for additional funds and gave us suggestions on how to move forward that request to our Congressmen. We took the opportunity to visit our powwow grounds to do a site visit related to the recent paving that was done there. She was impressed with the grounds.

- We have been working on our application relating to the water quality here on the reservation, and I’m happy to report that it was sent out, and we are waiting to hear back from the Feds, so we can start to regulate the water quality here on the L’Anse Indian Reservation. In the letter, I noted that we are an Indian Tribe who has a governing body, and the functions to be exercised by us pertain to the management and protection of water resources and that we have the required resources to be able to exercise those functions in a manner consistent with the terms and purposes of the clean water act.

- I’m scheduled to meet Adam Burley, President of the Eagle Mining Company. I’m scheduled to meet Adam Burley, President of the Eagle Mining Company. I’m scheduled to meet Adam Burley, President of the Eagle Mining Company.

Activities reported by the Secretary, Susan J. LaFerrier, for the month of June 2013.

We continue to work on the Government Personnel Policy revisions. The summer has been busy, and we hope to resume meeting in the fall. Regular meetings after many meetings and reviewing the results of a wind feasibility study and solar assessment of our Community, the CARE (Community for Alternative and Renewable Energy) Committee and Council approved to install a 20 kW photovoltaic (solar) system at our Commodity Foods Warehouse facility to help offset the current electricity cost and address the feasibility of solar reinstallation to other Tribal facilities. The project requires a request for supplemental funding. Thanks for all of the hard work from CARE personnel.

The Tribal Council has also approved Resolution KB 1944-2013 which is a moratorium to ensure the protection of the health, security, and welfare of our Reservation Homeland, the people, the culture, and environment of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community for future generations from the potential adverse effects of metal mining or processing. The Tribe recognises that metal mining activities within the boundaries of its Reservation Homeland and all activities related thereto should be avoided forever. The moratorium shall become effective until it shall have been approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

The membership of this Tribe is the answer to modernizing our constitution, to getting involved in the process, and to provide your opinions to these changes. The Tribal Constitutional Committee meets on the first Friday of each month. These meetings are open to the members.

Below is the current wording in Article VIII Section 1. This Constitution and By-laws may be amended by a majority vote of the Community voting at an election called for that purpose by the Secretary of the Interior provided that at least thirty (30) per cent of those entitled to vote shall vote in such an election, but no amendment shall become effective until it shall have been approved by the Secretary of the Interior. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Interior to call an Assembly on any proposed amendment upon presentation of a petition signed by two-thirds of the eligible voters of the Community. The membership of this Tribe is the answer to modernizing our constitution, to getting involved in the process, and to provide your opinions to these changes. The Tribal Constitutional Committee meets on the first Friday of each month. These meetings are open to the members.

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The Drug Tip Line number is 353-DRUG or 353-3784. The yellow banners are around the reservation with this drug tip line number displayed. The Drug Task Force holds monthly meetings, and their Mission Statement is: To promote education through public awareness with the specific objective to eliminate the use of illegal drugs and the belief of the provision of health, welfare, and safety of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and our neighboring Communities.

Remember to continue to pray for each other, to 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 loved ones during the past year. We pray that we will and the world will be graced with the gifts of peace, love, and joy.

Thank you for all that you do to keep our lands, waters, and our natural environment that God and Creator, for the great blessings of our land. Who does the land belong to? Some to those who have walked on, a little to those who have not walked on. All to those yet to be born.” ~ unknown.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan J. LaFerrier, Secretary

Secretarial’s Report for June 2013

Dear Members:

At the Saturday, July 13, 2013 Tribal Council Meeting, Council passed Resolution KB-1914-2013 after recommendation of the Constitutional Committee, which replaced KB-1862-2011, to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to hold a Constitutional amendment election to change our constitution, removing the Secretary of the Interior from our amendment process.

The current process, which is under the Secretary of the Interior, is very cumbersome. If major changes are requested, that request has to be sent to the Secretary of the Interior and back again adding months and in some cases years to the process. It will not completely remove the Secretary of the Interior from our Constitution, only from the amendment process. It will provide a less cumbersome process for updating our constitution by local Tribal members with the help of our own legal staff. The Secretary still has to approve the amendment once passed by our membership.

Why has the Tribal Council enacted this request at this time? These changes are proactive in nature as Federal courts across this country now use Tribal Constitutions as the deciding factor on Sovereignty Immunity. This is only one reason, as our Constitution is out-of-date and in need of change. We have to modernize our constitution, and in turn, for a period not to exceed five (5) years until the Tribal Council adopts a mining regulatory ordinance that will govern mineral exploration and mining activities within the Reservation.

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

- A new loan program has been established at Superior National Bank & Trust’s Baraga branch. KBIC members, at least 18 years of age and reside in Baraga or Marquette Counties, can apply for a KBIC guaranteed loan up to $5,000 for fees associated with attendance at a licensed, registered, or accredited Vocational Technical Program School of higher learning. The program has a maximum loan pool of $25,000 available. KBIC will serve as co-signor for each loan issued by SNB. Repayment by the borrower would commence 90 days following the date the student completes the program. Applications and additional information regarding the program are available through the TERO Director whose office is located at the KBIC Tribal Center.

- The Health Board approved moving forward with the hiring of Dr. Peter Benson. Dr. Benson was brought on at first to temporarily fill a vacancy created when Dr. Oh retired.

- The Health Board also approved moving into use of the Tribal Health Fund. I.H.S contract health funds have been depleted therefore requiring Tribal funds to be used to pay for KB members care. Services provided directly at the health center will continue to be available to eligible descendants and KB members but payment for Priority I care provided off-site will be limited to KB members only. The change took effect on June 21.

- Francis LaPointe, CFO, Jim Nardi, HR Director, and I met with Rodney Crawley of Amerind Risk Management Corp to discuss their available insurance plans related to Property & Liability and Workers’ Compensation. Due to Amerind’s structure, which includes ownership by over 450 tribes, Rodney indicated that KBIC could potentially see a savings in premiums of up to 30%, which has been the experience with other tribes who have switched. Rodney will be working on submitting proposals for comparison purposes in the near future.

- The Ojibwa Casino’s Marketing Manager, Jackie Skytta, submitted her resignation which was effective June 28. The GM’s have reviewed the job description, and the position is currently posted.

- The CEO met on June 25 to discuss the Affordable Care Act requirements and related information gathered at recent meetings they attended. Sarah Maki, Asst. CEO, and Jerry Lee Curtis, Substance Abuse Programs Administrator, provided information they received at their meeting held by the I.H.S, and Jim Nardi, HR Director, relayed information he had acquired from the Tribe’s health insurance provider, BCBS perspective which relates to employer issues. The Tribe has two components to deal with regarding health care reform, and after hearing the information provided during our meeting, I believe our biggest issues are going to be related to educating our community members and ensuring our health center is prepared for the enrollment period which is to begin this October. We will also focus on the impacts related to health services provided at our health center. We will continue to meet internally as well as attend the informational meetings externally, to aid in the development of required policies and procedures. A plan will also be developed to provide information to the community members prior to October on this very complex issue. From an employer standpoint, it appears that our current health plans do meet the requirements of care required; however, an evaluation of whether our current plans costs paid by the employees in relation to their family income thresholds still needs to be reviewed. I would recommend that at minimum a half-day of one of Council’s meetings in late July to early August be set aside to discuss both aspects of health care reform facing the Tribe. This is a very complex and continually changing issue that needs thorough discussion and consideration.

- Since the hiring of Jerry Jondreau as the Tribe’s Forester, staff has been working with the Bureau of Indian Affairs to contract directly for forestry services. The Bureau currently employs one forester who has responsibilities for portions of MI, WI, and MN, and does not adequately provide the level of services needed to properly manage the Tribe’s forests. In negotiating with the Bureau, they provided an offer just over $1,000 which has been declined and is not sufficient for the Tribe to cover the costs associated with managing our forests. Since the Bureau has declined any further negotiations, the Tribe will be working on filing an appeal with the Bureau’s hearing agency.

- I had the opportunity to meet with Jerry LaCourt of LaCourt Bottle Gas Co. Jerry was under contract this past heating season to provide LP gas at a set fee. The program did provide savings to the members who participated as well as the Tribal facilities which use LP gas for heat. The program ran through April of this year which was short of covering the longer than usual winter. Jerry is willing, if we chose to work on the program this coming winter, to extend the set pricing through the end of May which would also coincide with the Tribe’s heating program for its seniors and disabled members.

- In a final note, Sarah Maki, Asst. CEO, was selected to serve as the newest member of the Baraga Area Schools Board as a trustee. She applied for the vacancy created by Tracy Barrett who recently resigned. Sarah was provided an interview at their June 25 board meeting and appointed that night – she was the only interviewee.

As always, if anyone has questions, concerns, or issues 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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FOURTH OF JULY ON THE KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY REZ, BARAGA, MI

Collage by Lauri Denomie.
Baraga, MI. This year's event was named in honor of Todd Warner, who passed away on July 18, 2012. Warner was the Director of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community’s Natural Resource Department and had a great passion for conservation and protection of natural resources.

Registered fisher-kids numbered 425 this year... another record breaker! Gene Mensch, organizer of the annual event, said, “We had no choice but to close registration due to crowd size and exhausted supplies. There were over 125 fish captured during derby pond competition. The event has grown to be a favorite summer activity, and we have, literally for the past two years, had families contact us in advance asking about Derby dates, so they can schedule their family vacations around the event.”

Several members of the Todd Warner Family were in attendance, and a special award, the "Todd Warner Legacy Award", was presented to Sierra Ayres, during the Derby. Sierra is currently enrolled at the University of Michigan, and the $500 Scholarship that is the Todd Warner Legacy Award will go toward her continued education.

Kids Fishing Derby continues:

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This youngster enjoys spending time with one of the clown (Lisa Denomie) who were giving out balloons and stickers.

Picture by Lauri Denomie.
On the morning of May 25, 2013, seven young people from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Michigan Technological University’s faculty member Marty Auer, and a team of volunteers from the Cedar Tree Institute boarded a research boat in Houghton for a venture to Lake Superior’s Isle Royale National Park. Elders from KBIC graciously designated the trip in their traditional Ojibway language—Maamaadizi, (The beginning of a journey).

During the next five days, the group hiked miles of trails, prepared food over camp stoves, learned navigating skills, did Tai Chi in forest meadows, and slept in tents and sleeping bags. National Park Ranger Seth Tuuri commented, “I’ve never seen a group like this. No complaining about the weather, food, or the trails. These kids are comfortable in the forest. They know how to kneel down on the ground, ponder lichen growing on a rock. They’re eager to look for signs of wildlife most visitors to Isle Royale never think about.

Isle Royale, located in the far Northwestern part of Lake Superior, is one of the most fascinating of North America’s National Parks. A designated wilderness area, there are no vehicles or roads permitted on the Island. A highlight of the group’s adventure was a visit to Rolf Peterson’s remote Moose Research Center, accessed by boat from the Park’s Rock Harbor. The group hiked through dense groves of hardwoods and pine forests, arriving at a small cabin where the world-famous researcher and his wife have spent the last 40 summers. The delegation roamed, with a sense of reverence and astonishment, through a collection of hundreds of moose antlers. They were spellbound by the retired MTU’s professor’s knowledge of the natural world, especially the relationship of the 800 moose and eight wolves that still roam the dozens of Islands that frame the boundaries of the Park.

During days on the main Island, Jeff Noble, a forester and former forest fire fighter, used an eyeglass, inviting curious group members to examine small flowers, spores, and leaves. During evenings, sounds of loons and the howls of a lone grey wolf punctuated the dark nights. The KBIC youth delegation was made up of 11 and 12-year-olds, with representatives of the tribe’s Wolf, Bear, and Crane family clans. Participants included Amy Selden, Kayla Dakota, Abby Spruce, Jessica Wickstrom, Jaycie Forcia, Bobby Spruce, Jessica’s father, served as the KBIC delegation’s chaperone, supervisor, and much-appreciated cook.

A helpful, insightful team member for the Maamaadizi Project, was Justin Miller, an AmeriCorps volunteer working with the elders program for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chipewa Indians. Justin joined the group as a representative from that community to explore intertribal partnerships for future trips to the Park. Other participants included boat captain Stephen Roblee, CTI volunteers Willie Noble, Dan and Adam Magnuson. MTU students Nate Zgnilec and Miles Corcoran served as guides and also as deckhands for the research vessel. Northern Michigan University Environmental Studies student Anna Sollberg accompanied the group as the Project’s photographer.

As KBIC’s Kayla Dakota waited to board the 36 ft. long Agassiz to return home, she turned to CTI’s Director saying with a proud smile, “I will return here one day, many years from now, with young people from our tribe,” she said. “I will be there when it is time.”

As the Agassiz started up its diesel engines, 12-year-old William Genschow, standing for the last few moments on the dock, looked at the rugged, forested ridges and rocky shoreline and said, “We won’t be forgotten. We’ll always be known as the first official delegation from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community to ever visit this National Park. And I will remember what I was taught by our tribal elders. No one owns the land. We all belong to it.”

* Special thanks to Lori Ann Sherman and Evelyn Ravindran from KBIC’s Natural Resource Department who worked with Tribal families and school officials to coordinate logistics for this venture with the Cedar Tree Institute, a nonprofit organization that provides services in the areas of mental health, religion, and the environment.

SORMA Education and Information Day
Friday, August 16, 2013, 9:00am – 12:30pm
Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room

Anyone interested in learning about the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community’s Sex Offender Registration Program or the KBIC Sex Offender Registry is welcome to stop by the Ojibwa Conference room any time between 9am and 12:30pm, Friday August 16, 2013.

This educational session is for anyone who:

* Has a question about why someone may or may not be on the KBIC Sex Offender Registry.
* Wants to sign up for community notification from the Registry.
* Needs information about where to turn when dealing with an abusive situation.
* Would like information or an update on the current state of affairs regarding the activities of the SORNA office.

If you have any questions or for more information, please contact:
Chuck Miller – SORMA Coordinator, KBIC Tribal Police at 353-6626 or cmiller@kbic-nan.gov

(7) Niizhwaaswi
Robert A. "Birdie" Sheldon
(July 10, 1965-July 5, 2013)

Robert A. "Birdie" Sheldon, age 47, of Baraga passed away on Monday, July 8, 2013, at Marquette General Hospital.

He was born July 10, 1965, in L’Anse, MI, the son of Robert and Gerlinde (Picard) Curtis, Sr. He married the former Jennifer Lister in L’Anse on July 9, 2009. George was a card dealer at the Ojibwa Casino, Baraga. On October 23, 1982, they married the former Jennifer Lister in L’Anse.

He was a member of the KBIC, Blessed Kateri Church, and the Ojibwa Casino, Baraga. He was a member of the KBIC, Blessed Kateri Church, and the Ojibwa Casino, Baraga.

He was the older of five children: Jaclyn and Jade both at home; his mother Roberta G. "Birdie" Sheldon;

George is survived by his wife, Jennifer, children:

Younger of five children: Jaclyn and Jade both at home; his mother Roberta G. "Birdie" Sheldon; and dear friend Harry LaFernier.

Robert A. "Birdie" Sheldon was an avid camper, and enjoyed reading and playing pool frequently at the L’Anse VFW, fishing, hunting, watching sports, and being in the woods.

"Birdie" is survived by his loving husband, Jim; son, Jay of Green Bay; and daughters: Lily (Terry) Marcotte of Baraga, Amber Weigel of Fayetteville, and daughter Chelsey, sister DeDe, and brother Ronnie.

Funeral services for Birdie were held on Saturday, July 13, 2013, at the Reed Funeral Service and Chapel, in L’Anse, with Pastor Judy Mattson officiating. Following the services, the family held a fellowship and luncheon at the Baraga American Legion Post #44. The Reed Funeral Home of L’Anse assisted the family.
Breastfeeding Matters
By: Laura Cladas RN, IBCLC
WIC Coordinator KBIC-DHHS

I would like to encourage all women who are pregnant to Breastfeed their baby. Why Breastfeed your baby?? Why feed your baby Human Milk?? Breast Milk is designed for Human Babies. Breast Milk provides ideal nutrition for growth and health, it's easy to digest, changes over time to meet baby’s growing needs, and protects from illness by providing immunity. It is recommended that infants be Breastfed exclusively for the first six months of life. At the age of six-months infants can start eating solid foods — vegetables, fruit, and cereal (baby foods), which will supplement Breast Milk. It is recommended that infants have Breast Milk for the first year of life.

It's important for Moms to remember that any amount of Breast Milk is beneficial for your baby — SO, GET STARTED, GIVE FEEDING BREAST MILK A TRY, SEE HOW IT GOES, ONE DAY AT A TIME!!!! You and your baby can decide how long.

The WIC Program offers Breastfeeding Education, Encouragement and Support. Please feel free to contact Laura Cladas, RN, IBCLC at 353-4527 for any information about Breastfeeding.

This institution is an equal opportunity Provider.

Creating Confident Caregivers
A special program for family members caring for a loved one at home with Alzheimer’s or dementia.

About the program —
Creating Confident Caregivers utilizes the Savvy Caregiver Program, a university tested program designed for family members caring for a loved one with dementia at home. Two hour sessions are held once a week for six weeks and respite care may be available. There is no charge to participants for the workshop or materials. This program provides participants with information, skills and attitudes to manage stress and increase effective caregiving skills.

Respite Care —
Care for your family member with memory loss may be available through participating agencies while caregivers attend the sessions.

*Ask for details when you register.*

Classes Offered —
Attend FREE!

Day & Dates: Monday’s 8/5/13-9/16/13

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: Lakeside Inn

Address: 900 South U.S. HWY-41, Baraga, MI 49908

To register contact: Tammy at 1-800-338-7227, Dial 2-1-1 or visit our website at www.upcap.org.

Testimonial —
"After the first class, I felt a weight had been lifted. I learned so much. It's helpful to know what I'm experiencing is normal and I'm not alone." ~ Family Caregiver

What's in it for you? Learn about —
• Dementia and its effects on the brain
• Caregiver resources
• Managing behaviors
• Improving caregiving skills
• How to handle everyday activities more easily
• Taking care of yourself to better care for your loved one

Provided by:
The Area Agency on Aging/UPCAP

Ojibwa Senior’s Annual Picnic
Friday, September 6, 2013
Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon

Menu
BBQ Ribs
Corn on the Cob
Coleslaw
Potato
Ice Cream Sundae

Must sign up by August 28th at the Senior Center.

Contact Dave Firestone for more information.

Sponsored by KBIC Senior Caregivers, Community Health & Ojibwa Seniors

OJIBWA LIBRARY NEWS

Our “Empowering Futures” grant has allowed us to develop two new sections in the library. The first section focuses on books for young adults and includes fiction and non-fiction titles. The second section focuses on financial management, self-improvement, job readiness, and other positive themes. And, as usual, we always have new fiction for our patrons to enjoy. Stop by and check it out.

Our book club is on summer vacation but will resume in September. Our next selection will be "Night Flying Woman," by Ignatia Broker. Watch for the flyers later this month.

Our grant is also providing us with the opportunity to present a Literacy Night late in September. We are looking for local writers to read or make available original poems and short stories. Authors may read their work, or we can find someone to read for them. We would also like to display original art work. It will be a great opportunity to recognize the talented members of our community. Please call the library at 353-8163 if you would like to participate.

~ submitted by Mary Bergerson, Tribal Library Director


Continuous/On Call positions:
• Board Operator
• Pharmacist (on call)
• Receptionist/Clinical Worker (on call)
• Cashier (part-time)
• Registered Nurse (on call)
• Licensed Practical Nurse (on call)
• Account Executive/Sales (full time)

• Pre-Primary Teaching Assistant
• Community Service Supervisor (one call)
• Unit Manager (New Day)
• Family Aide
• On-Call Van Driver
• Unit Manager (OWW)
• Youth Programs & Facility Attendant

For current job listings, complete job announcements, applications, and closing dates contact: KBIC Personnel Department, 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49908-5210 or 906-353-6623, ext 4176 or 4116 or visit: www.kbicwa.com

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.

(9) Zhaangaswi
Kids Fishing Derby continues:

Thank YOU!
11th Annual KBIC Kids Fishing Derby
In Memory of Todd L. Warren

DONORS

Community Garden located at the KBIC Commodities.

HONORARY

VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to everyone who has donated and/or volunteered their time to the 2013 Kids Fishing Derby this year!

KBIC COMMUNITY GARDENS

The KBIC’s Natural Resources Department and Committee have planted three Community Gardens on the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Reservation. Supplies for the three gardens are made possible through Keweenaw Bay Tribal Natural Resource’s grant funding, the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, and public donations. We have planted corn, zucchini, squash, egg plant, tomatoes, green peppers, hot peppers, peas, cucumbers, onions, herbs, strawberries, blueberries, and plums.

Participation with gardens is appreciated, any experience is a plus but experience is not necessary. Gardens are open seven (7) days a week—for open hours, contact Charlotte Loonsfoot, Garden Coordinator, at (906) 353-8152 or (906) 235-4220. Stop by and check them out.

Many enjoyed an all-time favorite, hay rides.

An early rainstorm left another activity for these youngsters to enjoy—mud puddles.

Picture by Lauri Denomie.

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A Letter of Intent will be accepted through August 22, 2013, and should be mailed to:

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
C/O Vice- President Mayo
16429 Bear Town Road
Baraga, MI 49908

ATTENTION KBIC MEMBERS:

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- Natural Resources (1) seat
- Indian Child Welfare (1)
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Warren C. Swartz, Jr. – President
16429 Bear Town Rd.
Baraga, MI 49908

KBIC Mining Forum

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2013
OJIBWA CASINO CHIPPEWA ROOM 1 - 4:30 PM

- Get involved
- Increase awareness
- Share ideas & concerns
- Engage in strategic community planning

This forum is intended for tribal members, the local community and invited guests.

If questions, call (906) 524-3707 ext 25

Free Refreshments

Topics include:
- Breast Cancer
- Suicide Prevention
- Fishing and Gardening
- Bullying

For more information contact instructor Raeann Madson: raemann@umich.edu

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Community
Mural Reception

Please join the students of “Perspectives on Native American Health” as they unveil their hard work from the semester. Each student has made a mural that they will share along with important health information. Come learn about health and enjoy some food!

KBOCC

August 7th 11:00AM-Noon in the Ross Room of the Pre-Primary Center

NEWS FROM THE OJIBWA SENIOR CITIZENS

Pasty Sales:
- August 21 — pasty prep starting after lunch (12:15 pm).
- August 22 — pasty making starting at 5:00 am. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED AS EARLY AS YOU CAN MAKE IT!

Upcoming Fundraising:
- September 25 — pasty prep.
- September 26 — pasty making.

Additional Information:
No Senior Meeting is scheduled for the month of August. If anything comes up that needs attention, an Executive Board Meeting will be scheduled.
Senior Picnic will be on September 6, 2013. More information will be posted at the Senior Center.
The Branson trip is scheduled for September 15-22. Those seniors going will be receiving more information around the end of August/beginning of September.
At the June meeting, it was decided to offer two trips for December. One will be to Green Bay, Wisconsin, and the other will be to the Island Resort Christmas on Ice Show. Individuals can sign up for one of the two trips. Sign-up sheet and more information is available at the Senior Center.

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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!
COMMUNITY RECOGNIZES DOMPIER’S DEDICATION

Wendell “Pat” Dompier officially retired from the Ojibwa Casino on July 13, 2013, with over 26 years of service, the final 20 of them as a Casino Shift Manager. Widely respected for his knowledge, work ethic, and dedication to the Casino, we wish Wendell all the best in his richly deserved retirement. Ojibwa Casino co-workers and Governmental Officials joined Wendell for a retirement celebration held in his honor on June 26, 2013, in the Ojibwa Resort Conference room. Shown above is General Manager David Haataja (left) as he presents a plaque to Wendell “Pat” Dompier (right), during his retirement celebration.

Catholic Community of Baraga County

Holy Name of Jesus Saint Kateri Tekakwitha
Pastor Father John Longbucco

Confessions: Sunday before Mass Sunday Mass 12:00 p.m.
353-6565 saintann@up.net

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: https://kbic-nsn.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

Check out http://www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/ocss.htm

Historic Zeba United Methodist Church

“We welcome each of you to our worship services, at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday beginning June 30th at the Campgrounds on Marksman Road, for the summer in our beautiful outdoor tabernacle.”

Pastor: Rev. Stephen Rhoades
Church office 524-7939
Parsonage 524-7936

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

Ojibwa Community Library
409 Superior Ave., Baraga, MI 49908
353-8163 • www.oclib.up.net

Hours: Funded by:
Monday–Thursday 11am–7pm
Friday–closed
Saturday–10am–3pm
and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Dance Troupe Participates in FinnFest

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community’s Cultural Committee hosted the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Dance Troupe at the Finnfest Celebrations held in Baraga County at the Meadowbrook Arena in L’Anse, Michigan, on June 20, 2013. The group presented exhibitions of the following Native American Dances: Men’s Traditional, Women’s Traditional, Jingle Dress, and Fancy Shawl.