Lindsey Loonsfoot, Valedictorian, received an Associate of Applied Science, Early Childhood Education Degree.

Tribal Council Members:
- Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President
- Jennifer Misegan, Vice-President
- Toni J. Minton, Secretary
- Susan J. LaFernier, Asst. Secretary
- Doreen G. Blaker, Treasurer
- Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.
- Eddy Edwards
- Randall R. Haataja
- Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.
- Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.
- Don Messer, Jr.
- Donald Shalifoe, Sr.

The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwe
Ode’mi ni Giizis - Strawberry Moon - June 2015

2015 HONORS AND COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY
HELD AT KEWEENAW BAY OJIBWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

KBOCC held its Honors Convocation and Commencement Ceremony, Saturday, May 2, 2015, at the Niwin Akeaa Center with eight graduates receiving diplomas – (Associate of Applied Science, Early Childhood Education) Danielle Hueckstaedt and Lindsey Loonsfoot; (Associate of Science, Environmental Science) WabaNungoQuay Alakayak and Dylan Friisvall; and (Associate of Arts, Liberal Studies) Veronica Adams, Terri Curtis, Dawn Gauthier, and Nancy Pawlowski. Kathleen Mayo, KBOCC Board of Regents Chairman, served as Master of Ceremonies. Woodlands Drum provided music for the processional, honor song, and recessional. The KBIC Honor Guard led the procession and posted the colors. Invocation was given by elder, Donnie Dowd. Debra Parrish, KBOCC President, presented the welcome for the ceremony, and Tribal President Warren “Chris” Swartz, Jr. gave the Tribal Council’s address. Valedictorian, Lindsey Loonsfoot, and Guest Speaker, Patricia Farley, gave the graduating class commencement addresses. The audience was enlightened by two beautiful musical selections performed by the duo of Jerry Jondreau and WabaNungoQuay Alakayak.

Many awards given to KBOCC students and faculty for their accomplishments during the 2014-2015 academic year are as follows:

- May 2nd Tribal Council Meeting
- KBOCC Honors and Commencement Ceremony
- KBIC Head Start Graduation
- Healing Stories on Racial Equity at KBIC
- KBIC Recognizes Enterprise Employee’s Dedication
- Office of Child Support Services Mother’s Day Recipe Winners
- Ojibwa Senior Citizens News

Patricia Farley gave the Commencement Address at the 2015 KBOCC Graduation Ceremony. Ms. Farley is a KBIC Tribal Member who was born and raised in Baraga, MI, and currently resides in Gulf Breeze, FL. She earned her Bachelor’s Degree from the University of West Florida in Education and her Master’s in Instruction Technology with a subspecialty in Training and Management from the same institution. Pati has recently retired from Pensacola State College where she served as an Instructional Technologist for the College. She is currently a contractor specializing in Educational Technology.

Jerry Jondreau and WabaNungoQuay Alakayak perform two musical selections: Wagon Wheel and My Sweet Carolina.
MAY 2, 2015 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Regular Saturday Tribal Council Meeting was held on May 2, 2015, at the Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room, Baraga, Michigan. President Warren “Chris” Swartz, Jr., presided over the meeting with Jennifer Misegan, Toni Minton, Susan J. LaFernier, Doreen Blaker, R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Randall Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., and Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr. present. Not present: Don Messer, Jr., and Donald Shalifoe, Sr.

President Warren “Chris” Swartz, Jr. shared numerous Thank You and For Your Information items addressed to Council.

President Warren “Chris” Swartz, Jr. gave the President’s Report (page three), Toni Minton gave the Secretary’s Report (page three), and Larry Denomie III gave the CEO’s Report (page five). Council approved the Department Head Reports for the month of March 2015, and approved the meeting minutes for April 2, 2015, April 11, 2015, and April 16, 2015.

Lori Sherman, Director of Keweenaw Bay Tribal Natural Resources Department (KBNRD), presented an amendment to the service agreement between the Bay County Road Commission and the Ojibwa Builders in the Menge Creek Gorge project area, so fish can get from point A to point B. Eight supported (Misegan, Minton, S. LaFernier, LaFreniere, Loonsfoot), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, three absent (Messier, Shalifoe), motion carried.

Lori Sherman, KBNRD Director, presented Council with the bids for the Ojibwa Builders in the Menge Creek Gorge project area, so fish can get from point A to point B. Three supported (Messer, Shalifoe), motion carried.


~ Submitted by Newsletter Editor.

2015 ANN MISEGAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The KBIC Education Department announces the availability of the 2015 Ann Misegan Memorial Scholarship applications. The scholarship amount is $1,000, twice a year for up to six years, and will be awarded to a new student each fall. Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Enrolled Tribal member
- Attending an accredited college/university
- Enrolled as a full-time student
- Pursuing a degree in a Health Care field
- Resident of Baraga or Marquette County

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

For more information and to request an application, contact Amy St. Arnold, KBIC Education Department, at (906) 353-5623, ext. 4117 or at amy@KBIC-nsn.gov. The application deadline is July 6, 2015, at 4 p.m.

NOTICE

Summer hours for the Ojibwa Community Library:

- Monday — Wednesday, 12 pm — 6 pm
- Thursday, 10 am — 2 pm
- Friday, 9:30 am — 12 pm

During the month of May, Carole La Pointe, KBIC Health Administrator (left), received computer equipment and software package from National Lubboziner, Insurance Department Director (right), for being a partner in a Forest County Pottawatomis Navigator Grant Program by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS). The equipment will be used by the Department of Health and Human Service’s AR/Patient Benefit Coordinator, Michelle St. George, to enroll Tribal members into the Health Insurance Marketplace. It will also be used for future community events, i.e. powwows, health fairs, etc. that are open to the public, for enrollment purposes.

The equipment, consists of a laptop bag with an HP Elitebook 650G3 Laptop with mobile charge (boosted with an extra kick of RAM) a Logitech M525 Wireless Mouse, an HP Officejet 150 Mobile All-in-One L511a Color printer with mobile charger, a USB fund to plug laptop into the printer, a 10 ft Ethernet cable, and all CD’s and manuals for both items.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT RECEIVES COMPUTER AND SOFTWARE PROGRAM

The Ojibwa Roads Department will be involved in future project bids. Baraga County Road Commissioner Kim Matthews will be informed that the TERO guidelines within this contract be adhered to. Motion by Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. to approve the Project Agreement between the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and the Baraga County Road Commission for the Gomache Creek Project, supported by Susan J. LaFernier, 8 supported (Misegan, Minton, S. LaFernier, Blaker, Curtis, Haataja, M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, two absent (Messer, Shalifoe), motion carried.

Doreen Blaker, Treasurer, presented Proposed Ordinance 2015-02 Election Ordinance. Motion by Doreen Blaker to waive the reading and to introduce the Proposed Ordinance 2015-02 and to schedule a second reading during the June 6, 2015 meeting at 10:00 a.m., supported by Toni Minton. Nine supported (Misegan, S. LaFernier, Blaker, Curtis, Edwards, Haataja, M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, two absent (Messier, Shalifoe), motion carried.

Council held the Second Reading to hear public comments for the Proposed Ordinance 2015-01 to allow and recognize same sex marriages and update Title Seven, Section 1, Marriages, and Section 2, Termination of Marriages. Nine supported (Misegan, Minton, S. LaFernier, Blaker, Curtis, Edwards, Haataja, M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot), 0 opposed (Edwards), 0 abstained, two absent (Messier, Shalifoe), motion carried.

Council moved into closed session with President Warren “Chris” Swartz, Jr., on the agenda. Council adjourned with no further motions.

Thank You and For Your Information

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Library:
SECRETARY’S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2015

In April 2015 the Tribal Council held one Regular meeting and five Special Council meetings:

April 2, 2015 Special Meeting
- Approved the December 2014 and January 2015 Department Head Reports.
- Approved the meeting minutes of February 27, 2015, and March 2, 2015.
- Approved changes to the contracts and agreements sections of the Purchasing and Procurement Policy and also the contract and service agreement procedures for Tier I, II, III, and IV.
- The bank signers for the IDA accounts for the Housing Department will be the individual account holder and the Executive Board.

April 2, 2015 Telephone Poll
- Approved the contract of CEO, Larry Denomie, III.

April 11, 2015 Regular Meeting
- Approved the Secretary’s, Treasurer’s, and CEO’s reports for March 2015.
- Approved the meeting minutes of August 14, and 29, 2014.
- Sobriety Travel and Family Therapy sessions will be included in the medical treatment funds portion of the Community Assistance Program guidelines.
- Approved Resolution KB-015-2015 Department of Justice Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, Tracking (SMART) Grant Application for FY2015.
- Approved a donation of $800.00 to the Baraga Lumberjack Days Committee for July 4th fireworks, $600.00 to Abbigail Spruce for her class trip to Europe, and $500.00 to Cheryl Bogda’s Relay for Life Team, and $1,500.00 to Patricia Bawden for medical travel, $500.00 to the American Legion Post #444 for flag and grave markers, and agreed to purchase a full-page ad in the Baraga Area Schools yearbook.
- Held the 1st Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2015-01 Title Seven Amendment to Section 1 Marriages and Section 2 Termination of Marriages and scheduled the 2nd Reading for May 2, 2015.

April 16, 2015 Special Meeting
- Declared Portage Lake, a Quota Lake, and agreed to allow the President to determine when it will open.
- Approved the Agreement with Crossmatch for the fingerprint machine purchase.
- Approved the bid from Automated Election Services in the amount of $29,743.95 to upgrade the TEAMS Enrollment software.
- Approved the meeting minutes of March 12, 14, 19, and 26, 2015.
- Approved the Paradigm Software Standard Support Services Agreement for the Transfer Station.
- Held three Employee Grievance Hearings. One Grievance was withdrawn and one grievant did not show up.

April 17, 2015 Special Meeting
- Upheld the decision of the Council in Case #005-15.
- Upheld the decision of the CEO in Case #004-15, 006-15, and 007-15.
- Approved the Language Program Proposal to post for a Full-Time Language Teacher.
- Approved a 3% annual raise for FY2015 for all Government and Enterprise Employees.

April 23, 2015 Special Meeting
- Renewed the Business License of Paul Stark for Baraga Telephone Co.
- Approved the Memorandum of Agreement between the National Indian Health Board and the KBIC to create a strategic plan.
- Approved the Registered Dietician Services Agreement with Dale Schmeiser for the Community’s Diabetes Program.
- Approved the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council for the Bemidji Area Leaders Acting for Change Contract for governmental services.
- Approved the data use agreement between the KBIC and the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Epidemiology Center for the collection of data for the Bemidji Area Leaders Acting for Change Project.
- Approved Resolution KB-018-2015 Keeweenaw Bay Indian Community Housing Department.
- Approved Resolution KB-017-2015 BIA Cooperative Landscape Conservation Program application.
- Conducted preliminary General Manager Interviews.

April 30, 2015 Special Meeting
- Approved the meeting minutes of September 6 and 18, 2014.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT FOR THE MONTHS OF MARCH AND APRIL 2015

The following is a list of activities that occurred in the office of the President for the months of March and April 2015:

- I appointed Randy Haataja to the Board of Jury Selectors for the Community’s Tribal Court.
- I informed Ojibwa Housing Authority’s Board members in writing of the Council’s decision to eliminate the Board of Commissioners and the duties thereof.
- We continue to engage in a government-to-government consultation between U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regarding the Humboldt Mill Historic Ore Processing Facility in Marquette, MI.
- Early in March, I attended a meeting with Michigan Department of Quality regarding the GLIFWC application technical review aspects of potential non-ferrous metallic mineral mining projects. This meeting was attended by Keweenaw Bay Tribal Natural Resources Department staff, as well as other members of the Lake Superior Bands of Chipewa Indians. The dialogue went well; we exchanged valuable information and set the course for continuing consultation around mining projects that affect our way of life.
- Also early in February and March, Councilman Loonsfoot and I attended a number of meetings to educate and inform other Indians about our Home Territory Laws as they relate to the exercise of Treaty Rights under our jurisdiction. We also did an inventory of the Walleye resource in our area and determined that the Community has a need for those resources. Based on that inventory and our Home Territory Laws, we were able to convince other tribes that the Community had a need for the resource. Other tribes took that into consideration and decided not to engage in spring-spearing activities of the inland resources within our Home Territory.
- I’m happy to report that the Community is now a part of a community based Torch Lake Watershed Advisory Council (TLWAC). Their purpose is to communicate Area of Concern (AOC) priorities to the DEQ and EPA and inform the development of a Torch Lake Watershed Management Plan. The focus of the project will be to collect what is already known and share historic and recent project information with the TLWAC so that a common base of knowledge is shared and can be built upon by the group.
- I was informed by our Tribal Forester of a need to meet with the BIA regarding the objectives of our Tribal lands before we move forward with logging. He also informed me that we need to consider cultural use and non-timber forest products when we determine objectives on our grandchildren’s land. The initial meeting has been set up with the Bureau to discuss his plans regarding the future of the lands.
- I signed Court and Registration Station subcontracts with GLIFWC for 2014. In addition to signing, I requested an increase from GLIFWC to help offset labor expenses related to spring-harvesting of Walleye. The additional funds were approved by GLIFWC.
- I received a letter from Joseph O’Leary requesting 2% funds on behalf of Baraga County, the Baraga School District, Baraga Township, Baraga Village, the L’Anse School District, L’Anse Township, and L’Anse Village. They’re asking that the local units of government in Baraga County receive an amount equivalent to what they used to receive pursuant to a 1994 agreement between KBIC and Baraga County, Baraga Township, and L’Anse Township.
- The Keweenaw Bay Tribal Court participated in an assessment prepared by the Jacobson Law Group for the BIA, Office of Justice Programs, and Division of Tribal Justice Support. The purpose of the assessment sought to provide an overview of the Tribe’s justice system, recognize areas that function well, and identify areas for improvement. We’ve learned that the KBIC Tribal Court is a high-functioning Court. The Court is

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President's Report Continues:

able to administer justice in a timely and expeditious manner, with cases being resolved well within national averages. Community perception of the Court is positive, and Stakeholders are satisfied with the manner in which cases are handled. Although there are minor areas for improvement, overall the Court operates without major areas of concern to the Assessment Team. A meeting has been set to discuss the findings with Tribal Court Staff and Council.

I accepted the letter of resignation from the Executive Director of the Ojibwa Housing Authority (OHA). Vicki Dompier was appointed Interim Executive Director of OHA.

I accepted a letter of resignation from the Tribal Attorney Dan McNeil. We are in the process of finding a replacement for him.

The KBNRD Director has forwarded the Final Draft of the 2014 Fish Management plan to Council for its review prior to approval. The plan is being reviewed for suggested changes.

We were informed that the MDEQ has approved the Eagle Mine Groundwater Discharge Permit that takes effect on April 1st. Last year we submitted comments and recommended a number of changes for influent wastewater characterization; monitoring of the influent; water quality standards and Wastewater Treatment Facility; and recommendations for site hydrogeology and monitoring. We also requested that a Clean Water Act NPDES permit be used as an additional regulatory tool at the Eagle Mine WWTF in order to protect tribal trust resources and navigable waters of the United States.

Early in April, the Office of the President authorized the Assistant Tribal Attorney to work on contracts related to Baraga County Road Commission work to replace some culverts. Approval was granted as requested.

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CEO'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2015

During the month of April 2015, the CEO’s office reports the following:

- We have been assisting our Health Director in the finalizing of our two physicians’ contracts. Both are expected to be ready for Council’s review and consideration next week.

- The FY15 3% annual raise approved April 17 for employees in Grades 5 and higher is being processed by both the enterprise and government payroll departments. Eligible employees should see the raise on their May 8 paychecks. The 10% wage increase approved March 2 for employees below Grade 5 has been processed for some employees this past paycheck and the remainder should see it on their May 8 paychecks. The 10% increase does place the Tribe competitively in the jobs market following the State of MI minimum wage increase in September of 2014 to $8.15 per hour for non-tipped employees. The state minimum wage is set to increase in January of 2016, 2017, and 2018, to $8.50, $8.90, and $9.25 per hour respectively. The Tribe’s 10% increase will remain competitive through the state’s 2017 increase.

- Our office continues to meet with staff of the Housing Department and Holding Company businesses. Francis LaPicard, CEO, is engaging the services of Lake Accounting to assist current staff until an accountant is hired permanently. We are also in the process of analyzing the organizational structure of both entities and identifying opportunities to mesh operations throughout the Tribe as a means to build capacity, keep employees working during slow periods, and minimize costs.

- The Ojibwa Casinos held employee recognition luncheons mid-April. Five Marquette and three Baraga employees received jackets for 5 years of service; five Marquette and four Baraga employees received $100 for 15 years; three Marquette and eight Baraga employees received $200 for 20 years; three Baraga employees received $500 for 25 years; and one Baraga employee, Lori Picard, who is a Shift Manager, received $750 for 30 years. She has worked at the Baraga property since November 1985. (See related article for complete listing of employees by property.)

- Staff participated in a conference call with HUD officials on the April 20, 2015. The call was scheduled to discuss the process required to complete the transition of making the Tribe’s former Tribally Designated Housing Entity into a Housing Department of the Tribe. Initial documentation has been submitted to proceed with the process, and staff are working on the remaining steps. HUD officials indicated that the process should be completed within 30-45 days. We will continue to provide updates as the process moves forward.

- Members of the Tribe’s Retirement Committee met on April 27 with representatives of M3 Financial, Mass Mutual, and Wells Fargo to review the 401(k) and Defined Benefit retirement plans. The 401(k) plan assets have grown 2% from year ending 2013 to 2014 with nearly the same amount of participants. Average account balances have grown 3% year over year and the number of participants with loans grew 3%. Approximately 32% of participants in the plan have loans which is slightly higher than industry averages. Even though the number of participants has grown, the total of outstanding loan balances has decreased by 7%. Review of the investment options available to participants was conducted, and several of the underperforming funds have recommended replacement which will be brought to Council for approval. Based on actuarial calculations IRS minimum funding requirements, the Defined Benefit plan doesn’t require contributions in the 2015 plan year. However, if contributions aren’t made, the plan could require significant contributions in 2016. Since the FY15 approved budgets provides for payments into the plan, the payments will be made. Current asset allocations include 2.96% in cash investments, 1.71% in US Gov’t. Securities, and 95.34% in mutual funds which represents a three asset class approach. Upon completion of the three classes and related performance, a recommendation by our advisors to convert to a four asset class approach was discussed and has the potential of increasing the overall performance of the plan. A formal request explaining the potential benefits and risks will be presented at an upcoming meeting for consideration.

- As the process of filling the General Manager position for the Tribe’s casinos continues, the postings for the Casino Manager positions for each casino will take place. The posting will continue until the GM position is filled and will have the opportunity to select the Casino Manager positions.

- I have included for Council’s review, the random drug screen results for the testing that occurred in February for governmental and enterprise employees.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Denomie III, CEO

FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS (FDPIR)

NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS

(Effective January 1, 2015)

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

48 Contiguous United States

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FDPIR Income Deductions: see 7 CFR 253.6(e)

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Each additional member $420

FDPIR Standard Deductions: See 7 CFR 272.7(b) for area designations in Alaska.

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FDPIR Standard Deduction: for 5-7 member household.

The 13th Annual KBIC

Kids Fishing Derby

in Memory of
John and Patrick
(HUMMER) LaFerrier

Saturday, June 27th, 2015

Sand Point Recreation Complex
(Kids Derby/ Lighthouse Pond)

9am-Noonish!

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Denomie III, CEO

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KBIC Head Start Graduation was held on Friday, May 15, 2015, at the Zeba Community Hall, Zeba, Michigan. The ceremony included four musical selections performed by the graduates: Your Are My Sunshine, Asabikeshininh (Itsy Bitsy Spider), Off To Kindergarten, and Imbakade (I’m hungry). Each graduate received a diploma and backpack full of special gifts from KBIC Tribal President Warren “Chris” Swartz, Jr. who was assisted by Council Members (grandparents) Doreen Blaker and Donald Shalifoe, Sr. Graduates are pictured above: (back row) left to right, Princess Pierre, Juliana Paquette, Arianna Loonsfoot, Bryten VanDyke, Samuel Lee, Aubrey Dunlop, Avery Miller, Joanna Tamminen, Emily Dove, Kaylie Stein, Lealyn Dunleavy, Brendon Friisvall, Ty Lahti, and Leander Gourneau, (front row), Payton LeClair, Kamryn Loonsfoot, Aaliyah Maki, Breyelle Ekdahl, Ella Roy, Ried Cote, Brady Nordstrom, and Ayden Ekdahl.

KBOCC Graduation Continued:
- Lindsey Loonsfoot, Valedictorian.
- Michael Rodriguez received the Zoongide’ewin Award.
- Jane Kakhonen received the Outstanding Freshman Award.
- Raymond Cadreaus received the Outstanding Volunteer Award.
- Heather Maki received the Student of the Year Award.
- Departmental Awards for Outstanding Students were: Business – Shelly Danielson and Heather Maki; Early Childhood – Valerie Jokela; and Environmental Science – WabaNungoQuay Alakayak and Casandra Ames.
- Dean’s List 2014: WabaNungoQuay Alakayak, Summer, Fall; Samantha Bach, Fall; Kylie Brunk, Spring; Terri Curtis, Spring; Jolene DeCota, Fall; Sarah Garver, Spring; Dawn Gauthier, Spring; Brittane Gauthier, Fall; Beth Gauthier, Fall; Valerie Jokela, Spring; Sara Kagabitang, Fall; Jane Kakhonen, Fall; Lindsey Loonsfoot, Spring, Fall; Wausaumotou Sandman-Shelife, Fall, Spring; Jesse St. George, Spring; and Steven Stump, Fall.
- Honors List 2014: WabaNungoQuay Alakayak, Spring; Casandra Ames, Fall; Denise Cadeau, Spring; Jade Chaudier, Spring, Fall; Patricia Cote, Spring; Jolene DeCota, Spring; Dylan DeCota, Spring, Fall; Samuel Dix, Spring; Jennyfer Eberly, Spring; Aimee Emery, Spring; Dawn Gauthier, Fall; Melissa Gleason, Spring; Peter Goodreau, Fall; Juliet Goyen, Spring; Valerie Jokela, Fall; Trey Loonsfoot, Spring, Fall; Jacob Misegan, Fall; Denis, Moschetto, Fall; Melinda Roberts, Spring; and Michael Rodriguez, Spring.
- Scholastic Achievement 2014: Veronica Adams, Fall; Karen Andersen, Fall; Connie Beck, Spring; Joanna Bemis, Spring; Cheryl Bogda, Fall; Denise Cadeau, Spring; Patricia Cote, Fall; Samuel Dix, Fall; Mitchell Durant, Fall; Mary Kaye Durant, Fall; Jennifer Eberly, Fall; Sue Ellen Emblad, Fall; Peter Goodreau, Spring; Danielle Hueckstaedt, Fall; Sara Kagabitang, Spring; Marie Kovach, Fall; Andrew Kozich, Fall; Jaime Loonsfoot, Spring, Fall; Dianne McMahon, Fall; Hannah Misegan, Fall; Jacob Misegan, Spring; Amanda Nordstrom, Spring, Fall; Nancy Pawlowski, Spring; Joann Pennock, Spring, Fall; Patrick Racette, Spring; Jodene Rasanen, Spring; Michael Rodriguez, Fall; Robin Roe, Spring, Fall; Joanna Rogers, Spring; Betsy Ross, Fall; Betti Szaroletta, Spring; Casey Trevethan, Spring; Daniel Vebanac, Fall; Bryan Welsh, Fall; and Keri Williams, Spring.
Danielle Hueckstaedt received an Associate of Applied Science, Early Childhood Education, Degree.

WabaNungoQuay Alakayak received an Associate of Science, Environmental Science, Degree.

Dylan Friisvall received an Associate of Science, Environmental Science, Degree.

Terri Curtis received an Associate of Arts, Liberal Studies, Degree.

Veronica Adams received an Associate of Arts, Liberal Studies, Degree. President Debra Parish presented Veronica Adams with a special gift as it was Veronica’s 77th Birthday on the date she graduated.

Nancy Pawlowski received an Associate of Arts, Liberal Studies, Degree.
To Native American Farmers or Ranchers or the heir of one who was denied a USDA farm loan or loan servicing between 1981 and late 1999

Some funds paid in settlement of Keepsagle v. Vilsack remain unclaimed and will be distributed in accordance with a process established by the Court. The case claimed that USDA discriminated against Native Americans who applied for or tried to apply for farm loans or loan servicing. The Court seeks input from class members about how the remaining funds should be distributed. Of the $680 million paid to settle the case, approximately $380 million remains. The Settlement Agreement approved by the Court directs that unclaimed funds be given to non-profit organizations to serve Native American farmers and ranchers.

The deadline to file a claim has passed. There is no new claims process.

Who is included?
The Class includes all Native American farmers and ranchers who:
• Farmed or ranched or attempted to do so between January 1, 1981 and November 24, 1999;
• Tried to get a farm loan or loan servicing from the USDA during that period; and
• Complained about discrimination to the USDA either on their own or through a representative during the time period.

The class does not include individuals who:
• Experienced discrimination only between January 1 and November 23 1997; or
• Complained of discrimination only between July 1 and November 23, 1997.

Proposed use of the Funds
There are several competing options for how to distribute the funds.

First, Plaintiffs propose to modify the Settlement Agreement, subject to Court approval, to distribute the funds as follows:
• $342 million distributed by a Trust, overseen by Native American leaders, to non-profit groups to serve Native farmers & ranchers over a 20 year period.
• $38 million be distributed quickly to non-profit organizations serving Native farmers & ranchers, identified by Class Counsel and approved by the Court.

The Trust would make grants to organizations providing business assistance, agricultural education, technical support, or advocacy services to Native American farmers and ranchers, including those seeking to become farmers or ranchers, to support and promote their continued engagement in agriculture. The USDA has agreed with this proposal.

Second, Marilyn Keepsagle proposes to distribute all remaining funds as additional damages paid to successful Track A claimants alone. The USDA opposes this proposal.

Third, other class members have asked to use the funds to pay claims that were initially denied or to permit new claims to be filed.

Fourth, the Choctaw Nation has argued that no changes should be made.

How can I share my views?
If you want to tell the Court of your support of or opposition to any proposal for use of the remaining funds, you may submit written comments, postmarked no later than June 15, 2015, to:

The Court will hold a hearing on June 29, 2015 at 9:00 AM EDT in Courtroom 24A at the address above. If you want to speak to the Court in person, you may attend the hearing. Your written comments will be considered by the Court even if you do not attend the hearing.

For more detailed information call 1-888-233-5506 or see www.IndianFarmClass.com
MOTHER’S DAY RECIPE WINNERS

The Office of Child Support Services held a contest inviting all kids grades Kindergarten through 8th grade to enter their special recipe by deadline date of May 5, 2015. The following lucky winners received prizes with the recipe being published!

HEALING STORIES ON RACIAL EQUITY HELD AT KBIC

Nearly 60 people gathered at the Niwin Akeaa gym on Saturday, April 25, 2015, to discuss racial and social inequities and share their stories of social injustice. The event was facilitated by the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion staff and a grant made possible through the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to resolve such issues. The mission of the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion is to serve as a catalyst for change by developing, organizing, and empowering individuals and communities to advance equity and opportunity for all.

To kick-off the event, facilitated by Sierra Ayres, an opening prayer was received from Janice Shalifoe followed by a warm welcome by Tribal Council member, Doreen Blaker. Story sharing took place immediately following with a brief lunch break in between morning and afternoon sessions.

Thirteen tribal members were present to share their stories. All stories were recorded and will be combined with stories from downstate Michigan communities of Detroit, Flint, and Benton Harbor to form a digital storybook. KBIC was the only Tribal community to take part in the event. It is thought that by sharing the traumatic event of discrimination in one’s life that the person will be able to heal and also heal others in the process. In sharing the stories, many people will open their minds to different kinds of discrimination and begin the conversation on resolving social injustice and progress toward making the world and community a better place to live.

The day ended by breaking up into six groups of 5-6 people who evaluated the day’s teachings and event on a personal level, overall evaluation, and providing recommendations on how the event could be improved or enhanced. The consensus from the groups was that by providing this space for tribal people to share their stories and have a voice, it is a definite step in the right direction, and more events like this need to take place.

For more information on the Michigan Roundtable or on how you can become involved in equity and social injustice service visit www.miroundtable.org.
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**Sacred Heart** — Rachael Velmer.

**Gwinn** — Taylor Shelafoe, Kimber Shelafoe, Destinee Stanton, and Lacie Stanton.

**Ewen-Trout Creek** — Lana Lind.

The following twenty-four students received awards for achieving Perfect Attendance:

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President Warren “Chris” Swartz, Jr. congratulates Ann Degenaer for her years of dedicated service as an employee with the KBIC Enterprises.

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**Twenty years ($200.00):**
Lisa Bressette (Marquette), Carolyn Jossens (Marquette), John Misegan (Marquette), Lawrence Budreau (Baraga), Angel Commons (Baraga), Ronald Everson (Baraga), Betty Knapp (Baraga), Patrice Mayo (Baraga), Jennifer Oilla (Baraga), Murry Ross (Baraga), Kenneth Vervisch (Baraga).

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June 2015 Calendar Events

- June 01: Constitutional Committee Meeting, 10 am, Council Chambers
- June 06: Reg. Sat. Council Meeting, 9 am, Ojibwa, Conference Rooms
- June 20: Native American Responsible Fatherhood Day, Boyzie Jondreau Field, 10 am
- June 26: Senior Pasties.

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 within the newsletter. For up-to-date event 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.

DISCOVERING OUR CONSTITUTION

June 2015, Question 6:

“What Article and Section of the By-Laws addresses boards and committees of the Tribal Council?”

How to enter:
Each Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Member, 18 years of age or older, and living on the reservation, will be allowed to submit answers to the Constitutional Committee via e-mail at const-committee@kbic-nsn.gov; or by letter to Constitutional Committee Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, Michigan, 49908 or by dropping off your answers at the Tribal Center to be placed into the Constitutional Committee’s mail box. To be eligible to win, your name and enrollment number must be on the document you are submitting, and it must be turned in no later than the last day of the month in which the question was asked.

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 gambling 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. Application deadline for submission of ALL Class I Drawings is 30 days and Class II Raffles is 60 days prior to your event. License Fee will be waived when the application is received within this timeline.
ATTENTION KBIC MEMBERS

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.

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

The 2nd Reading of the Proposed Amendments to Ordinance 2015-02 Election Ordinance will be held on Saturday, June 6, 2015, in the Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room at 10:00 a.m.

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 2015-02 are available at the Tribal Center, KBIC Donald LaPointe Medical Center, Pines Convenience Center, Ojibwa Senior Citizens Center, Tribal Court, Commodity Foods Center, Housing Department, and Ojibwa Community College. Copies are also distributed to all departments within the Tribe.

Preserving Summer’s Harvest

Interested in preserving food but don’t know where to start? Want to learn about the latest updates? Come learn what’s new with food preservation taught by MSU Extension Food Safety Educator Beth Waitovich

Program Highlights:
- Hands on Canning practice
- Materials for Home Use
- Time for Questions
- Up-to-date Information

2015 Classes and Dates
Class Size is limited to 20 Participants and Will be Held at KBIC Senior Center Baraga, MI

Registration for individual classes at the links below:
- Learn to Make Jam and Jellies:
  Thursday, June 25
  4:45 - 6:45 p.m.
- Homemade Pie Fillings:
  Thursday, July 23
  4:45 - 6:45 p.m.
- Pickling—it isn’t Just for Cucumbers!!
  Thursday, August 20th
  4:45 - 6:45 pm
- Too Many Tomatoes? Tips on Preserving Them Safely:
  Tuesday, September 29
  4:45 - 6:45 pm

Need a minimum of five (5) participants or the class will be cancelled.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & TO REGISTER CALL: 906-353-4530 or 353-4531

SPOONERED BY: MSU Extension KBIC Diabetes Program & Reach Journey to Wellness Grant.