9th Winter Traditional Powwow

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community held their 9th Winter Traditional Powwow on Saturday, January 26, 2013, at the Niwin Akeaa Community Center in Baraga, Michigan.

The day’s events began with the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community’s Cultural Committee hosting a recognition of Honoring Our Judicial Leaders. (See separate article).

Grand Entries were held at 1 pm and 6 pm with Rodney Loonsfoot, Head Veteran Dancer, leading the KBIC Veteran Honor Guard into the arena. Stanley Spruce served as Master of Ceremonies, George Gauthier as Arena Director, and Kyle Gauthier as Assistant Arena Director. Host Drum was the Woodland Singers, and invited drums were: Beartown Singers, Four Thunders, and Summer Cloud. Harlan Downwind was available as the Traditional Advisor. Also honored was Miss Keweenaw Bay, Samantha Tolonen, and Tribal Elders: Joyce Hebert and William “Bill” Swartz. A Pink Shawl Honor Dance was held honoring Myrtle Tolonen. The Community enjoyed a grand feast between grand entries.

Honoring KBIC were: left to right, (back) Robert Rajacic, Head Male Dancer; Christine Awonohopay, Head Female Dancer; Donovin Awonohopay, Youth Head Male Dancer; Rodney Loonsfoot, Head Veteran Dancer; Sheila Halverson, Youth Head Female Dancer; Joseph Loonsfoot, Junior Head Boy Dancer; and Macee Tolonen, Junior Head Girl Dancer.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:
- February 2, 2013 Tribal Council Meeting
- 9th Winter Traditional Powwow
- First Motor Vehicle Title Printed
- Ojibwa Senior Citizens News
- KBIC DHHS Staff Train With IPC4
- KBOCC Students Visit Washington D.C.
- New Employees
- Ojibwemowin
- Deepest Sympathy

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The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwe
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The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on February 2, 2013, at the Ontonagon Conference Room, in Baraga, Michigan. President Warren C. Swartz, Jr. presided over the meeting with Elizabeth D. Mayo, Susan J. LaFernier, Tori Minton, Jennifer Misegan, Robert (RD) Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, John D. Messer, Jr., Carole L. LaPointe, Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, and Don Messer, Jr. present.

President Warren C. Swartz, Jr. shared numerous Thank You and For Your Information items addressed to Council. Secretary Susan J. LaFernier gave the Secretary’s Report (page two), Treasurer Jennifer Misegan gave the Treasurer’s Report (page three), and CEO Larry Denomie gave the CEO Report (page four). Council passed the Department Head Reports for December 2012. Under Old Business, Jim Kurtti, Director of Finnish American Heritage Center Finlandia University, gave an update on plans for FinnFest USA 2013.

Activities reported by the Secretary, Susan J. LaFernier, for the month of January 2013.

ANIN! We honor the greatness in you. Remember: “Indian Country Counts” and “Our People, Our Nations, Our Future.”

We continue to recognize the richness of Native American contributions, accomplishments, and sacrifices to the political, cultural, and economic life of Michigan and the United States.

Happy Winter Everyone! Let it “goon (goohn)” snow! Remember to attend the “Healthy Heart Fair” on February 12th, and remember your valentine on February 14th.

The Committee for Alternative & Renewable Energy (CARE) has been busy the past year reviewing proposals and suggestions for alternative energy. A study was completed, which included various locations on the Reservation, for the possibility of wind turbines to provide energy at our larger buildings/businesses and most recently solar power.

Now that the (revised) Enterprise Employment Manual has been approved by Council, an interested group of employees along with our CEO have begun the process of reviewing our Governance Personnel Policy. Two meetings have begun by Council, an interested group of employees along with our CEO.

Most recently solar energy at our larger buildings/locations on the Reservation, for suggestions for alternative energy. A study was completed, which included various locations on the Reservation, for the possibility of wind turbines to provide energy at our larger buildings/businesses and most recently solar power.

As we ended another year in the chapters of our lives and now begin a new year journey…..continue to pray for each other, as well as honor and remember all of our veterans, service men and women, and their families. We pray that we and the world will be graced with the gifts of peace, love, and joy. Remember those who are ill, those with economic struggles, and all those who have lost loved ones during the past year. Thank you, 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 still living, but most to those yet to be born.” —unknown.

During January 2013, the Tribal Council held one Regular Tribal Council Meeting on January 5, 2013, at the Ontonagon Motel Conference Room. This meeting is covered in the February 2013 Newsletter, Tribal Council held four Special Council Meetings. Following are the unapproved motions from January.

At a council meeting held January 10, 2013, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the bids from Riverside Auto for three police patrol cars and three police trucks;
- Approved the job description for the Solid Waste Facility Manager, to post the position, and the start-up costs budget (non-construction);
- Approved funding of $5,230.00 (Education Budget) for continued GED preparation;
- Approved the KBIC Wolf Management Plan with the changes;
- Approved the match donation of $600.00 for the Wildlife Management
Survey comments:
- Approved the Professional Services Agreement with Shirley Brozzo for youth literacy training pending the security background check (Library Enhancement Grant);
- Approved the nomination of Donald Messer, Jr. to fulfill the term of Eddy Edwards on the Aankaaising, Inc. Board of Directors;
- Approved Resolution KB 1915-2013 “Honoring Our Children Initiative - (well-being of Tribal Children 0-8) I.T.C. grant for $5,100.00 for two years;
- Approved the renewal Professional Services Agreement with Dale Schmeissner, R.D., Ph.D. for the WIC Program January-December 2013;
- Approved Resolution KB 1917-2013 “Idle No More” an effort to stand for the rights of all Indigenous Nations and people on Turtle Island;
- Approved a donation of $100.00 for the “Idle No More” event at the Ojibwa Community College on January 11, 2013;
- Approved the closing of the Marquette-Ojibwa Casino from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on January 22, 2013, to install the power to the new roof mount air conditioner;
- Approved the renewal Independent Contractor Agreement with Millenium Services, Inc. for one year;
- Defeated a motion to do background checks on everyone who works for the Tribe;
- Approved a donation of $350.00 for David Madeshek’s trip to New York for an interview with the New York Times and T.V. show regarding the network of organ sharers/kidney chain and his organ donation;
- Approved the list of positions for background checks per the Personnel Policy;
- Approved that if people cannot pass the background check: their position will be modified, if possible to not have regular contact with children, or transfer the individual to a vacant position they qualify for which doesn’t require a clearance;
- Approved the Tribal Forester position announcement and to post the position;
- Approved the renewal of the Tribal Professional Services Agreement with John Donham and Dorsey & Whitney (expert witness contract support costs litigation);
- Approved to post for a full time Registered Nurse at the Department of Health & Human Services;
- Approved to interview the six Tribal members who applied for the Cultural Resources Director position;
- Approved the renewal Employment Agreement with Carole LaPointe, Health Administrator, for three years.

At a council meeting held January 12, 2013, the following actions were taken:
- Approved the Community Sugar Bush (100 trees) proposal at Laugh’s Lake as an annual event;
- Approved the Project Agreement with the Baraga County Road Commission for the replacement of culverts located at Denomie Creek on the Golf Course Road;
- Approved the First Amendment to Project Agreement with the Baraga County Road Commission for the replacement of the bridge crossing the Falls River on the Golf Course Road;
- Approved Resolution KB 1918-2013 National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) membership renewal for $7,500.00;
- Approved to waive the First Reading of proposed Ordinance 2013-02 Title 3 Criminal Penalties to add 3.611 Misuse of the Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN) or National Crime Information Center (NCIC) and to schedule the 2nd Reading for January 24, 2013;
- Approved the motor vehicle fee schedule (for titling);
- Approved to hire Liana Loonsfoot for the Cultural Resources Director position at $24.00 per hour.

At a council meeting held January 24, 2013, the following actions were taken:
- Approved the Tribal Council meeting minutes for December 1, 3, 8, 15, 2011, and tabled the December 21, 2011 minutes;
- Approved to table Resolution KB 1914-2013 to amend Article VIII Section 1 of the Constitution for more review (Election Ordinance);
- Approved the renewal of the Tribal Environmental Agreement KBIC and the EPA Region 5 2013-2015;
- Approved the renewal business license for DaShack (Don/Jason Messer) pending the food report findings have been completed by the next inspection;
- Approved to waive the 1st Reading of proposed ordinance 2013-01 Title One General Provisions-Tribal Code (the 2nd Reading will be February 7, 2013);
- Approved a donation of $25,000.00 to the Farm to Consumer Legal Defense Fund for the Ma Hog Farm;
- Defeated a motion to repost the Cultural Resources Director position (L. Loonsfoot did not accept the position);
- Approved to appoint Gary Loonsfoot, Jr. to the Cultural Resources Director position.

At a council meeting held January 31, 2013, the following actions were taken:
- Approved the Tribal Council meeting minutes for December 21, 2011, January 7 and 12, 2012;
- Approved proposed ordinance 2013-02 Title 3 of the Tribal Code to provide for criminal penalties for the misuse of the Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN) and the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) (new 3.611);
- Approved to table a donation request until other departments/businesses are asked for a donation for the Annual KBIC Environmental Fair to be held on April 24, 2013;
- Approved to offer the Tribal Forester position to Gerald Jonreau;
- Approved to post the Tribal Background Investigator position;
- Approved the Amendment to Services Agreement with Marla Bradley of North Country Web Design for the KBIC Natural Resources Department web site.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan J. LaFernier, Secretary

ATTENTION

To place an ad, submit an article, or relate information or ideas on possible articles contact: Lauri Denomie at (906) 201-0283, or e-mail newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov.

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TREASURER REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2013

Activities reported by the Treasurer, Jennifer Misegan, for the month of Janu-
ary 2013.

A finance meeting with the Chief Fi-
nancial Officer has been set for Febru-
ary 14, 2013. At this meeting, we will re-
view the financial statements of the Tri-
bal Government and its departments as well as the statements for both cas-
nos, the Pines, and Eagle Radio. If there are any other areas that the COUN-
cil would like to review, please let either myself or Francis LaPointe know, so the information can be available.

The signatory cards for all accounts have been updated with both Superior National Bank and Wells Fargo. As of January 25, 2013, all Council members are eligible to sign checks.

I have been busy reviewing the Fiscal Year 2013 budgets as well as the financial statements that are available.

Serving as the Treasurer of the Ke-
weanaw Bay Indian Community is an honor and a responsibility that I take se-
riously. I am humbled to have been ap-
pointed to this position. I will work to main-
tain the financial integrity of our Tribe and to insure that we are finan-
cially sound.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Misegan, Treasurer

All Tribal Veterans’ Meeting at the Light-
house, Sand Point, will be held every third Wednesday of the month at 1905 hours. All Tribal Veterans Welcome!
CEO REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2013

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

- The Tribe’s Even Start Program ended this past year and left a gap in providing GED programming. On January 10, funding was approved by Council to have programming available through the Tribe’s Education Department. Amy St. Arnold will be contracting out services to continue providing tutoring and also covering costs of GED testing. Anyone wishing to access the program should contact Amy.

- A long-time goal of the Tribe is now realized. The Tribe has hired its own Tribal Forester to better manage the forestry activities. Jerry Jondreau, who has been a recipient of the Forestry Scholarship since 2009, has been hired and will begin working next week.

- In a related matter, we received a notice from Gerald Parish which first indicates notice of approval of our Forestry Management Deduction Plan. It also provided information related to our informal request for additional BIA resources for KBIC’s forestry management efforts. It appears unlikely we will see any additional funds, as there is a good possibility that cuts will be initiated at the BIA. However, it also indicated serious consideration is being given to better organize the workforce throughout the Midwest region to provide better efficiency for the Tribes served. We are hoping to see some changes through that planning.

- Mr. Parish indicated the next three–six months will provide a better feel, once funding issues at the national level are worked out. President Swartz and Sarah Maki, Asst. CEO, are attending the regional BIA Budget meeting next week and will hand deliver a formal request for additional resources.

- Funding has been approved by the USDA through the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) Education funds to establish a community garden. Staff at our NRD, along with community members will establish a garden near the Commodity Foods Warehouse in Zeba. If anyone is interested in volunteering, please contact the KBIC Tribal Forester to better manage the project. The Tribe is now estimated to have its own Tribal Forester.

- The Tribe has hired a new Director of Cultural Resources (formerly known as the THPO Director). Gary Loonsfoot, Jr. has replaced Chris Chosa who resigned. Gary began working in the new role on January 28, 2013.

- We are in the process of finalizing plans to provide for KBIC Seniors Income Tax filings. Keith Rolof, who has completed the returns for the past several years, is unable to do so this year. Sally Snyder, who is the accountant for the Ojibwa Housing Authority and has prepared the returns in the past, has been authorized by Eddy Edwards, OHA Director, to do them this year. We will be finalizing the agreement next week, and seniors will be able to access the service immediately. Dave Firestone, Ojibwa Seniors Programming Director, will provide notices to make sure the word gets out.

- NOTE: Council requested additional options be considered prior to finalizing an agreement with OHA which will be presented a future meeting. 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

MESSAGE TO TRIBAL MEMBERS, DECENDANTS AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS:

Want to get educated in Alcohol and Drug Use/Abuse?

Sign up for ATR (Access To Recovery Program) by calling the Outpatient Substance Abuse Program at (906) 353-8121 and asking for R.D. Get educated and receive incentives for participating.

NEWS FROM THE OJIBWA SENIOR CITIZENS

A note from Dave Firestone, Nutrition Director: Anyone who has borrowed medical equipment from the Senior Center and is not currently using, such as wheel chair, walkers, canes, crutches, etc. are asked to please return them to the Senior Center, so that other seniors can utilize this equipment. Also, if you have any medical equipment you wish to donate, please bring to the Senior Center.

March 13: 10:30 am, Fundraising Committee meeting - all seniors welcome; 12:30 pm, Ojibwa Senior Meeting - all seniors welcome.

March 27: Pasty prep at 12:15 pm (right after lunch).

March 28: PASTY DAY - 5:00 am start time.

April 24: Pasty prep at 12:15 pm.

April 25: PASTY DAY - 5:00 am, SENIOR VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED AND WELCOMED.

CHI MIIGWECH to the Seniors who donated to the bake sale on Valentines Day at the Pines Convenience Center, and to those who purchased. It was a HUGE SUCCESS!!!

The Tribal Council has approved a method for KBIC seniors to have senior taxes done and paid for by the Tribe. They have established a voucher system, so seniors can have their taxes done/paid by Sally Snyder at Ojibwa Housing and at H&R Block in both L’Anse and Houghton. Seniors need to get a voucher from Dave Firestone at the Senior Center.

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

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
COMMUNITY SUGAR BUSH

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community would like to invite all community members to the 1st Annual Community Sugar Bush located at Laughs Lake in L’Anse, MI. All experience levels are welcome to join us in this opportunity to share knowledge, tradition, and the experience. Finished products will be distributed to participants based on time spent at the sugar bush. For more information or to sign up, please contact the KBIC Tribal Forester.
The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community’s Cultural Committee held a recognition, Honoring Our Judicial Leaders, on January 26, 2013, prior to the 1 pm Grand Entry of the 9th Annual Mid-Winter Powwow. Beartown Singers opened the opening song and a honor song. President Warren C. Swartz, Jr. welcomed the Community to the recognition gathering. An Ojibwe prayer was given by Rose Trudeu. Toni J. Minton, introduced the Guest Speaker, Susan LaFerriere, Secretary of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Council, who gave the history of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community’s Judicial System. Frederick Dakota, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Council Member, added remarks from his recollection of serving as the President of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community during the early years of the operations of the KBIC’s judicial system. Judicial Leaders were introduced by Doreen Blaker, Cultural Committee Member, and gifts were presented to them by other members of the Cultural Committee.

Appointed Judge
Mary Jondreau, 10/13/1973
Chief Judge
Theodore R. Holappa, 1974-1985
Elaine Jondreau Miller, 1986-1999
Beatrice Mitchell Hugo, 1976-1983
Barbara M. Mantilla, 1983-1989
Gretchen L. Emery, 1990-1992

History of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Court, by Susan J. LaFerriere, KBIC Tribal Council Secretary

The majority of this history of our Tribal Court is taken from the Tribal Council minutes, and this is a brief version that time permitted. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Court was established in 1973. Over forty years ago our Tribe researched and discussed jurisdictional issues and the need for law and order services. During the April 17, 1971 Tribal Council meeting, Mr. Andrew Wisti was present to speak before the Council and audience at the Zeba Community Hall to explain the terms of the Supreme Court’s ruling on the historic Jondreau Case. “It is very clear that the Treaty of 1842 is the law of the land. The Department of Natural Resources must abide by this decision. We can hunt on Reservation land and also on ceded lands. He also explained that we have responsibilities, we should proceed with caution, and rules and regulations will have to be set up. The Tribal Council has the right to make these laws, and all Indians must abide by them. There will be penalties that will be enforced. He suggested that the Council review other Tribe’s rules and regulations.” A motion was made to adopt the following Resolution: Be it further resolved that the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Council adopt all Conservation laws, rules and regulations to apply to all members of the L’Anse Band of Chipewa Indians of Lake Superior until such time as the said Council forms our own Rules and Regulations. There was also a motion to give the Chairman the authority to appoint seven members to act as a Committee to decide what rules they should adopt. At the May 19, 1971 meeting after review; a motion was made to accept the Rules and Regulations of the Hunting and Fishing laws with the changes. Chairman Frederick Dakota was appointed as an interim if anyone fails to obey these laws. At the same meeting there was discussion and a motion to submit a proposal to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the establishment of Tribal Police. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community was eligible to perform a full range of law enforcement activities. A memorandum on April 3, 1972, outlines the Bureau of Indian Affairs proposed budget of $32,000.00 for law enforcement activities on the KBIC Reservation during fiscal year 1974. On January 4, 1973, a resolution was adopted by the Tribal Council to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to take the necessary steps to implement and operate the Reservation Police Force and Judicial System. May 9, 1973, the Community’s application was submitted for law enforcement assistance from the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration. The grant was awarded for $25,000.00 to develop a Law Enforcement and Court Project. Finally on August 9, 1973, there is a list of people who attended a meeting at the KBIC Tribal Center to discuss the implementation and operation of the Tribal Law Enforcement and Court System. An article appeared in the August 15, 1973 issue of the L’Anse Sentinel describing the important August 9th meeting and comments from the Agency Superintendent of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Mr. Raymond Miller regarding the assignment of a Special Officer to the Reservation which was held at the Bureau’s Washington D.C. level. It was mentioned that this entire process took over one and one half years. On August 18, 1973, a motion was made by Helenel Welsh and seconded by Clyde Swartz to use the model code of Indian offenses and the Red Lake Juvenile Code until such time as the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Council adopted its own code.

At the Tribal Council’s October 13, 1973 meeting, a report was given that Fred Dakota, Tribal Chairman, and Attorney Garfield Field met with Ray Butler, Indian Services Program in Washington, D.C. and a representative from the Governor’s office and were informed that the Tribe would be receiving a Bureau policeman. They were also informed that they would receive one at the beginning of the fiscal year and serve until July 1974. They recommended that Judge Holappaistribute to the Minneapolis Area. It stated that Theodore R. Holappa received the majority of the votes at the December 29, 1973 election and was formally inducted into office as Tribal Judge. A letter was sent by Chairman Dakota to Governor Milliken, Superintendent, Great Lakes Agency B.L.A. in Ashland, Wisconsin, with the certification of election for Theodore R. Holappa, newly elected Tribal Judge.

On October 12, 1974, the Tribal Council minutes stated that the Tribal Code was reviewed by the Secretary of the Interior and they recommended ten changes. A motion was made by Helenel Welsh and seconded by Joan Bens to adopt the changes as recommended by the Secretary of the Interior and letter from Commissioner Morris Thompson. It was suggested that Tribal Chairman Fred Dakota hand carry the Tribal Code to the Minneapolis Area Director.

I found it interesting that at the October 8, 1975 Council meeting, Theodore Holappa submitted his resignation as Tribal Judge because of his heart condition. The Clinic Board, and the Clinic Board’s Dr. Blaker, Cultural Committee Member, and gifts were presented to them by other members of the Cultural Committee.
Indian women have been victims of domestic violence.

- This disproportionate amount of violence destroys the quality of life of Native Americans and threatens the stability and security of their families, communities, and tribes. American Indians experience per capita rates of violence that are more than twice that of the U.S. resident population.

- One out of three American Indian and Alaskan Native women are raped in their lifetime, compared to about one in five women in the nation as a whole.

- 70% of American Indians who are the victims of violent crimes are victimized by a non-native individual.

- In one study, 25% of American Indians were stalked, compared to 17% of American women.

- One in five violent victimizations against American Indians involved an offender who was an intimate or member of the victim’s family.

- 17% of American Indian victims of violence said that the incident occurred in the workplace.

- 25% of employed American Indian victims of violence reported that they had sought treatment or talked to anyone about the violence.

- It is up to the Survivor Advocate to decide his or her path in the recovery process and provide them with the necessary resources they may need. It is up to the Survivor to decide his or her path in the recovery process, and it’s my job to help them in any way I can.

Domestic violence is an issue for large numbers of Native women both on Tribal lands and outside of Indian Country.

- American Indian and Alaskan Native women are battered, raped, and stalked at far greater rates than any other group of women in the United States.

- The U.S. Department of Justice estimates that Native American women are stalked at a rate at least twice that of any other group in the nation, and three out of four American women have been victims of domestic violence.

2013 HEALTHY HEART FAIR HELD

Tara Smith has been hired as the Front Desk Receptionist at the Tribal Center. Tara graduated early from the L’Anse/Baraga Community Schools, receiving her diploma in 2006, and attended Lake Superior State University. Prior to accepting this position, Tara worked as an on-call receptionist for KBIC and as an at-home caregiver for her Uncle Doug. Tara states, “In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with my family (brothers, sister, cousins); reading/writing; watching movies; and drawing. I have always enjoyed working as a fill-in-at the front desk at the Tribal Center, and I am grateful to have this opportunity to work the position full-time, which I hope will be for a long time.”
The Northern Vegans of Marquette donated two Vegan Cookbooks, *Vegan Vittles* and *The Vegan Table*, to the Ojibwa Community Library. Pictured above are (left) Natasha Lantz, Marquette Food Co-op Community Liaison and (right) Mary Bergerson, Tribal Library Director.

After years of work, the first Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Motor Vehicle Title has been printed. Certificates of Title can be issued to Tribal members who reside within the boundaries of the Reservation who are purchasing or transferring a motor vehicle. The Tribe had initially formed a Titling Taskforce which worked on developing a draft Motor Vehicle Code. This Code was approved by the Tribal Council in January 2011. Many systems and procedures needed to be developed and put into place before the actual titles could be printed. It has taken countless hours by many dedicated employees and Council members working together to get it all up and running.

If any members have questions regarding Motor Vehicle Titling please call Robin at 353-4155 or Jennifer at 353-6623, ext. 4111.

The Ojibwa Pressbox sponsored their top five bowlers in each category in the 21st annual Eagle Radio/Old Milwaukee Y101 All-Star Bowling Tournament held January 25-27th at the Konteka in Ontonagon, MI. The Ojibwa Pressbox Men’s team took first place in their division. Congratulations. Photos by Amber Geroux.

KBIC Youth Programs hosted a Youth Club Activity on Saturday, February 9, 2013, at the Niinwin Akeaa Commons Room. Youth were able to make their own winter moccasin boots. Youth Program staff and a Cultural Committee advisor were available to help participants design their own styles. Supplies were provided by the DOJ grant. Shown in the picture to the right are the first completed pair belonging to Vanessa Beaver. The next Winter Moccasins Activity Day will be March 9, 2013, 10 am—4 pm, ages 11-17.
Improving Patient Care (IPC4) Collaborative brought the trainer to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community’s Donald A. LaPointe Health and Education Center. February 5–7, 2013, DHHS utilized the IPC4 Collaborative to provide virtual training to their staff and the Community. IPC4 Collaborative is sponsored by the Indian Health Service to improve health and promote wellness for American Indians and Alaska Natives and supports the four IHS priorities. “It is a win-win situation. Our staff doesn’t have to travel for training, saving dollars, and all of our staff receive gainful information,” stated Carole LaPointe, Health Director, who serves as the IPC4 Team Executive Sponsor. “Additionally, community members and other KBIC departmental staff may participate to build upon existing relationships and to develop plans to improve patient outcomes and health care processes.” Learning sessions are web-based, enabling intensive face-to-face meetings, bringing together teams from each organization and the expert faculty trainers to exchange ideas and share best practices. Each training seminar offers four or five learning sessions which are subsequently followed by breakout sessions. For more information, or if you would like to participate in the IPC4 Collaborative as a Community Member, call Carole at 353-4553, or visit the IHS website at www.who.gov.

**HONORED ELDERS**

William “Bill” Swartz was born in Zeba, Michigan, to Mickey and Clara Swartz on April 14, 1929. Bill married Ann Wallien and they have been married for 59 years. Bill and Ann were blessed with three sons: Gary, Brian, and Bruce. They have three grandchil- dren: Alexander, Stephanie and Brian.

Bill graduated from Michigan Technological University in 1958 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He then worked for Baker Perkins in Saginaw Michigan, for 22 years as a Design Engineer, Chief Engineer, and a Manager of Engineering. He also was a Plant Manager in Kinross, Michigan, for 12 years.

After his retirement, he and Ann moved back to Pequaming in 1992. Bill enjoys garden- ing, fishing, hunting, reading, and playing cards. He is a member of the VFW American Legion and the Arvon Bunny Club. Bill has been a member of KBIC’s Enrollment Board for 17 years.

Joyce M. Gauthier was born in Big Bay, Michigan, to Eva and James Gauthier. Joyce is 87 years young. She has one brother, Lyle Gauthier. Joyce married Leo Hebert of Ish- peming, Michigan, on April 6, 1943, and they were married for 65 years. Together they raised seven children: Leo, Ann, Blaine, Lyle, Joseph, Sharon, and Raema. Joyce has 25 grandchildren, 57 great grandchildren, and 48 great-great grandchildren.

Joyce was a homemaker taking care of her husband and children. She did work for a short time as a cook in a little restaurant in Idaho. Joyce currently lives at Superior View Housing in Baraga, Michigan, where she has enjoyed sharing company with friends for the past five years. She has been reacquainting herself with traditional ways of life and culture. Joyce’s ancestry is from her great-grandmother, Anna Madosh Marksman, her father James Gauthier and his mother Sarah Marksman Gauthier. Joyce leads a very active social life; playing bingo, shopping, crafting, embroidering, and attending powwows. It is hard to keep up with her! She also enjoys cooking and baking. She is a very independent lady and continues to live alone and take care of herself.

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### FDPIR Income Deductions—see 7 CFR 253.6(d)

**Earned Income Deduction**—Houselholds 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.

**Medicare Part B Prescription Drug Coverage Premiums**—Households that incur the cost of Medicare Part B medical insurance and/or Part D prescription drug coverage premiums are allowed a deduction for the monthly cost of the premiums.

Would You Like FREE Money?
The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing and Community Development Corporation (KBHCCD) is currently offering an Individual Development Account (IDA) Program. An IDA program is a matched savings program in which we provide a 4 to 1 match up to $4000.00 on funds you deposit. These funds are now available to KBIC tribal members currently residing in the entire Upper Peninsula. First degree KBIC descendants are now eligible to utilize IDA funds for education expenses.

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

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

KBOHCCD Program Administrator 906-353-7127 X1016 Angie@kboha.com

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

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*(Effective October 1, 2012)*
Colorectal Cancer is cancer that occurs in the colon or rectum. The colon is the large intestine or large bowel. The rectum is the passageway connecting the colon to the anus. The rate of colon cancer among Native Americans in the Northern Plains is nearly double that of other Indian Health Service areas according to the CDC.

Signs and Symptoms
- A change in bowel habits such as diarrhea, constipation, or narrowing of the stool that lasts for more than a few days.
- A feeling that you need to have a bowel movement that doesn’t go away after doing so.
- The sensation that the bowel doesn’t completely empty.
- Rectal bleeding, dark stools, or blood in the stool (sometimes the stool will look normal).
- Cramping or stomach pain.
- Weakness and tiredness.
- Unexplained weight loss.

Many of these symptoms are more likely to be caused by something other than colorectal cancer. However, if you experience any of these symptoms, it is recommended that you consult a medical provider.

Risk Factors for Colorectal Cancer
- Being age 50 or older.
- Having a family history of colorectal cancer or polyps. If so, early screening is necessary.
- Having chronic inflammatory bowel disease such as ulcers (ulcer colitis) or swelling (Crohn’s disease).
- A family history of other cancers may also raise one’s risk for colon cancer.

Colorectal Cancer Five Life-Saving Facts:
- Colorectal Cancer (CRC) is the second leading cancer killer in the U.S.
- CRC has no symptoms at the early stages of development.
- CRC is preventable - even curable when detected early.
- If CRC is found early there is over a 90% chance of cure.
- Men and Women have an equal chance of developing CRC.

Prevention Methods
- Stay Active. Move your body.
- Maintain a healthy weight.
- Increase fruit and vegetable intake.
- Do not abuse tobacco products.
- Avoid exposure to tobacco smoke.
- Get screened.

Screening Methods
When colorectal cancer is found early, the chances of successful treatment are better. Testing can find polyps or growths before cancer develops.

- The fecal occult blood test is a test that is done at home. This test checks for hidden blood in stool sample, which can be a sign of cancer.
- Flexible sigmoidoscopy is a procedure using a thin bendable tube that can find cancer or polyps inside a rectum and lower (sigmoid) colon.
- Colonoscopy is a similar test except that the tube is longer and the doctor can see the entire colon.
- The double-contrast barium enema is an x-ray that lets the doctor see the colon. These tests are the best way to prevent or detect colorectal cancer when it may be successfully treated. Finding small cancers early also reduces the chance of major surgery.

Set up an appointment with your Medical Provider today to discuss screening for Colorectal Cancer. Call the KBIC Medical Clinic at 353-8700.

G.E.D. Tutoring Available
The Tribal Council recently approved a G.E.D. Tutoring Program. Tribal members who reside in Baraga County can receive tutoring to prepare for the G.E.D. tests. For more information, contact the Education Office at 353-6623, Ext. 4117.

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 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 gatherings for processing.
MARCH 2013 Calendar Events

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 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.

KBOCC students visited Washington D.C. from February 3 to February 8, for the annual winter meeting of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium and Capitol Hill visits. Attending with KBOCC President Debbie Parrish and Admissions Officer, Patrick Racette, were: Dylan Frisvall, Nancie Lamb, and Margaret Boyer. The AIHEC student leader’s advocacy workshop met on Monday morning which was followed by a briefing session for the Capitol Hill meetings. Students had the opportunity to attend the AIHEC Student Congress meeting, Washington D.C. Night Tour, National Museum of the American Indian, and AIHEC’s 40th Anniversary Reception.

On Tuesday, February 5th, KBOCC students and staff met with Congressman Dan Benishek and Ashtan Strokhich from Congressman Dave Camp’s office. The focus of these meetings was to illustrate how the Tribal colleges and universities are good investments in the community and how they positively impact our local economies. Both Congressmen gave support for reauthorization of the Farm Bill which includes the addition of Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College as a 1994 Land Grant Institution. This will allow KBOCC to receive additional federal funding under the legislation.

On Wednesday, a meeting was held with Doug Messana and Ryan Evans from Senator Debbie Stabenow’s office and Jackie Parker from Senator Carl Levin’s office. Additional support was sought for a renewed Executive Order by President Obama for the Tribal colleges and universities as a measure of his commitment to Tribal sovereignty and self-determination. Previously, Presidents Clinton and Bush both signed Executive Orders for the Tribal institutions.

At the 40th Anniversary Reception, KBOCC student Margaret Boyer met with former Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell and his wife, Linda, to discuss opportunities at Tribal colleges. During their free time, students were able to engage in sightseeing and attend a New York Knicks and Washington Wizards basketball game.

~ submitted by Debbie Parrish, KBOCC President

Upcoming Youth Program Events

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Note: All activities subject to change or cancel. Contact Youth Office at 353-4643.

Healthy Heart Fair continues:

A class of Pre-Primary children visit the Healthy Heart Fair with their teachers.

Jean Duschaïne enjoys a neck/back massage from Christal Kemptpainen, Massage Therapist at Heavenly Escape in Alston, MI.

KBOCC students visit Washington D.C.

(Left to right) Patrick Racette, Nancie Lamb, Margaret Boyer, Dylan Frisvall.

(Left) Margaret Boyer sits in the chair at Arlington Cemetery. (Right) Patrick Racette demonstrates the size of this Great White shark jaws exhibit at the National Museum of Natural History.

March 1: Constitutional Committee Meeting, 1 pm, Council Chambers;
March 9: Reg. Sat. Council Meeting, 9 am, Ojibwa Resort Conf. Rm;
March 20: Veteran’s Meeting, 7 pm;
March 28: Senior Citizens’ Pasty Sale;
March 29: Tribal Gov’t Offices closed, Good Friday.

~ submitted by newsletter editor
The KBIC QWV Transition House is open!

Services are available for persons affected by domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking and include:
- shelter care
- crisis intervention services
- advocacy
- support groups

The QWV helpline number is (906) 353-4599 and is staffed 24-hourly.

One Billion Rising occurred on February 14, 2013, and is a worldwide event demanding the end to violence against women. Information about local events for One Billion Rising will be posted on the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community website under the Office of Violence Against Women Department, on the KBIC-QWV Facebook page, and flyers will be posted around the community.

This program is supported by the following U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women grants: 2009-TA-AX-0024, 2010-TA-AX-K001, 2011-TA-AX-0011. The opinions, findings, and recommendations expressed in this publication/program/website are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women.

Important Medical Billing Information

When you've been approved for payment from Contract Health Services (CHS), you should not be billed for medical services. Should you happen to receive any invoice, it is imperative that you drop it off at the CHS office to ensure timely payments can be made and prevent credit or collection issues. Call the CHS Clerk, Elvera Lantz, with any questions at 906-353-4537.

Contract Health Services
Donald A. LaPointe Health Center
102 Superior Ave.
Baraga, MI 49908
906-353-4537

Deepest Sympathy

Patricia Ann Herron
(March 15, 1946-January 12, 2013)

Patricia Ann Herron, age 64, of 435 Stonerville Road, Ishpeming, MI, walked on, Saturday, January 12, 2013, at Marquette General Hospital.

She was born March 15, 1948, in Hancock, MI, a daughter of Thomas John and Cecelia Agnes (Attikons) Herron. Pat was raised in Houghton, MI, and was a graduate of the Houghton High School. She moved to Ishpeming, New York, and entered college with the goal of becoming a social worker. A few years later, she returned home, moved to Marquette, MI, and was employed as a teacher’s aide at the Vandenboom Elementary School and as a bus driver for Marq-Tran. She relocated for a time to Spokane, Washington, where she was employed as a school bus driver. Returning to the Upper Peninsula, Pat settled in White Pine, MI, until illness necessitated a move to the Mather Nursing Center in Ishpeming in November 2012.

Pat’s interests included a love of driving and travel, playing board games and cards, and fishing. She was a devoted animal lover of cats and dogs, especially cats. Pat was a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. Pat is survived by her son, Robert L. “Rob” (Carol Fitzpatrick) Herron of White Pine, MI, a daughter of Jade Chaudier and Jaren Forcia; and a brother: Marty Herron of Marquette. Pat is survived by her grandchildren: Baylie Schmeltzer, Jasmine and Kayla Herron; and several cousins, among them, Dylan Herron of Ishpeming, Doris Herrera of Florida, and Tim Frisvall of L’Anse. Rob was preceded in death by his mother, Patricia Ann Herron on January 12, 2013. Traditional Native American ceremonies were held at the Ojibwa Community Center in Harvey, MI, on Saturday, February 16. The Fassbender Funeral Home assisted the family.

Jaden J. Forcia
(February 14, 2013-February 14, 2013)

Jaden J. Forcia, of Baraga, MI, infant son of Jade Chaudier and Jaren Forcia passed away shortly after birth February 14, 2013, at Portage Health Center, Hancock, MI.

Jaden is survived by his loving parents Jade Chaudier and Jaren Forcia; grandparen:
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D.J. Chaudier, Jesse Forcia, Jeremy Forcia, and Jason Forcia. Numerous great aunts and uncles, and cousins also survive. Jaden was a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

Funeral services for little Jaden were held on Monday, February 18, 2013, in the Ceremonial Room at the Ojibwa Community Center, Baraga. The Reid Funeral Home assisted the family.

Robert L. Herron
(August 2, 1959-May 15, 2013)

Robert Lawrence Herron, age 43, of 203 Hotel Place, Harvey, MI, walked on, Friday morning, May 15, 2013, at Marquette General High School. Rob was born August 2, 1959, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the son of Patricia Ann Herron.

He came to Marquette, MI, as a young child and graduated from the Marquette Senior High School. He later enrolled at Northern Michigan University’s Jacobetti Skill Center pursuing a degree in culinary arts. For over 16 years, Rob was employed at the Ojibwa Casino as a bartender-cook. He enjoyed all music, especially classic rock, was a great cook who loved to barbeque, and enjoyed spending time fishing. He was a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

Services were held at the Ojibwa Community Center in Harvey, MI, Saturday, May 11.

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POSTIVELY YOU Group invites young women ages 13-17 to attend on March 7, 2013, 3:30-5pm, at the Donald A. LaPointe Health Center 2nd Floor conference room. If you need trans-

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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 Employment Opportunities


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LEGAL AID CLINIC
A legal aid clinic will be available to Tribal members on Tuesday, March 5, 2013, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the downstairs conference room of the Tribal Center. The clinic is provided by Michigan Indian Legal Services, for questions call 1-800-968-6877.

Zeba Indian Mission
United Methodist Church
“We welcome each of you to our worship services, at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday.”
Pastor: Rev, Stephen Rhoades
Church office 524-7939
Parsonage 524-7936

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: socs@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


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 4170 or 4140 or visit: www.ojibwa.com.

KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY
COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (C.A.P.) OFFICE
Jancie M. Halverson, CAP Administrator
16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49908
Telephone: (906) 353-6623 x4162 Fax (906) 353-4141

ATTENTION:
FY 2013 LIHEAP FUNDING IS NOW AVAILABLE

LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
Two (2) Part Program
1. Direct Assistance Program (DAP)
   One time heating credit to heat vendor
2. Emergency Crisis Intervention Program (ECIP)
   Assistance with shut-off notices.

GAROSS income is required for ALL household members over the age of 18, 30 days prior to requesting assistance or current taxes.

NEW INCOME GUIDELINES
(60 percent of estimated state median income)

ANNUAL GROSS INCOME HOUSEHOLD SIZE
$22,796 1
$28,758 2
$36,700 3
$43,762 4
$50,794 5
$57,765 6

In accordance with 45 CFR 96.85, 60 percent of each State’s estimated median income — For a four-person family is multiplied by the following percentages to adjust for household size for LIHEAP: 52 percent for one person, 58 percent for two persons, 84 percent for three persons, 100 percent for four persons, 116 percent for five persons, 132 percent for six persons. For each additional member above six persons, add three percentage points to the percentage for a six-person household (132 percent), and multiply the new percentage by 60 percent of the State’s estimated median income for a four-person household.