NYQUIST JOINS MEDICAL TEAM AT KBIC

The KBIC Medical Clinic is very pleased to offer the services of Kris Nyquist, FNP. Becky Tussing, Donald LaPointe Medical Facility’s Associate Director, states, “With the addition of a physician, we plan on increasing access for those patients wishing to access the clinic for sore throats, coughs, ear infections, rashes, and pre-employment or sports physicals. The Medical Clinic is also working on implementing a ‘Women’s Clinic,’ so women in the community can see a female provider for annual exams. The goal of the Medical Clinic is to maintain ‘Open Access’ scheduling with the addition of a third provider.” ‘Open Access’ means that we will have the availability to schedule with one of our providers within 24 hours of calling during the work week. This will help in the Medical Clinic’s efforts in obtaining designation as a Patient Centered Medical Home from Blue Cross Blue Shield.

A Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) brings together a team of medical professionals to coordinate and personalize all of medical care. The team is led by a physician and is made up of nurses, nurse care managers, medical receptionists, medical record clerks, pharmacists, and community health nurses, all of whom work together to oversee patient’s well-being. Their job is to keep patients healthy by making sure they’re on track with medications, appointments, and medical tests. They also will advise about diet or ongoing treatment and educate concerning ways to stay well, recuperate, or deal with a chronic health problem. ‘The home’ refers to the doctor’s office.”

A Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) delivers a unique blend of nursing and medical care, and has had special training for providing health care, including the many tasks customarily performed by a physician. This includes the prescribing of medication, and assisting patients in making better lifestyle and health care decisions. An FNP is a graduate level registered nurse who is prepared through a master’s program in nursing and is a graduate level registered nurse. I am planning on relocating closer to the area.” Nyquist has three Bachelors of Sciences Degrees (Management/Marketing, Accounting, and Nursing) and a Master Degree in Nursing/FNP, all from NMU. Nyquist adds, “I’m not a mid-level provider, I will provide patient education and practice in collaboration with the other KBIC physicians: Dr. Oh, Dr. Zobro and Dr. Gilliland.”

Kris Nyquist, FNP, grew up in Marquette and is a Native American descendant from a Canadian Reserve. Ms. Nyquist states “I’m very happy to be practicing here at KBIC, and this place values the philosophy of an FNP, graduate level registered nurse. I am planning on relocating closer to the area.” Nyquist has three Bachelors of Sciences Degrees (Management/Marketing, Accounting, and Nursing) and a Master Degree in Nursing/FNP, all from NMU. Nyquist adds, “I’m not a stranger to this area, I actually worked for both Ojibwa Casinos in their accounting departments at one time and I worked as a RN at the Baraga Maximum Security Prison for one year. I love this area, and it keeps drawing me back.”

Call the KBIC Medical Clinic at 353-8700 to schedule an appointment, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am–4:30 pm with: Dr. Joseph Zobro, MD, Family Practice; Dr. Chung Oh, DO, Family Practice; Dr. Gilliland, Pediatrician; or Kris Nyquist, MSH, FNP, Family Practice.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

• April 14, 2012 Tribal Council Meeting
• Kris Nyquist, FNP, joins KBIC Medical Team
• KBIC attends AISES Powwow
• Rez Runners Host Tourney
• Mad Hatters Tea Party & Employee Recognition Awards
• KBOCC Students Learn New Ways to Teach Science
• KBIC Ojibwa Library News
• Deepest Sympathy

Community Members Enjoy Local AISES Powwow and Conference

LaFernier stated her opposition, “This is Mr. Curtis), 0 absent, motion carried. Minton, S LaFernier), one abstained (J. Kota, Edwards, Jokinen, LaPointe, Mat-tis, Jr. motioned to approve Resolution KB1885-2012 Articles of Incorporation of Aanikoosing Tribal Enterprise Corporation Code for amendments is held, supported by Susan and thanked Mr. Baker for his work with our Tribe and on our behalf. We are against.” President Swartz con-curred with Susan and thanked Mr. Baker for the work he did for this report. Jerry Lee Curtis, ten supported, 0 op-posed, 0 abstained, one absent (Matthews), motion carried.

Susan J. LaFernier motioned to schedule the Third Reading for the Pro-posed Code Title 27 Chapter B 2012-01 on Sat-urday, May 5, 2012, supported by Mi-chael LaFernier, Sr., seven supported (J. Curtis, M. LaFernier, LaPointe, Matthews, J. Kota, Edwards, Jokinen, LaPointe, LaPointe, Matthews), supported by Raymond Cadreaus and Cherie Dakota, who could not be present due to a recent death in her family, for assistance in funding 40 tee-shirts for the participants of the Baraga Community Clean-up Project in the Baraga Village, supported by Fred Dakota, eight sup-ported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, three absent (Matthews, J. Curtis, Edwards), motion carried.

Eddy Edwards presented a proposal by Ojibwa Builders to remodel eight bathrooms located in the Ojibwa Casino Complex in Baraga. The bid includes drywall work and 14 additionally identified items for the amount of $233,737.35, which is approxi-mately $168,000 less than the bid from Mar-quette and $145,000 less than the previous bid. The Ojibwa Builders’ proposal did not include training of public works employees but they are welcome to work with the master plumber as they’ll have to do something to rectify the situation. We don’t want that, but I don’t want our kids to experience that. Thank you.”

Raymond Cadreaus and Cherie Dakota presented a letter which, if not present, would have been brought to the attention of President Swartz in early March but further felt the need to come before the Council in person to offer answers to any questions anyone may have. Koski encour-aged the Council to continue to print the fig-uressubmitted in the Ojibwa Tribal Council, on just how much the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community contributes to local area governments.

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President Swartz indicated Council had discussed the school issue with Tom Miller of Hannahville Indian School on September 9, 2011. It is a matter that addresses at that time, including funding a Charter school versus a Tribal school. A Charter school would need to be open to the public and have to comply with the State of Michigan requirements. A 100% tribally funded school would allow us to set the requirements, but we may still meet some requirements from the Michigan Department of Education regarding curriculum for their future education requirements for our students. We discussed the fact that a Charter school would be able to access KBIC’s 2% funds if it would likely be able to sustain the separation of the Tribe and could potentially access impact aid funds that L’Anse and Baraga Schools currently receive. Also discussed was the construction of a new school. Construction was estimated at $190 to $215 per square foot and building size needed would be estimated at 40,000 square foot; that is the price of 400 houses and about $5 million dollars. In addition, we would need to em-ploy Native American teachers, and finding Native American teachers may be prob-lematic, but a number of time. So if it had been discussed, and we did decide to do a survey of the community. This survey has not been conducted as of yet. The original idea was to send a survey to the Tribe to do a survey of the community, but since the survey was not identified in the objectives in the grant, we were unable to utilize those grant funds. It was agreed to plan on talking with Amy St. Arnold, Education Director, to conduct this survey soon. Tom Miller, of the Hannahville Indian School, has agreed to assist in the endeavor. Eddy Edwards was directed to the Education Direc-tor and the Education Committee to meet with the group of students and school officials to deal with this issues they have with the Baraga Schools and the Alternative School. The letter contained 34 signatures. Halverson began with, “We are addressing a problem that has been going on for generations and is begin-ning to show itself in our community. We realize that everyone in the Council and even in this room have been through some sort of racism and we have seen that racism is not unique to our commu-nity, it is in our neighborhoods, it is in our schools and we are tired of it. We are here today to ask if you can help us get a better education and provide a better learning environment for our kids.”

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Camp New Day in the U.P. for a program for children whose parents are incarcerated, and $1000 for United Tribe’s of Michigan, for a total of $7210; supported by Susan J. LaFernier, eight supported, one opposed (Jokinen), 0 abstained, two absent (Matthews, J. Curtis), motion carried.

In reference to another donation item, Edy Edwards indicated that he’s pretty sure he has $10,000 available for Charlie Gauthier through the funds made available to the FEMA trailer owners and that he would add Gauthier to the agenda for the next Ojibwa Housing Board meeting.

President Swartz indicated IHS is ready to put Gauthier’s well and sewer in but is waiting on his inspection papers. President Swartz will direct the building inspector, Joe Brazeau, to conduct the inspection of the roof and see if he can make an exemption. If the problems do not resolve themselves, Gauthier should return to Council at that time.

Elizabeth D. Mayo motioned to approve Resolution KB1884-2012, Department of Justice CTAS Grant, supported by Susan J. LaFernier, nine supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, two absent (Matthews, J. Curtis), motion carried.

I moved to approve the BC/BS rate increase calculations for the employees portion, supported by Carole LaPointe, seven supported (S.LaP., J. Curtis, D. Byykkonen, M. Edwards, M. LaFernier, LaPointe), two opposed (Mayo, Jokinen), 0 abstained, two absent (Matthews, J. Curtis), motion carried.

Council adjourned with no further business on the agenda.

April 22, 2012

Update on Council Action:
President Warren “Chris” Swartz, Jr. states, “Subsequent to last Saturday’s Council meeting, Monday I conducted an exit interview with John Baker. During the course of that interview, Mr. Baker offered his services to wrap things up in the Attorney’s office, i.e. paper work, case files, briefings to the two attorneys on outstanding cases. At Thursday’s meeting, I placed on the agenda the exit interview I had conducted with Mr. Baker to give Council an update of that exit interview. After, updating Council, a motion was placed on the floor to hire Mr. Baker for a temporary position of a week to ten days to do a specific task. That motion narrowly passed. I feel the Council has the authority to temporarily appoint a person in a temporary position. The CEO has the authority to appoint individuals to perform a specific task up to ninety days.

KEWEENAW BAY OJIBWA LIBRARY NEWS...

Vanessa Beaver, Dana Thierry, and Ashley Beck belong to an after school program called Positively You. They painted the window mural at the Ojibwa Community Library. This project is under the supervision of Council member Daniel Thierry, his wife, and daughter. They had the design mocked up on computer and were able to do a few sample pieces in preparation for the mural. This is the first piece ever created for the library. This project is under the supervision of Council member Daniel Thierry, his wife, and daughter. They had the design mocked up on computer and were able to do a few sample pieces in preparation for the mural. This is the first piece ever created for the library.

Activities reported by the Secretary, Susan J. LaFernier, for the month of March 2012.

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.

NATIVE VOTE 2012 (every vote and vote counts), supported by the Tribal Council of American Indians, President Jeff Keeler Keel stated in his State of Indian Nations Address that our Native vote can have a significant impact in our upcoming election. The two challenges and challenged Indian Country to turn out the largest Native vote in history. There are more than one million eligible voters in Indian Country who are not registered! We need to get out and vote not only to have Native voices heard, but also to ensure that U.S. leaders understand Indian Country and that Indian Country matters, especially in the Tribal Council (and SSIC) regarding voting in our national, state, local, and Tribal elections. See “Michigan’s 2012 Election Calendar” in this issue. Our goal for Keewenaw Indian Country has 100% of our eligible members vote!

On March 5, Carole LaPointe, Larry Denomie, and I met regarding the department report formats. We gave our suggestions about the types of information that should be included, how to include the Comprehensive Plan, print double sides/widen margins, etc. The CEO will be meeting with the Enterprise personnel regarding their reports and one format. The CFO is also working on revising and updating the Accounting Manual. We have had meetings on the revision of the Drug Free Workplace Policy, and I have asked the Drug Task Force for recommendations/suggestions also. A draft policy will be presented in a few weeks.

I attended the Department Head meeting on March 20, where we received training on “Improving Interview Skills and Techniques.”

The Tribal Council (and Hiring Committee) was invited and those who did not attend received the information. The President and I continue to hold update/informational Mining meetings each month with Chuck Brumleve, Jessica Koski, and Todd Warner. Remember that Memorial Day is approaching and the cemeteries will need to be prepared from the winter winds and storms. We have sent reminders to our faithful volunteers from the “Adopt-A-Road” program that we will begin cleaning the roadside in Baraga, L’Anse, and Zeba.

The Drug Task Force held monthly meetings, and their Mission Statement is: “To promote education through public awareness with the specific objective to eliminate the use of ‘illegal drugs’ for the betterment of the health, welfare, and safety of the Keewenaw Indian Community and our neighboring Communities.” The Council also received the 2011 Drug Task Force Report and the 2012 goals.

Continue to pray for each other as well as to honor and remember all of our veterans, service men and women, and their families. Remember those who are ill, our economic struggles, and all who have lost loved ones. Thank you, God and Creator, for the great blessings of our land, loved ones, and friends. Let us continue to be thankful for our beautiful area. We pray for peace in the world.

During March 2012, the Tribal Council held one Regular Tribal Council Meeting on March 3, 2012. This meeting is covered in the April 2012 Newsletter. Tribal Council held four Special Council Meetings. Following is the unapproved motions from March.

At a council meeting held March 8, 2012, the following actions were taken:
• Approved a motion to have the CEO bring back the information on how departments/businesses received the recommendations of the IHS surveys/reports (Environmental Health and Safety);
• Approved the June 9, and 16, 2011 Tribal Council meeting minutes;
• Approved the OPUS Web Technologies (Community Needs Assistance Program) policy to allow up to $10,000 for medical travel and require a diagnosis from a physician;
• Approved a motion to have the KBIC Veterans from Ojibwa Building Supply was awarded for the following: $31,000 Downgrades from the Procedure;
• Approved to overturn the CEO’s decision in case #003-12 Appeal of Termination and give him back pay from termination date and instructed the CEO to provide draft revisions of the entire drug free workplace policy;
• Approved the addition to Section VI of the KBIC Amended and Restated Tribal Eiders and Disability Pension Trust document regarding accrued payment for outstanding funeral expenses;
• Tabled that all lease payments for the road and the wood on the Louis Jen-dreau Allotment for more information;
• Motion to approve $3500 for a trailer for the KBIC Veterans from Ojibwa Building Supply was approved;
• Approved the supplemental administrative funding request to USDA for funds to remove the two (2) underground storage tanks and 2005 Commodity Foods and to use the funds available for the match requirement;
• Approved Resolution KB1880-2012 Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act (incorporates the provisions of the federal Indian Child Welfare Act into Michigan law);
• Approved Resolution KB1881-2012 ROM: a Tribal and Non-commercial/ Business Lease Interest Acquisition for a fish and food cooperative and cancels the previous lease with Ojibwa Housing Authority;
• Approved Resolution KB1882-2012 James A. Byykkonen modification to his Residential and Recreational leases to cancel his residential lease and transfer to Barbie M. Byykkonen and cancels his commercial recreational lease for a recreational lease for him;
• Tabled amendments to the Personnel Policy Grievance Process until the new draft of the policy is reviewed;
• Approved appointment of Andrew Chosa to the Economic Development Committee to fill a remaining term and post for an additional vacancy;
• Approved the OPUS Web Technologies Services Agreement to provide web site design and development, hosting, and online lodging reservation services for the Ojibwa Casinos;
• Approved the Nancy Ohle Consultant Agreement to hold an “Improving Inter-
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view Skills and Techniques’ workshop for $1250;
Approved the Participating Pharmacy Retail Agreement with CIGNA for certain pharmacy services for individuals;
Approved the wage, increase for the Inter-Enrollment Assistant to the date she began;
Approved the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) American Indian/Alaska Native National-Regional Extension Center (REC) Provider Letter of Agreement for REC Services for Tribal Health Programs to attain meaningful use of certified electronic health records systems beginning in 2011;
Approved the Independent Contractor Agreement renewal with Millenium Services, Inc. (Charles Brumelle) as the mining consultant for the Community for one year.

At a council meeting held March 15, 2012, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the June 23, and 24, 2011 Tribal Council meeting minutes;
- Approved a donation to the American Legion Post in Baraga for $10,000 for the operating expenses of the Legion’s veteran’s programs. A motion was defeated to table this issue for more discussion;
- Approved payment to Bruce Geroux of $2219.51 for wood and $1450 to MD Conservation for funding the waste reduction program.

THPO (Tribal Historic Preservation Office) for the Nurse Practitioner Kristine M. Nyquist, FN, FNP for the provision of medical services;

Approved the revised IGT (lease) participation agreement and have the President sign the document (machine add/change advice to add cabinets);

Approved the MOA with Inter-Tribal Council of MI, Inc. and the Business Associate Agreement for Head Start children screening;

Approved the Services Agreement with Dale Schmeisser, R.D., P.H.D. to provide services for the Diabetes Program;

Approved the Employment Agreement for the Nurse Practitioner Kristine M. Nyquist, FN, FNP for the provision of medical services;

Approved the wage increase for the Clinical Applications Coordinator (CAC) until the interim RPMS Site Manager is temporarily hired at the Health Center;

Tabled the (new) Director of Fire Management job description for review until Tom Chosa returns from fire duty to discuss.

At a council meeting held March 29, 2012, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the Konami Gaming Purchase equipment order for the Baraga Casino $140,467.50 and the Marquette Casino $156,957.50 and the Sales and Security Agreements;
- Approved the Commercial Fishing applications pending the requirements for May 1;
- Approved the employee Blue Cross & Blue Shield health insurance renewal rates as of April 1 with the $4000 deductible change (no change to the employee);
- Approved to create the Director of Fire Management position and to post for the position. A motion to table until the Council meets with the Fire Fighting Committee was defeated;
- Approved the Statement of Information on Mining Activities occurring on Anishinaabeg Territory in the Great Lakes Region of the United States of America submitted to the U.N. Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, S. James Anaya;
- Approved four applicants to the Parks & Recreation Committee: Jody Joki, Suzy Jondreau, Lori LaFerrier, and Rodney Loonsfoot;
- Approved four applicants to the Natural Resources Committee: Roger Duschene, Marilyn Loonsfoot, Rodney Loonsfoot, and David Rantanen;
- Approved James Emery and Marilyn Loonsfoot for two-year terms on the PowWow Committee and Cody Blue, Daniel Connor, Lauri Denomie, and Christine LaPointe for three-year terms on the PowWow Committee;
- Approved Resolution KB1883-2012 National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) Membership Renewal, Delegates, and Dues of $7500;
- Approved to have Ojibwa Plumbing & Heating and Public Works work together on the Baraga Casino eight (8) bathroom remodeling/carpentry project with 10% over invoice and have Ojibwa Plumbing & Heating provide a detailed quote/reserve budget for each task. The Ojibwa Plumbing & Heating bid that was presented was tabled until the new quote is received;
- Approved the MOU Pilot Project: Controlled Substance Abuse in the KBIC between KBIC and the Inter-Tribal Council of MI to support the proposed activities under the NARCH Grant submitted by the Great Lakes Epi Center;
- Approved the KBIC Game Removal and WAP Install Proposal for the Marquette Casino: remove six Aristocrat MVP and two Konami and install four Aristocrat Tarzan WAP and four Aristocrat Mission Impossible WAP, and for the Baraga Casino: remove eight Aristocrat MVP and install four Aristocrat Tarzan WAP and four Aristocrat mission Impossible.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan J. LaFerrier, Secretary.
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To find the candidates who get your vote is not always easy! The following steps will help find the candidate who gets your vote.

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AISES Powwow continues:

AISES students with organizing and scheduling of the many featured speakers and performers for the event. Dr. Anton Treuer, Professor of Ojibwa, Bethany and Bob Moody, Traditional Speakers, and Joseph FireCrow, NAMY Award Winner, held sessions on April 13, 2012, which were open to the public in the Michigan Tech Memorial Union Building Ballroom. On Saturday, April 14th, a Traditional Powwow was held at the Student Development Complex (SDC) with a noon grand entry. Donald Chosa, Jr. served as head veteran dancer; Bethany and Bob Moody served as head male and female dancers; and Reanne Madison and Jacob Swaney served as head AISES dancers, both of whom will be graduating this May. Stanley Spruce served as emcee with Erick Awonohopay as arena director.

Michigan Tech/AISES is the local chapter of the national AISES organization which provides financial scholarships, job fairs, leadership training, and national conferences to support its members.

KBIC Youth held this year’s Rez Runner’s Tournament on Saturday, April 14, and Sunday, April 15. There were a total of 18 teams in this year’s tournament with over 165 youth participating. The KBIC Youth also held a Spring Youth Dance on Saturday evening after the games until midnight. The games were refereed by local referees: Victor Harrington, Ken Giddings, and Michael Ostermeyer. Cheryne Clement, Youth Program and Facility Coordinator, said, “A Chi Migwech to the Youth Programs staff (Mariah Dunham, Steven Denomie, Patrick LaPointe, Deanna Hadden, and Sarah Newman) for all their hard work and dedication to the weekend’s events. I also want to thank the Makì, Wickstrom, Dix, and Danison Families for their help in the concession stand, and to the Rez Runner Coaches: Angie Shellfote, Sheila Eidahl, Steven Denomie, Bill Jondeura and Tony Veker, Jr.; Youth Committee Members: Jeanne Kauppilla, Angie Shellfote, Carole LaPointe and Bill Jondeura; Youth Club Members: Desiree Jermac, Vanessa Bea- ver, Kelsi Nankervis, Skye Loonsfoot, Dana Thierry, Ashley Beck, Kassidey Beck, Ray- mond Gauthier, and Sheena Halverson; concession helpers: Jean Aho, Alison Du- rant, and Macee Tolonen; and to all the par- ents for getting their children to and from practices and games. Migwech to the Tribes of Lac Vieux Desert (LVD) and Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe (SCIT), for participating in our annual tournament. Thank you Brigitte LaPointe and Lauri Deno- mie, Patrick LaPointe, Deanna Hadden, and Sarah Newman for taking pictures of the weekend’s events and to the Weed and Seed Program (Liana Loonsfoot) for providing the trophies and tee-shirts for the tournament. If anyone was left out, please know that your time was appreciated!

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KBIC employees were encouraged to participate in a Mad Hatter’s Tea Party on April 11, immediately preceding the government’s employee recognition awards. Beginning at 11:30 a.m., participating employees paraded their hat selections while walking laps around the KBOCC parking lot. The event was sponsored by the W.H.I.P.P. (Wellness, Health, Intervention, Prevention Program) Task Force in a continued effort to encourage and begin positive lifestyle changes that will help us live longer, healthier, happier lives.

The grand prize winner of a $100 Pine’s Gift Card for her Mad Hat went to Shawnee Stein. Shawnee is employed at KBIC’s Primary Program.

Lunch was served by Task Force committee members with the assistance of community service workers. KBIC recognizes the following employees for their dedicated work performance for KBIC.

**10 years + service:**
- Christina Lee, Newday
- Steven Cadeau, Sr., Court
- Anges Hueckstaedt, Elderly Nutrition
- Nissa Morningstar, Pre-Primary
- Eleanor Nieskes, Public Works
- Gregory Geroux, Public Works
- Sarah Maki, CEO Office
- Gregory Loonsfoot, Public Works
- Kelly Dowd, Pre-Primary
- Deborah Hillscher, Radio
- Joyce Field, Pines
- Robin Roe, Child Support Services, Michele Denomie, Education
- Harold Mensch, Natural Resources
- Martin Curtis, Jr., Newday
- Deborah Vizina, DHHS
- David Firestone, Elderly Nutrition
- David Zasadnyj, IT
- Gary Loonsfoot Jr., THPO/Language
- Eric Maki, Pines
- Sue Ellen Carlson, Community Assistance

**15 years + service:**
- Laura Mayo, DHHS
- James Denomie, Public Works
- Michael Wilson, Newday
- Timothy Mayo, Public Works
- Jerry Lee Curtis, Newday
- Matthew Shalifoe, Jr., Police
- Floyd Forcia, Jr., Public Works
- Gerald Cadeau, Jr., Elderly Nutrition

**20 years + service:**
- Carola LaPointe, DHHS
- Jennifer St. George, Police
- Peggy Minton, Chairman’s Office
- Susan Ottilla, DHSS
- Warren Swartz, Jr., Chairman’s Office
- R. Brent Johnson, DHHS
- Cheryl Bogda, Newday
- Robert Lamson, Sr., Public Works
- Mary Tikanen, DHHS
- Melissa Koepp, DHHS
- Lori LaFernier, OVW

**25 years + service:**
- Jeanne Hirzel, Newday
- Michelle St. George, DHHS
- Patricia Gerard, Pines
- Ruth Scott, Newday
- Doreen Blaker, Court
- Dale Dakota, Police
- Marilyn Loonsfoot, Newday
- Violet Frisvall Ayres, Court
- Jennifer Misegan, Enrollment

**30 years + service:**
- Laurie Denomie, Court
- William St. George, Public Works

**35 years + service:**
- Susan LaFernier, Accounting
- Amy St. Arnold, Education

KBIC recognizes their employees in five year increments. Following the luncheon, KBIC recognized the following employees for their dedicated work performance for KBIC.

**KBIC HOLDS COMMUNITY GATHERING**

A Community Gathering was held on Saturday, April 21, at the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College (KBOCC). Participants were pre-register to obtain a $50 voucher to purchase pre-made regalia or supplies for designing their own. Powwow Fabric and Design were chosen as the vendor for this opportunity, and they provided a large display of products. Liana Loonsfoot, Weed & Seed Coordinator, said, “We gave out 205 vouchers spending over $10,000 on regalia and supplies.”

In addition, stations were set up for participants to take part. April Lindala, Mohawk Nation, instructed a women and girl’s drumming class. Harland Downwind, Ojibwa Healer, was available to the community for traditional medicine and healing. Tribal Police Athletic League (T-PAL) taught archery for anyone who wanted to give it a try. Youth who participated in the classes received a drawing slip for Walmart gift cards. A grand feast was prepared and served by Doreen Blaker with the assistance of many community service workers and helpers.

This event was made possible through the Dept. of Justice/KBIC Weed & Seed Program, KBIC Cultural Committee, KBIC Youth Program, and KBIC Tribal Police Athletic League (T-PAL).

Regalia Classes will be offered during the month of May at the Niwin Akeaa Community Center. Date/time to be determined. Call 353-4643 for details.
I attended a Correctional Facility Advisory Board (CFAB) meeting in March. We discussed the preliminary estimates for constructing and operating needed facilities on Tribal lands.

Councilman Dakota and I attended a Multi-Tribe meeting in St. Ignace.

It was discussed with Tribes in attendance that we should have a consolidated effort concerning internet gaming in Michigan in the event of intra-state gaming. The formation of a Tribal LLC made up of interested tribes to pursue (intra-state) online gaming as it becomes available would be in the best interests of tribes involved for achieving a profitable market share and to prevent market share dilution of a limited online intra-state gaming market in Michigan.

There were Tribes in attendance discussing the possibility of forming a Consortium of Michigan Tribes. They also discussed if this would be in the best interest of their communities. The Secretary stated that a letter of support should be given to Tribal members through a drawing. The winners will be contacted the week of June 11, at the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Natural Resources Department at 524 2626 to arrange for the drawing between May 7, and June 1. The winners will be contacted the week of June 4. Plants will be available for pickup the week of June 11, at the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Natural Resources Department in Pequotwan. Species available are roses, lilacs, blueberry, raspberry, blackberry, potato, onion, tomatoes, peppers, apple, peach, cherry, and pear trees. For questions please call the Tribal Natural Resources Department at 524-5757, Karen at ext. 23 or Evelyn at ext. 11.

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community has roosters, log splitters, weed trimmer, and wood chipper available for Tribal member use. Public Works is housing the equipment in Baraga, please contact Mark Misegan at 201-1702 or Angela at 353-2626 to make arrangements for use.

KBOCC Students Learn New Ways to Teach Science to Young Children

Students in ECE 207, Science for the Preschool Child attended the Upper Peninsula Early Childhood Conference on April 13 and visited the U.P. Children’s Museum on April 14. The conference was held at Northern Michigan University in Marquette, which is in the same town as the UP Children's Museum. Thanks to funding from Woskpe Oyate, a funding source for Tribal Collegiates, the students spent the night in Marquette.

The title of the Early Childhood Conference was “Naturally Nurturing” and focused on natural environments including science and outdoor exploration. The keynote speaker shared ways to create natural outdoor play environments. He discussed how to create “outdoor play environments for the soul.” Participants came away with creative ideas to fill outdoor play space with hills, pathways, sand and water, sculpture, trees, woodcarvings, outdoor steel drums, and more. The idea of a variety of sounds, smells, and textures in the space was emphasized. The idea of active exploration was discussed in many sessions. A session titled “Babies in the Rain” focused on the importance of moving, smelling, tasting, and feeling for infants to explore their world.

Another speaker discussed how to include science in programming for young children. Not only did the students gain knowledge and insight into ways to include science in their rooms, they saw a potential field trip in visiting the museum. Everyone left with renewed enthusiasm and interest in science for pre-school children.

The 11th Annual Tree and Shrub Give Away is sponsored by the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Natural Resources Department in Pequotwan. Plants will be given to Tribal members through a drawing. There will be a sign-up sheet for Tribal members at the Tribal Center front desk. Interested Tribal members need to sign up for the drawing between May 7, and June 1. The winners will be contacted the week of June 4. Plants will be available for pickup the week of June 11, at the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. Several members of the economic development committee have resigned their position in the past couple of months.

The Secretarial Election relating to withdrawing Secretarial approval is still pending at the regional office. Accordingly, the amendment is an issue of concern for Tribes and the BIA, particularly in writing the technical comment letters about it. Another Tribe in the Region proposed a similar amendment to withdraw Secretarial approval. They provided a technical comment letter that really wasn’t adequate, and the Tribe elected not to proceed at that time until the full extent of consequences is better known.

Finally, on behalf of the Community, I signed a letter to the U.N. Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples. The letter was prepared with the assistance of Jessica Koski and others. The gist of the letter is to describe destructive mining activities impacting our lands and waters. In addition, we expect meaningful protection and consultation regarding impacts to our reserved treaty resources, sacred sites, access to cultural resources, and rights to exercise self-determination with respect to our lands, territories, and natural resources, including our reserved right to off-reservation resources and water.

This concludes my report.

Respectfully submitted,
Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President
Upcoming Class To Be Held At Community Center Gym.

Better health through play—that’s what the spring qigong (pronounced chee-gong) classes are about! Children and adults both benefit from having play in our lives—playful movements offer health benefits such as flexibility, coordination, focus, balance, and stress relief. Reconnect with the children in your life, as well as the child inside of you! Whether you are a family, an individual or wanting to share time with a friend or partner—give yourself the gift of health and play this spring.

The classes will be two (2) hours each and offered four (4) different times in May. Participants may choose to come to one class or all four. Those signing up and paying for all the classes in advance or on the first day will be offered a discount. Tribal members and families also receive a reduced fee.

Class dates: Wednesday evenings 6-8 pm: May 9, 16, 23, and on Saturday 10-noon, May 19, 2012.

Class Location: Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College Niswin Akeaa Gym, Baraga, Michigan.

Cost: $20 per person per class or $70 to sign up in advance for all four classes. $30 per family per class or $150 to sign up in advance for all four classes.

Tribal discount: $10 per person per class or $30 in advance for all four classes, or $25 per family per class or $75 in advance for all four classes.

For more information or to register, contact: Cheryne at 353-4643 or mail: cheryne@kbic-nsn.gov or Darlene at 906-337-5243 or e-mail: northstarqtc@gmail.com.
FLORENCE GENEVIEVE USITASLO
"BANGII OGICHIDAA IKWE"
(December 21, 1923—March 24, 2012)

BANGII OGICHIDAA IKWE (Tiny War-
rion Woman) Florence Genevieve Usitasso, age 88, of L'Anse, MI went home to be with her Lord Jesus Christ, on Saturday, March 24, 2012, at Marquette General Hospital, Marquette, following a short illness. She was born in Assinins, Michigan, on December 21, 1923, the daughter of the late Tho-
as and Marie (Mongus) Shaloff. Florence attended school in Baraga. She married Raymond Kemppainen in 1943, and he preceded her in death in November 1997. She was a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Com-

munity and Ojibwa Seniors. She was an elec-
ted Tribal Council member and sat on several committees. Florence was also a member of the Michigan Indian Elders As-
sociation. Florence was devoted to her family and grandchildren, and as NOOKO-

MIS (grandmother) she was present at many of their births and family events and was very involved in their lives. She loved her nieces and nephews and was a wonderful auntie and was loved dearly by them. Florence made time for everyone who needed her. Mrs. Usitasso spent countless hours at the Ojibwa Senior Center sewing, quilting, and teaching her friends and family the same. She enjoyed reading, traveling, bak-
ing, shopping, sharing time with her friends and family, and being with her grandchildren. She enjoyed gardening, painting, family get to-

gethers, and spending time with her grand-

children.

Mrs. Galer is survived by her children: Rosemary Lamberger of Garden City, MI, Gloria Galer of Ortononag, Margaret (Peter) Mac 1990, Diane (James) Czech of Harper Woods, MI, Doreen (Irvin) Smith of Baraga, Foster Galer of Baraga, and Robert Galer of L'Anse. 13 grandchildren, numerous nieces and neph-

ew also survive. She was preceded in death by her loving husband Richard, and two grandchildren: Ronny D. Drinkard and Dar-

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brated on Tuesday, March 27, 2012, from Holy Name of Jesus Church, Assinins, MI with Father John Longbuc, celebrant. The family received friends on Tuesday, April 3, 2012, at the Reid Funeral Service and Chapel, L'Anse, and a parish Service and Chapel, L'Anse, and a parish

NANCY LOUISE HAATAJA
(December 8, 1941—April 13, 2012)

NANCY L. HAATAJA, age 70, of Zebra, MI passed away Friday, April 13, 2012, at her home. She was born December 8, 1941, in L'Anse, MI, the daughter to the late Archie and Margaret (Shaloff) Knapp. Nancy attended school in L'Anse. She mar-

ried Alfred Fabian Haataja on November 27, 1971. Nancy worked as a bartender at Swede's Bar in L'Anse for over 20 years; then worked at the Ojibwa Casino, retiring in 2000.

Nancy was a member of the KBIC, Ojibwa Seniors, and the Zba United Meth-

odist Church. She loved the Packers, going to concerts, shopping, going to the computer, and being with her grandchildren. Surviving are her children: Weylin (Amy) Haataja of L'Anse, Clyde "Donny" Koski of Baraga, and Sonni (Kelly) Haataja of L'Anse; grand-

children: Domenic, Samantha, Vincente, Kiegh-

Linda, and Anung; 11 great grandchildren; two daughters: Jennifer (William) Wilson of Pe-

Nancy's funeral service was held on

Nancy was preceded in death by her hus-

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too much snow, so here I am. Part of my

new job will eventually be to hold public

meetings about the SORNA program, so

maybe I meet some of you there."
A sixth grade L’Anse District School student, Kayla Dakota, won first place in the Western U.P. Science Fair for her individual project in environmental science. Kayla is pictured with her winning fair project. She is the daughter of Rhea Koski. The school representative who submitted the article states, “Kayla is an awesome student. Congratulations!”

**W.H.I.P.P. TASK FORCE NEWS**

April 18, 2012, the WHIPP Taskforce held the drawing for the “New Year, New You” Employee Weight Loss Challenge. The Challenge began January 17th and ended on April 10th. This gave employees 12 weeks to reach a goal of a 5% weight loss from their initial weigh-in weight. The challenge started with 154 participants and ended with 79.

Those who did reach their goal, received a drawing slip for each pound they lost and another if they reached a goal of exactly 5% weight loss. The online version has 30,000 and is still growing.

The following winners were selected:

$300 Gift Card
Mary Roth – Pressbox
Wade Nygord – Ojibwa Casino
Sarah Carlson – MOT Casino
Patti Pillsbury – MOT Casino
Tyler Larson – Tribal Court
Kristin Belair – Child Support Services

$500 Gift Card
Mike DeCota – Ojibwa Casino
Amanda Nordstrom – OCC
Tom Chosa — IT
Sharon Tammelin — DHHS

Congratulations to all the drawing winners! And also a BIG CONGRATS to everyone who was able to be entered in to the final drawing. Those who did reach their 5% goal, received a $500 Gift Card and two receiving $500 Gift Cards. Winners were given the choice for a gift card to either MC Sports or Dunham Sports.

**MAY 2012 Calendar Events**

- May 1: Blood Pressure/Blood Sugar screenings at Ojibwa Sr. Center
- May 4: Constitutional Committee Meeting, 1 pm, Council Chambers
- May 5: Reg. Sat. Council Meeting, 9 am, Ojibwa Resort Conference Room
- May 8: Blood Pressure/Blood Sugar screenings at Superior View
- May 15: Blood Pressure/Blood Sugar screenings at Ojibwa Sr. Center
- May 13: Happy Mother’s Day
- May 16: Veteran’s meeting 7 pm
- May 28: Memorial Day—Gov’t Offices closed.

**Logo Design Contest on Facebook!!!**

**Native Teens “Keepin’ It REAL” Seeking Creative Teen Talent!**

**Ready * and * Educated * for * Adult * Life**

Winning Logo = Prize $$$$$
Submit Design By: June 8th, 2012

Email “Keepin’ It REAL” Logo Questions and Submissions to TribalPREP@mph.org
For more info contact Heather Wood at KBIC/DHHS, hwood@kbic-mns.gov

**Must be between the ages of 12 to 19 to participate**

**“Keepin’ It REAL” must be included in logo design**

We’re Havin’ A Contest!

We want YOU to design a logo for Native Teens Keepin’ it REAL. Here are some things to think about:

- Your logo or photo needs to contain the slogan “Keepin’ it REAL”
- You must be between 12 and 19 to enter
- Follow the themes of this page. Think about what it means to you to be ready to transition from being a teen to being a young adult. That might include staying in school and going to college, saying no to drugs, and/or having healthy and happy relationships. The possibilities are endless, so use your imaginations!
- If you have any questions, or to submit your entry, e-mail Kaitlyn at TribalPREP@mph.org.
- Oh yeah..... the winner will be chosen by other teens who visit this page, and the winner gets a $$$ Prize! Good luck and happy designing!
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OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES
427 N. Superior Ave.  •   Baraga, MI  49908
In Tribal Court Building
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•  Email: occs@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

Happy Mother's Day

KEEWENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY
Employment Opportunities
• Natural Resources Technician (Temp) — 5/4/2012
• Operations & Compliance Specialist — 5/4/2012
• Pharmacist—open continuously
• Unit Manager (OVW)—open continuously

On-Call Positions
• Community Service Supervisor
• Unit Manager
• LPN
• RN
• Account Executive/Sales
• Cashier
• Receptionist/Office Worker
• Youth Program & Facility Attendant
• Family Aide
• Van Driver
• Pre-Primary Teaching Assistant

For current job listings, complete job announcements, applications and closing dates contact: KBIC Personnel Department, 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49908-9210 or 906-353-6623, ext 4176 or 4140 or visit: www.ojibwa.com.

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Holy Name of Jesus
Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha
Confessions: Sunday before Mass
353-6565
saintann@up.net
Pastor
Father John Longbucco
Father Antony Lukka

The library is pleased to announce the coming of Overdrive in May. What is Overdrive? Overdrive is a program that can be accessed from anywhere to download books and movies to an Ereader (Kindle, Nook, etc.). Audio books may also be downloaded to MP3 players. The downloads are on devices for two weeks, after that time they magically disappear. This program is for juvenile and adult use. There is no charge for this service. Patrons must have a library card to use Overdrive. Call us for more information, 353-8163.

~ Mary Bergerson, Ojibwa Community Library Director

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Pastor: Rev. Stephen Rhoades
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