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The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwe

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# **GENERAL ELECTION HELD AT KBIC**



Voters registering at the Baraga District with Election Workers.

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

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

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

L'Anse District :

Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews (Inc.) 235 votes:

Jean Jokinen 210 votes (Inc.); Randy Haataja 331 votes; Toni Minton 330 votes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

# SANTA VISITS WITH KBIC YOUTH

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

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

**Tribal Council Members:** Donald Shalifoe, Sr., Ogimaa Carole LaPointe, Vice-President Jean Jokinen, Secretary Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Asst. Secretary **Eddy Edwards, Treasurer** Warren C. Swartz, Jr. Susan J. LaFernier Jennifer Misegan Robert D. (RD) Curtis, Jr. Michael F. LaFernier, Sr. Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews Don Messer, Jr.

# **SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

- **December 6th Tribal Council Meeting**
- **General Election Held**
- Andrew Chosa named Aanikoosing, Inc. CEO
- **Thomas Chosa named Baraga** Fire Chief
- **Youth Christmas Parties**
- **Marquette Senior Christmas Luncheon Held**
- Ojibwa Senior Citizens News
- **Deepest Sympathy**
- Aainoojiiyens



Max Bressette isn't quite sure about this man they call Santa Claus.

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

Santa pictures continues on page six.

# **DECEMBER 6, 2014 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING**

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

Ogimaa Donald Shalifoe, Sr., shared numerous *Thank You* and *For Your Information* items addressed to Council.

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

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

Eddy Edwards reminded Council of a presentation about a month ago from M3 and Keith Barry after they did an audit of both our retirement plans. There is an opportunity to save \$105,000.00 in fees for managing it. M3 had presented, at that time, a proposal to charge a fee of .25 percent on the retirement fund for managing it versus the current fee .60 percent. That saves approximately \$105,000.00. I sent an e-mail approximately two months ago to our current advisor, Wells Fargo, asking them to provide their fees in writing. They responded asking me to look in my own files for the information and have not responded since then. Motion by Eddy Edwards to hire M3 and to keep Keith Barry as our retirement advisor for both of our retirement plans, supported by Robert R.D. Curtis Jr. Motion made by Jennifer Misegan to table this discussion on the retirement plan budget for two weeks until the Treasurer contacts Julio Riolo, supported by Susan J. LaFernier, Six supported (Loonsfoot, Μ. LaFernier, LaFernier, Messer, Misegan, Swartz), five opposed (Shalifoe, Jokinen, Edwards, Curtis, Matthews), 0 abstained, one absent (LaPointe), motion carried.

Jennifer Misegan asked if Mary Streitz had received the information she had requested regarding the Tobacco Tax issue and asked if the Treasurer provided her with it. Treasurer Edwards indicated that he had not been instructed to do so. A conference call will be scheduled with Mary Streitz in regards to the Tobacco Tax issue, Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act, and the state's new proposal about tax on gas.

Treasurer Eddy Edwards brought forward the donations for December 2014. Motion by Jennifer Misegan to approve the December 2014 donations in the amount of \$500.00 for March of Dimes (match), \$500.00 for the Wounded Warrior Project, and \$1,000.00 for the Salvation Army of Ishpeming for a total of \$2,000.00, supported by Susan J. LaFernier. Eleven supported (Shalifoe, Jokinen, Loonsfoot, Edwards, Curtis, LaFernier, S. LaFernier, Matthews, Messer, Misegan, Swartz), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (LaPointe), motion carried.

Treasurer Eddy Edwards brought forward the 2% requests. Council reviewed the list and made their distribution choices (list follows article). Motion by Jean Jokinen to approve the 2% requests for Marquette County pending the resolution, supported by Michael F. LaFernier, Sr. Ten supported (Shalifoe, Jokinen, Loonsfoot, Edwards, Curtis, M. LaFernier, LaFernier, Matthews, Messer, Misegan), one opposed (Swartz), 0 abstained, one absent (LaPointe), motion carried. Motion by Jennifer Misegan to table the Baraga 2% requests until this next Thursday meeting, supported by Susan J. LaFernier. Eleven supported (Shalifoe, Jokinen, Loonsfoot, Edwards, Curtis, LaFernier, S. LaFernier, Matthews, Messer, Misegan, Swartz), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (LaPointe), motion carried.

Council reviewed bids for a new snow removal truck for the Marquette Casino. Motion by Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr. to table this and get new proposals on basic trucks not crew cabs and at governmental rates, supported by Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. Nine supported (Shalifoe, Jokinen, Loonsfoot, Edwards, Curtis, M. LaFernier, S. LaFernier, Matthews, Misegan), two opposed (Messer, Swartz), 0 abstained, one absent (LaPointe), motion carried.

Eddy Edwards brought forward Lakeside financing plans if the popular referendum is approved at Saturday's election. He has a bank lined up to provide financing for the acquisition, and they are requesting a Council motion of approval. Motion made by Eddy Edwards to approve the Treasurer and the President to obtain financing the acquisition of the Lakeside Inn up to \$2.6 million contingent on approval of the popular referendum to be held next Saturday, supported by Jean Jokinen. made by Jennifer Misegan to table this until we get the information from the CFO Francis "Hosh" LaPointe, supported by Warren "Chris" Swartz, Six supported (Loonsfoot, M. LaFernier, S. LaFernier, Matthews, Swartz), five opposed Misegan, (Shalifoe, Jokinen, Edwards, Curtis,

Messer), 0 abstained, one absent (LaPointe), motion carried.

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

Council moved into closed session with Christmas Check Denials on the agenda. Upon moving into open session with the follow motions made prior Motion made by Jean to closing. Jokinen to give Liz Ekdahl, Yvette Friisvall, Colleen Gauthier, Christian Pelto, Logan Roe, Baghi Sandman-Shelifoe, and James Wood their Christmas Checks, supported by **Eddy Edwards.** Five supported (Shalifoe, Jokinen, Edwards, Curtis, Matthews), six opposed (Loonsfoot, M. LaFernier, S. LaFernier, Messer, Misegan, Swartz), 0 abstained, one absent (LaPointe), motion defeated. Motion made by Jennifer Misegan to table this until we get some information in writing from the Enrollment Director and to have it available for Council at Thursday's meeting and to have it discussed in closed session, so Council may make an informed decision, supported by Susan J. LaFernier. Ten supported (Shalifoe, Jokinen, Loonsfoot, Edwards, Curtis, M. LaFernier, S. LaFernier, Messer, Misegan, Swartz), 0 opposed, one abstained (Matthews), one absent (LaPointe), motion carried.

~ submitted by Lauri Denomie, Editor

# **Marquette County 2% Distributions**

## City of Marquette

- NMU NASA "Learning to Walk Together" Traditional Powwow - \$6,000.00
- Beacon House \$10,000.00
- YMCA, Breaking Down Barriers -\$30,000.00
- Room at the Inn Homeless Shelter, venting system - \$5,000.00

## **Chocolay Charter Township**

• Fire Department - \$80,329.94

## Marquette County

- AMCAB, Meals on Wheels \$5,000.00
- Aging Services Retired and Senior Volunteer Program - \$5,000.00
- Marquette Co. Health Dept., Pregnant and Parenting Teens Program -\$4,000.00
- Marquette Co. Suicide Prevention Alliance - \$3,000.00
- Restorative Justice Program, 25<sup>th</sup> Circuit Division, Family Division - \$5,000.00

## Forsyth Township

- UPSET, Help with operating costs/ expenses - \$10,000.00
- Gwinn Area Community Schools, K-12 Textbooks, on-line subscriptions, science/lab instruments - \$10,000.00

## TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2014

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

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

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

Popular referendum certification was House Tribal Nation's Conference in created for the record and has been provided to Council. Last month we held a popular referendum in three locations: Baraga, L'Anse, and the Trust Lands in with various high level administration Marquette. Voting was done by secret ballot and controlled by the Election Chairwoman and the Secretary of the Council. Both land acquisitions were approved along with the consulting contract with M3 Insurance services for emplovee health benefits.

We have another upcoming popular referendum as part of the general election to be held next Saturday, December 13th. This popular referendum has two questions: The first question is: "Do you approve acquiring the Baraga Lakeside Inn and Marina, under different terms from the last deal, for relocating the Casino." This deal is different and better for us because it does not involve assuming liabilities. It does not involve property taxes, and it saves us over \$150,000.00 compared to the last deal. The second question on the popular referendum is: "If the acquisition is approved by the people, do you then approve a \$31,200,000.00 budget for the relocation and construction of our new casino at the Lakeside."

In case this popular referendum is staff and assigning tasks in order to bring the Baraga Lakeside Inn into our Baraga Casino's operations as a department. We need a smooth transition, so we can keep operating the hotel and marina and bring in revenue while we finalize our design plans for the new casino. If we move forward with this plan, we could see a brand new casino on the lakeside within 18-24 months. I also have a plan for financing the acquisition, and I have it on the agenda later this morning.

Our new point of sale system, Agylisis, has been getting implemented throughout our casinos, and staff has been attending training. It is a big project that affects multiple departments in both casinos. It will greatly improve sales reporting and inventory controls.

We received four proposals related to our request for proposals to perform due diligence on the L'Anse Warden Electric Company. I have met with the forester and the Director of Tribal Natural Resources and her staff, and we all have been reviewing the proposals, and we will be meeting again next week to try to narrow down our recommendation to Council. I have forwarded those proposals to Council, so they can review them. Our group will present our recommendation as soon as we can.

I participated in a phone conference along with Frances "Hosh" LaPointe, Jim Nardi, and Julie Raby with our consultant Vickie Thoreson from M3 regarding our options for complying with the Affordable Care Act (ACA) in terms of our part-time employees. It appears that the law allows us in this first year to move forward with the insurance and coverage that we have in place today in terms of the number of employees being covered. The ACA only requires us to provide coverage to 70% of the eligible employees without facing penalty. We are currently meeting that goal and have a 44 employee cushion as a moving target as employees come and go, and we are tracking it closely.

I would like to acknowledge that Eagle Radio became profitable this past year. The company took on additional duties related to advertising placement and marketing coordination for our casinos, and it proved profitable for Eagle Radio.

The Pines recently opened a new small smoke shop on the L'Anse side of the reservation at 804 N. Main Street in a space provided by the Ojibwa Housing Authority as an effort to collaborate and cooperate between Tribal entities. The new store is across the street from KBOCC's new Wabanung campus and just down the street from the upcoming Rez Stop gas station. So members and customers may now buy cigarettes on the L'Anse side, and soon they will also be able to buy fuel on the L'Anse side of the reservation.

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

Respectfully submitted, Eddy Edwards, Treasurer

# additional

## Baraga County 2% Distributions

From the Thursday, December 11, 2014, Council Meeting —

Motion by Jean Jokinen to approve the 2% requests for Baraga County pending resolution, supported by Robert "RD" Curtis, Jr. Ten supported (Shalifoe, LaPointe, Jokinen, Loonsfoot, Edwards, Curtis, LaFernier, Matthews, Messer, Misegan), one opposed (S. LaFernier), 0 abstained, one absent (Swartz), motion carried.

- Baraga Township \$70,152.48
- Baraga Township/Bay Ambulance -\$25,000.00
- Baraga Fire Dept. \$20,950.00
- Baraga Village \$17,538.12

# DISCOVERING OUR CONSTITUTION

# January 2015, Question 2

What Article and Section of our Constitution allows for Amendments to be made to our Constitution, and how is that accomplished? The second part may be tricky, as there has been Federal legislation passed that allows for an additional way of requesting the Secretary to call an election.



## How to enter:

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

# **NEWS FROM THE OJIBWA SENIOR CITIZENS**



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

# **Upcoming Events:**

## January:

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

- January 10-18, Western Caribbean Cruise.
- January 21, 12:15 p.m. Pasty prep. Volunteers are needed and are very much appreciated.
- January 22, 5 a.m. Pasty making. Volunteers are needed as early as possible! We appreciate your hard work.

### February:

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

# Aainoojiiyens



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





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

# ANDREW CHOSA NAMED CEO OF AANIKOOSING, INC.



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

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

Andrew was a Graduate Assistant for two years at the NMU College of Business

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

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

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

# Deepest Sympathy

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

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

Honey is survived by her five children: Terry Abbott of Marquette, Kristi Abbott of Nashua, NH, Linda (Daryl Bates) Abbott of Marquette, William (Anita) Abbott of Marquette, and Gardner (Carrie) Bess of Harvey; 11 grandchildren: Angel Lerlie, Cristal Abbott, Karena, Aarika, Charles, Celeste, Danielle (James) Sandstrom, Dahli Bates, Gardner Bess III, Russell Bess, and Tessa Daugherty; 14 great grandchildren; six sisters: Carol Peterson of Escanaba, Paulette Beauchamp, Sandra Carlson, Kathy Peterson, Linda Bressette of Marquette, and Cheryl Bressette of Ishpeming; three brothers: Keith, Glen, and Michael Bressette all of Marquette; also numerous nieces and nephews.

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



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



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

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

All Tribal Veterans are Welcome!

# MARQUETTE KBIC SENIORS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON



Pictured above are members of the Bressette Family as they gathered for the Marquette Senior Christmas Dinner.

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

All seniors were mailed a gift card

compliments of the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Council.

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



Pictured above are Pete Madosh, Jr. and William Mayo at the Christmas Celebration.



Pictured above are Pete and Char Shalifoe at the Christmas Celebration.

# CHOSA NAMED BARAGA FIRE CHIEF



KBIC Tribal member, Tom Chosa, has been elected by fellow fire fighters as Fire Chief of the Baraga Fire Department. Chosa has been a dedicated fire-fighter with the department for 12 years and a total of 27 years in the field. His fire fighting career began at the age of 17 when he went on fire calls with his dad in Rocky Boy, MT. During the 90's, he was employed full-time with the Sycuan Fire Department where he worked his way up to the rank of Captain and Department Training Officer. Chosa

fights fires not only locally but works oncall nation-wide as a Wildland Firefighter crew member.

As the top ranking official, Chosa is overall responsible for the Baraga Fire Department. He will also be planning, with the assistance of fellow department members, fire inspections and other community events promoting fire safety in our community.

Congratulations Chief Thomas Chosa!

# **Marquette Christmas Youth Party continues:** Picture by Lauri Denomie. Picture by Lauri Alex Madosh, Dale Madosh, and Chance Kinney with Santa. Eli Potter's first Santa visit. Picture by Lauri Denomie. Picture by Zues, Alexis, Khole, and Kylie Schofield enjoyed their time with Santa. Allie and Ayden Carne visit with Santa. Picture by Lauri Denomie. Trinity, Annabella, and James Hemmila. Hannah Harvala receives her present from Santa. Picture by Lauri Denomi Picture by Lau Hunter Verboczki enjoyed his visit with Santa. Emma Spade tells Santa her Christmas list.

# **Baraga Christmas Youth Party:**



Derek Jr. and Kiera DeCota enjoyed their time with Santa.



Kiana and Kayah Loonsfoot spend time with Santa.



Beverly "Pumpkin" Lussier recalls her Christmas list for Santa.



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



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

# JANUARY 2015 FAMILY SPIRIT PARENTING CIRCLE/GROUP FAMILY FUN PRESENTS:



# **BUILD AN INDOOR SNOWMAN**



Family Engagement

Make & Take Snowman Crafts

Snacks

Families of children age 0 - 5 years are welcome.

When: January 22, 2015, Time: 5pm



Our focus is parent-involved interaction (children must be supervised).

Please register with Christine Beauchamp to ensure enough supplies. Phone: 353-4523





Aubree Hartzog spends time with Santa.

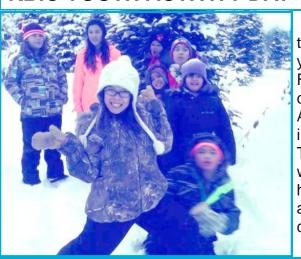






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# KBIC YOUTH ACTIVITY DAY—A TRIP TO THE TREE FARM



KBIC Youth Program held a Youth Activity Day on December 17, 2014, where youth visited the Lake Superior Tree Farm, in Chassell, Michigan. The youth chose the Christmas trees for the Niiwin Akeaa Facility this holiday season. Those in attendance went on a wagon ride at the Tree Farm, and upon returning to the Niiwin Akeaa Facility, they enjoyed a cup of hot chocolate and Irene's Pizza as they assisted in decorating the trees. Pictures compliments of KBIC Youth Program.





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KBIC ~ OVW 24 - Hour Helpline (906) 353-4599

# Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa

**Community College** 



# KBOCC specials combat winter boredom

This semester, Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College is offering special topics courses and a special deal for anyone who'd like to take a course for personal interest.

The special topics courses include three short courses which will be completed in the first half of the semester. In Stringed Instruments – A Study, Dave Morehouse will lead students in active experience of a variety of stringed instruments, from construction through knowledgeable listening and beginning to play. Research Interviewing, a onecredit condensed course completed in two full days in early February plus a starting-up class session in January, will prepare students to work as ethical, effective interviewers for studies conducted by Tribal organizations. Valoree Gagnon is the instructor. The topic of the third course, Graphic Novel, may need explanation. Graphic novels combine novel-like stories with comic-bookstyle illustrations to create a new form of literature. Students will explore graphic novels and present stories of their own in graphic novel form in Graphic Novel, taught by Jesse Koenig.

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

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

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

Please see the full course schedule on "Academics" page of the college's new website www.kbocc.edu .

What's the special deal? The college's Spring 2015 "Cabin Fever Special" reduces enrollment fees by fifty dollars for students auditing a course – that is, taking it for personal interest and not earning college credits toward a degree. This is a great, low-risk way to give college a try before enrolling in a degree program as well as a reduced-cost opportunity to enjoy personal enrichment together with familiar and new acquaintances. Get out of the house and learn something new this winter!



# Earn a pair of shoes! Nike N7 or Dr. Comfort

The KBIC Diabetes Program rewards you for taking an active part in your healthcare. You can earn a pair of shoes by completing diabetes education and exams.

# Complete the following to earn your shoes:

- √ Diabetic Foot Clinic Visit
  - √ Diabetic Doctor Visit
- √ Visit with Dr. Dale our dietician
- √ Set Diabetes Care/Management Goals
  - ✓ Annual Diabetic Eye Exam
    - ✓ Annual Dental Exam

For more information or to schedule appointments call Heather at 353-4546.









Only available to active diabetic patients of the KBIC Medical Clinic while funding lasts.

Sponsored by the KBIC Diabetes Program

# Historic Zeba Indian Mission United Methodist Church 1832—Present



"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 e-mail lumc@up.net

# Catholic Community of Baraga County

Holy Name of Jesus Saint Kateri Tekakwitha



Pastors
Father Corey Litzner
Father Nicholas

353-6565 saintann@up.net

Confessions: Sunday before Mass

Sunday Mass 12:00 p.m.





# **UPCAP Certifies New Coaches to Help Older Adults Prevent Falls**



Escanaba, Michigan—Sixteen attendees completed a twoday training offered by UPCAP in November. These individuals are now able to conduct *Matter of Balance* classes in their respective Upper Peninsula communities.

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

A Matter of Balance is conducted in eight (8) two-hour sessions and uses group discussion, problem—solving strategies,

videos, and gentle physical exercise. Older adults learn positive coping methods to reduce fear of falling and remain active and independent.

A Matter of Balance coaches help participants become more confident about managing falls by believing that they can increase their strength, find ways to reduce falls, and protect themselves if they do fall. In addition, participants report that they have increased the amount they exercise on a regular basis.

UPCAP believes this to be a valuable program for persons living with concerns about falling, and will utilize these newly trained coaches to help expand the availabil-

ity of this program across the Upper Peninsula.

This class was completed by Mary Linden, Elizabeth "Popcorn" Mayo, and Mary Dee Shanahan, of the Donald La-Pointe Medical Facility, and they will be offering classes beginning in January. The dates have not been decided yet, and flyers will be posted when information is complete. For more information on classes offered through the Donald La-Pointe Medical Facility, contact Mary Dee Shanahan at (906) 353-4530.

# Thank you!

Thank you to all that participated in the KBIC-NRD Air Quality Survey. We had well over 100 responses and many great comments. Your input will help us with the completion of a Level 3 Emissions Inventory as well as address the concerns you raised regarding our current air quality.

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

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





### What is Radon?

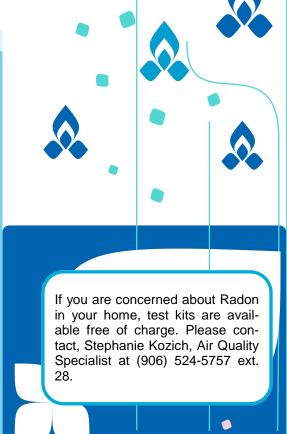
Radon is a naturally occurring gas that comes from various rocks, soils, and underground water sources. Radon forms from the breakdown of the natural elements uranium and radium.

# Where is Radon located?

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

# What makes Radon so dangerous?

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



# Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Employment Opportunities

http://www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/personnel.htm

 On-call positions: Pharmacy Technician, Facility Attendant, Registered Nurse, Licensed Practical Nurse, Internal Sales Specialist, OVW Unit Manager, Pharmacist, Receptionist/Clerical Worker, Receptionist, Board Operator, Cashier, Account Executive/Sales, Pre-Primary

Teaching Assistant, Community Service Supervisor,

Unit Manager, Family Aide, Van Driver.

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



# FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS (FDPIR) NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS\* (Effective October 1, 2013)

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

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House- hold Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standard		SNAP Standard De- duction		FDPIR Net Monthly In- come Stan- dard
1	\$ 958	+	\$152	=	\$1,110
2	\$1,293	+	\$152	=	\$1,445
3	\$1,628	+	\$152	=	\$1,780
4	\$1,963	+	\$163	=	\$2,126
5	\$2,298	+	\$191	=	\$2,489
6	\$2,633	+	\$219	=	\$2,852
7	\$2,968	+	\$219	=	\$3,187
8	\$3,303	+	\$219	=	\$3,522
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## FDPIR Income Deductions—see 7 CFR 253.6(e)

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

**Dependant Care Deduction** — Households that qualify for the dependent care deduction are allowed a deduction of actual dependent care costs paid monthly to a non-household member.

**Child Support Deduction** — Households that incur the cost of legally required child support to or for a non-household member are allowed a deduction for the amount of monthly child support paid.

**Medical Expense Deduction** — Households that incur monthly medical expenses by any household member who is elderly or disabled are allowed a deduction in the amount of out-of-pocket medical expenses paid in excess of \$35 per month. Allowable medical expenses are provided at 7 CFR 273.9(d)(3).

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

48 Contiguous U.S. States

- October 1, 2013—October 31, 2013 = \$200
- November 1, 2013—September 30, 2014—\$189 For Alaska, please select appropriate link below.
- October 1, 2013—October 31, 2013 = \$200
- November 1, 2013—September 30, 2014—\$189
   See 7 CFR 272.7(b) for area designations in Alaska.

Standard Shelter/Utility Expense Deduction — Households that incur at least one monthly shelter or utility expense are allowed a standard income deduction (see chart below). Allowable shelter/utility expenses are provided at 7 CFR 273.9(d)(6)(ii).

FY2014 FDPPIR Standard Shelter/Utility Expense Deductions - Based on Region\*

Region	States Currently with FDPIR Programs	Shelter/ Utility De- duction
Northeast/ Midwest	Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Wisconsin	\$400
Southeast/ Southwest	Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Texas	\$300
Mountain Plains	Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyo- ming	\$400
West	Alaska, Arizona, California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Washington	\$350

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

# **KBIC SOLID WASTE FACILITY**

Dec. 17. 1938

16278 Ojibwa Industrial Park Road Baraga, MI 49908 (906) 353-8024

#### **Hours of Operation:**

Wednesday—Friday, 9 a.m. — 3 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. — 2 p.m.

#### Rates:

\$2.00 per 33 gallon bag \$85.00 per ton \$6.00 mattress \$8.00 couch \$4.00 chair



\$10.00 white goods (stove, fridge, washer, etc.)

We DO NOT ACCEPT any tires at this time.

# **JANUARY 2015 Calendar Events**

• Jan 1: New Year's Day, Gov't Offices closed;

Jan 2: New Year Holidays, Gov't Offices closed;

• Jan 5: Constitutional Committee Meeting, 10 am; Council Chambers;

 Jan 10: Reg. Sat. Council Meeting, 9 am, Ojibwa Conference Rooms;

• Jan 21: Martin Luther King Day, Gov't Offices closed.

~ submitted by newsletter editor

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.

# ATTENTION:

# TO: ALL TRIBAL COMMERICAL FISHERMAN

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

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

# For Boat Safety Inspections contact:

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

# ~ NOTICE ~

Tribal Council passed KB-44-2014 and there will be a Constitutional Convention to address Council's resolution on the following dates, times, and locations:

- February 3, 2015, Zeba Community Center,
   6 pm 8 pm
- February 10, 2015, Ojibwa Senior Center,
   6 pm 8 pm
- February 17, 2015, Zeba Community Center,
   6 pm 8 pm

# Would You Like FREE Money?

The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing and Community Development Corporation (KBOHCDC) 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!!!

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.

All IDA funds are now open to Tribal Members and First
Generation Descendants of KBIC. Home Purchase and Small
Business Start –Up or Expansion may be utilized in the service
areas of Baraga, Marquette and Ontonagon Counties.
Education IDA's may be used throughout the entire Upper
Peninsula.

If you are interested in this program and would like more information on income eligibilty please contact:

**Angela Shelifoe** 

**KBOHCDC Program Administrator** 

906-353-7117 X106

Angie@kboha.com

The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing & Community Development Corporation is now offering a Home Purchase Revolving Loan Program.

This program is currently being offered to KBIC Tribal Members looking to purchase or construct a modular or stick-built home within the boundaries of the Keweenaw Bay Indian reservation in Baraga County.

Loans are currently available for up to \$100,000.00!

For more information or an application package please visit our website KBOHA.com or contact:

Angela Shelifoe Program Administrator KBOHCDC 906-353-7117 X 106 angie@kboha.com

# **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT**

Is your charitable organization planning on holding a raffle or selling raffle tickets on the L'Anse Indian Reservation?

Federal law, through the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, granted Tribes exclusive right to regulate gaming activity on Indian lands. Even if you or the members of your organization are not tribal members, the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Gaming Commission has the authority to regulate your raffle. It is unlawful to game without a license.



16429 Bear Town, Rd. Baraga, MI 49908

Please contact the KBIC Gaming Commission Office at (906) 353-4222 or stop by the office located at the Tribal Center for an application and a copy of the rules and regulations.

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

February 24, 2015, Ojibwa Senior Center,
 6 pm — 8 pm

At the Convention, food will be served along with the chance to win a gas card for attendance and participation.

## **Baraga Christmas Youth Party continues:**



Madison and Jadyn Chaudier visit with Santa Claus.



Bentley and Bryten VanDyke give Santa their lists.



Johanna Tammelin tells Santa her Christmas list.

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



### Public Welcome

**Host Drum** Beartown Singers

**Invited Drums** 

Four Thunders Mongosid Singers Summer Cloud Woodland Singers

Master of Ceremonies

Joey Awonohopay

Arena Director George Gauthier

Assistant Arena Director LeRoy Gauthier

Veteran Honor Guard

Keweenaw Bay

Traditional Advisor Harlan Downwind

**Honoring: Tribal Council** 11:00 AM

Pow-Wow Grand Entries: 1 PM & 6 PM

**Memorial Dance:** Erick Awonohopay

Pink Shawl Honor Dance: 4 PM Honoring Beverly Lussier

Honoring

Miss Keweenaw Bay Kayla Dakota

Tribal Elder Shirley A. McKasy

Tribal Elder Roger F. Duschene

**Head Man Dancer** Raistlin Awonohopay

**Head Lady Dancer** 

Jamie Awonohopay

**Head Veteran Dancer** Wes Martin

Youth Head Man Dancer Donovin Awonohopay

Youth Head Lady Dancer

Jaycie Forcia

Junior Head Boy Dancer Naethin Awonohopay

Junior Head Girl Dancer **Shantell Simmons** 

### For information contact KBIC Cultural Committee

Cultural Center: 906-353-7020 Gerry: 906-201-2407 Diane: 906-353-6060 Rodney: 906-201-0064



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







427 N. Superior Ave. • Baraga, MI 49908 In Tribal Court Building

Phone: 906-353-4566 • Fax: 906-353-8132 Email: ocss@kbic-nsn.gov

"Your Children...Our Priority"

We provide the following services:

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

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