

WIKWEDONG DAZHI-OJIBWE

The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwe

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11th Annual Winter Traditional Powwow Held at KBIC



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Left to right, Head Dancers: Shantell Simmons, Naethin Awonohopay, Jaycie Forcia, Donovin Awonohopay, Jamie Awonohopay, Raistlin Awonohopay, and Wes Martin.

The 11th Annual Winter Powwow was held on the Keweenaw Bay Reservation on Saturday, January 31, 2015, at the Niiwin Akeaa Community Center in Baraga, Michigan.

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) Cultural Committee honored the Tribal Council at a breakfast ceremony.

Grand Entries were held at 1 pm and 6 pm with Wes Martin, Head Veteran Dancer, leading the KBIC Veteran Honor Guard into the arena. Joey Awonohopay served as Master of Ceremonies, George Gauthier as Arena Director, and LeRoy Gauthier as Assistant Arena Director. Beartown Singers were this year's Host Drum, and invited drums were: Four Thunders, Mongosid Singers, Summer Cloud and Woodland Singers. Harlan Downwind was available as the Traditional Advisor. Also honored were Miss Keweenaw Bay, Kayla Dakota, and Tribal Elders: Shirley A. McKasy and Roger F. Duschene. A Pink Shawl Honor Dance was held honoring Beverly Lussier. A grand feast was held between grand entries.



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Left to right, honored Council Members: Randall Haataja, Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr., Jennifer Misegan, Toni Minton, Doreen Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., and Gary Loonsfoot, Sr. Absent from photo, Council Members: Susan J. LaFernier, Eddy Edwards, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Don Messer, Jr., and Donald Shalifoe, Sr.

Tribal Council Members:

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



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- February 7th Tribal Council Meeting
- 11th Annual Winter Traditional Powwow
- Healthy Heart Fair 2015
- 2015 Round Dance at KBIC
- KBIC receives gift from snowshoeing visitor
- Discovering Our Constitution
- Ojibwa Senior Citizens News
- Deepest Sympathy



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Miss Keweenaw Bay, Kayla Dakota, was honored as royalty at the Mid-Winter Powwow.

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) Cultural Committee honored Tribal Elders, Shirley A. McKasy and Roger F. Duschene.

Roger F. Duschene is married to Gloria Duschene. He is the son of George Duschene and Sarah Froberg. Roger has two daughters: Judy Stark and Jennifer Sasser, three step-children, and six step-grandchildren. Roger's siblings are:

George Duschene, Helen Hudson, Mike Duschene, Russ Froberg, and Mary Froberg.

Roger worked as a millwright for Johns-Manville in Waukegan, IL. Roger enjoys woodworking and has been a fan of the Detroit Lions and Tigers for years. Roger is a member of the American Legion and has been a member of both the KBIC Hiring Committee and the Agricultural Committee, and is a

February 7, 2015 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Regular Saturday Tribal Council Meeting was held on February 7, 2015, at the Ojibwa Casino Conference Meeting Room in Baraga, Michigan. President Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. presided over the meeting with Jennifer Misegan, Toni Minton, Susan J. LaFerner, Doreen Blaker, Eddy Edwards, Randall Haataja, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., and Don Messer, Jr. Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. and Donald Shalifoe, Sr. was absent.

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

Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. gave the President's Report (page three), Doreen Blaker gave the Treasurer's Report (page two), and Toni Minton gave the Secretary's Report (page four).

Under Old Business, Vice President Jennifer Misegan addressed the Senior Tax Preparation for 2014. Keith Rolof, KBIC Tribal Member, has offered to prepare tax forms for KBIC seniors. Keith is a certified tax preparer. Keith's proposal is \$40 per return which would not be e-filed. Additionally, he is requesting travel expenses. Last year a \$50 voucher was given to each senior, and they could use that voucher either at H&R Block, or with Sally Snyder at OHA. **Motion by Jennifer Misegan to offer seniors three options to have their taxes prepared; vouchers in the amount of \$50 to be used with either H&R Block, with Sally Snyder at OHA, or for Council to obtain Keith Rolof at \$40 per return with one trip with the travel expenses at the GSA rate (scheduled appointments for one weekend), supported by Susan J. LaFerner. Seven supported (Misegan, Minton, S. LaFerner, Blaker, Haataja, Loonsfoot, Messer), two opposed (Edwards, M. LaFerner), 0 abstained, two absent (Curtis, Shalifoe), motion carried.**

Carole LaPointe, Health Director, brought forward Resolution KB-004-2015 to authorize and support application to the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Epidemiology Center (GLITEC) for what could be up to a \$180,000 grant over the next five years to allow the tribe to develop a policy system and environmental changes to increase activity to improve Tribal Community Health and reduce the burden of chronic disease. **Motion by Susan J. LaFerner to approve Resolution KB-004-2015 Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Epidemiology Center Grant Application, supported by Don Messer, Jr. Nine supported (Misegan, Minton, S. LaFerner, Blaker, Edwards, Haataja, M. LaFerner, Loonsfoot, Messer), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, two absent (Curtis, Shalifoe), motion carried.**

President Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. brought forward Resolution KB-006-2015 which relates to our membership with the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA). Fees are based upon the amount of revenues made at each casino. Our fee is \$7,500 based on our tribe's gross revenue. In addition, we are obligated to designate people to represent KBIC at these functions. **Motion**

by Toni J. Minton to approve Resolution KB-006-2015 NIGA fees and delegation, supported by Michael F. LaFerner, Sr. Nine supported (Misegan, Minton, S. LaFerner, Blaker, Edwards, Haataja, M. LaFerner, Loonsfoot, Messer), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, two absent (Curtis, Shalifoe), motion carried.

Treasurer Doreen Blaker presented Resolution KB-007-2015. **WHEREAS:** the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community is a federally recognized Indian Tribe exercising inherent sovereign authority over its members and its territories, and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community has a reservation created pursuant to the 1854 Treaty with the Chippewa, 10 Stat. 1109; and **WHEREAS:** the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community is organized pursuant to the provisions of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, (48 Stat. 984 U.S.C. §476) with a Constitution and By-laws duly approved by the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior on December 17, 1936; and **WHEREAS:** Article VI, Section 1 (a) of our Constitution imposes a duty on the Tribal Council to protect the health, security, and general welfare of the Community; and **WHEREAS:** Article VI, Section 1(h) of the Constitution declares that the Tribal Council can appropriate for tribal use any available tribal funds, provided, that any appropriation in excess of \$10,000 in any one fiscal year shall be of no effect until approved at a popular referendum; and **WHEREAS:** Article VI, Section 1 (u) of the Constitution authorizes the Tribal Council to adopt resolutions to effectuate any of its powers; and **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Council understand that the necessity to function and properly serve the membership is jeopardized if there must be a popular referendum vote for every \$10,000 appropriation; the Tribal Council has appropriated many funds beyond the \$10,000 limit for many decades since 1936; and is addressing this issue by calling for a Secretarial Election to address Article VI, Section 1(h) regarding tribal appropriations over \$10,000; and thereby abolishes Resolution KB-005-2014 which authorizes the Treasurer to conduct popular referendum votes; and **FURTHERMORE:** the Tribal Council authorizes the Election Board to define "popular referendum" and referendum; and the process for such voting to be added to the Election Ordinance; the proposed changes to the Election Ordinance will be brought forth by a member of the Tribal Council through the Legislative Process no later than May 1, 2015. **Motion by Toni J. Minton to approve Resolution KB-007-2015, co-supported by Jennifer Misegan and Gary Loonsfoot, Sr. Eight supported (Misegan, Minton, S. LaFerner, Blaker, Haataja, M. LaFerner, Loonsfoot, Messer), one opposed (Edwards), 0 abstained, two absent (Curtis, Shalifoe), motion carried.** Councilman Eddy Edwards stated his opposition. "It doesn't allow you to vote to violate the Constitution because you're promising to change it sometime

in the future. It was shown last year that we could hold popular referendums in a legitimate manner, get the people their right to vote, and approve these for final effect. Yet the Council now has approved multiple expenditures and is not following the Constitution."

Treasurer Doreen Blaker brought forward February 2015 donation requests. Council did not approve any requests.

Council closed with no further business on the agenda.

~ submitted by Lauri Denomie, Editor

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2015

Treasurer, Doreen Blaker, gave a verbal report for the month of January 2015. (This verbal report was transcribed and edited by the Newsletter Editor with Ms. Doreen Blaker's final approval).

- During the month of January, the Council has been working on budgets for this current year with each department's head and manager coming in and presenting their budget to Council. There have been various questions on budgets that will be brought back to the department heads to adjust and address. We will be receiving an update from the Chief Financial Officer to find out what our financial situation is before we continue on to finalizing our budget.

Respectfully submitted,
Doreen Blaker, Treasurer

Deepest Sympathy

H a z e l M . H u l v e r s o n
Marquette, MI — Hazel Margaret Hulverson, age 92, of Marquette, MI, entered eternal life Sunday evening, February 15, 2015, at the Norlite Nursing Center in the loving care of her family. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Christopher Church in the spring with a complete obituary to be published at that time. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to St. Christopher Catholic Church, 2372 Badger Street, Marquette, MI 49855. The family would like to express a sincere thanks to the staff and caregivers of Norlite Nursing Center for the wonderful care given to Hazel. The Fassbender Funeral Home is serving the family where condolences may be expressed online at www.fassbenderfuneralhome.com.

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

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2015

The following is a list of activities that occurred in the office of the President for the month of January 2015:

- I attended a meeting between the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation where we discussed the approved feasibility study to connect the communities of Baraga, L'Anse, and Zeba. We met to discuss how to move this non-motorized walking trail. Additionally, we discussed environmental review, State Historical Preservation Office and our Tribal Historical Preservation Office concerns, wet lands and environmental reviews under the NEPA process, etc., and more important was the discussion in obtaining letters of support from the local community. A number of local community representatives were present at this meeting.
- Vice President Jennifer Misegan and Treasurer Doreen Blaker attended a meeting in Washington D.C. to discuss our Land's Claim with the Solicitor General's Office. The discussions are ongoing, and we will continue to meet and move the Land Claims forward.
- We approved a proposal from Global Marketing Advisors related to the strategic development plan for the Ojibwa Casino Resort and the Ojibwa Casino in Marquette.
- The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Council held their reorganizational meeting on January 10. At that meeting, we passed Resolution KB-001-2015 which authorizes and establishes the Office of the CEO, an assistant, and additional staff as determined by the CEO. The Tribal Council has approved Larry Denomie III as the Interim CEO and Sarah Maki as the Interim Assistant CEO to undertake those duties.
- I wrote a letter mid-month to Jinny Gillette of the Bureau of Indian Affairs requesting her to call for a Secretarial Election approved by the Council at the January 10, 2015 meeting relating to Resolution KB-002-2015 for the purpose of amending the provisions of the Constitution Article VI, Section 1(h).
- On November 14, 2013, Council had made a motion to separate the surveillance department from the Casino management and place the department under the provision of the Gaming Commission. During the month of January, I did inform these departments that we are initiating that move and to comply with the motion.
- I approved a disposition of property request from the Ojibwa Housing Authority. I approved their request to acquire a 2001 Dynaweld flat bed and a 1996 Ford pickup with a plow. I instructed George Geroux to keep the property in their inventory, and if they decided to dispose of the property, to notify the community prior to its final disposition as to whether or not we would request it back.
- I approved a subscription agreement

- with Global Laboratories, Inc. as requested by the Gaming Commission.
- I reappointed Roger Duschene to the Local Farm Board. This is his sixth year on the board, and he has been a great representative of the Community in this appointment.
- On behalf of the Community, I also attended the Robert Duschaïne and Tim Shanahan funerals.
- We have been conducting Budget meetings this month.
- During January, Councilman Gary Loonsfoot and I attended a VOIGT Task Force meeting related to some upcoming fishing activities in Michigan's Ceded Territory, and this needs to be discussed in more detail.
- On January 29, 2015, I attended the Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commissioners meeting. Tribes in attendance were Mille Lacs, Fond du Lac, Bay Mills, LVD, LCO, Lac du Flambeau, Bad River, and KBIC. There were budgeting issues on the agenda for the Board to consider for the upcoming fiscal year.
- On February 7, 2015, Councilman Gary Loonsfoot and I attended a VOIGT Task Force meeting held in Lac du Flambeau. Most of the discussion was centered on the fish and deer population declines and the causes. The Board complained that the angler fisherman are taking more fish than Native Americans according to the DNR's sporadic reporting of numbers. It was reported that there are commercials on television blaming the depletion on Native American fisherman although the numbers do not support the claim. The Board is seeking ways to get accurate numbers from the State DNR as they are not being reported on a regular basis. There was also a discussion on Wisconsin Tribes dec-

laration and a timeline for receiving them from the participating tribes. The group made a resolution for the Minocqua Lake to be closed for fishing which is near Lac du Flambeau. The lake's fishing population has a decline of the Walleye species, and presently it is not known why. Michigan tribes opposed this action by the Board because LVD had a similar request for one of their lakes, and it fell on deaf ears, and there was no action taken. There was also a mining update, and it has been determined that the Iron Mining Industry says that the EPA has no authority to enforce discharges under the Clean Water Act. Lac du Flambeau wants to fish in Michigan waters, and we have been advised that VOIGT Task Force Representatives cannot negotiate fishing issues. This is a resolution that Lac du Flambeau Council is willing to negotiate. LCO are declaring the same lakes as last year which will not be an issue as they weren't here. Mole Lake claims they are going to fish in our territory. There is no problem with other tribes fishing in our territory, but they will need to follow our laws to do so. There is a discrepancy in regards to this, and further discussion is warranted.

- I have requested of Gene Mensch, Fisheries and Wildlife Specialist, to do an inventory of all Walleye lakes in our home territory to see how many Walleye are available. Then we can determine our need for the community, and if there are Walleye left, we can consider sharing with other tribes.

This concludes my report.

Respectfully submitted,
Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President

NEWS FROM THE OJIBWA SENIOR CITIZENS

Upcoming Events:

We now have gift certificates available for purchase. See Dave Firestone, Nutrition Director, at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens Center, Baraga, MI.

March:

- March 11, 12:15 p.m. Senior Meeting.
- March 25, 12:15 p.m. Pasty prep. Volunteers are needed and are very much appreciated.

- March 26, 5 a.m. Pasty making. Volunteers are needed as early as possible! More hands make our pasty sales a success and fun!

April:

- April 8, 12:15 p.m. Senior Meeting.
- April 20-22, Michigan Indian Elders Association Meeting in Manistee, MI.
- April 29, 2015, 12:15 p.m. Pasty prep. Volunteers are needed and are very much appreciated. Because of the Michigan Indian Elders Association Meeting on April 20-22,

we changed the pasty sale for the last week in April.

- April 30, 2015, 5 a.m. Pasty making. Volunteers are needed as early as possible! We appreciate your hard work.



Senior Pasties Gift Certificate

Ojibwa Senior Citizens

This certificate entitles the bearer to # _____ Pasties

Purchased by: _____

Authorized by: _____

We only accept pre ordered pasties.

Please call the Senior Citizen's to pre-order.





Ojibwa Seniors
208 Main Ave.
Baraga Michigan 49908
(906) 353-6096

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2015

In January 2015, the Tribal Council held one regular meeting and two special Council meetings. Actions taken were:

January 2015

- Declined the purchase of the L'Anse Warden Electrical Plant.
- Approved the purchase of a 2015 Tahoe for the THPO Department.
- Approved donations totaling \$3,250.00.
- Certified the December 13, 2014, General Election results.
- Reorganized electing: President - Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr.; Vice-President - Jennifer Misegan; Secretary - Toni Minton; Assistant Secretary - Susan LaFernier and Treasurer- Doreen Blaker.
- Named the Depository of Funds Superior National Bank and Wells Fargo.
- Determined check signers for the Government, Enterprises, and Tribal Court accounts.
- Passed Resolution KB-001-2015 which establishes the Office of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Assistant CEO, and staff. The CEO will supervise gaming and business management. The CEO and Chief Financial Officer will report to the Tribal Council.
- Passed Resolution KB-002-2015 which calls for Secretarial Election to amend Article VI (h) of the Constitution to require a referendum vote for appropriations in excess of \$500,000.
- Approved a proposal in the amount of \$38,000 from Gaming Market Advisors for a feasibility study for Baraga and Marquette.
- Scheduled Grievance Hearing #001-15 for 01/22/15.
- Proposed a budget timeline schedule.
- Appointed Larry Denomie Interim CEO and Sarah Maki Interim Assistant CEO.
- Approved the Upper Peninsula Engineers and Architects, Inc. Professional Services Short Form Agreement to Conduct a Non-Motorized Trail Feasibility Study to Connect L'Anse and Baraga Communities with no cash match.
- Approved Resolution KB-003-2015 Parkila Land Acquisition on Pinery Road.
- Approved the purchase of a submersible pump for the Zeba Pump House from Wittock.
- Approved Resolution KB-005-2015 Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan for 2015-2018.
- Approved the K-9 Unit Proposal.
- Amended the Government and Enterprise Employee Manuals to read as they were on 12/31/13 but to include Leave Sharing amendments made 12/18/14.
- Approved the General Manager Job Description.
- Approved the turn-over of our former Police K-9 to her Handler.
- Approved the Newsletter Independent Contract agreement with Lauri Denomie.
- Held Grievance Hearing #002-2015 and voted to overturn the employee's termination, grant back pay, and remove the discipline from the employees file.
- Held Grievance Hearing #001-2015 and voted to overturn the employee's termination and granted relief requested reducing back pay by unemployment benefits received.
- Approved the Professional Services Agreement with Dale Schmeisser for WIC.
- Approved the Employment Agreement with Nurse Practitioner Jody Jinkerson.
- Approved a Services Agreement with Rickard Law Office.
- Approved a Liquor License for The Pines.
- Activated the termination clause of Dr. Benson's contract and agreed to draft a new contract ASAP to make necessary changes.

In a January 23, 2015, poll the Executive Board approved the wage of the Interim CEO and approved the temporary appointment of William Seppanen to Chief of Police.

Respectfully submitted,
Toni J. Minton, Secretary

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT—VOIGT TASK FORCE MEETING



Lac Du Flambeau WI. – The VOIGT Task force met on Thursday, February 5, 2015, to discuss a number of topics which included Wisconsin deer and fish populations. It was discussed to meet with the State WDNR to compile the correct number of deer and fish taken from Wisconsin, and the WDNR's lack of information coming to the task force. There were complaints that this information is only being reported every three years. There was concern that if the board is only receiving sporadic information, it is very hard for them to determine who and what was taken from the lands in regards to sports fishing and hunting (nontribal). Board members voiced their concerns over the fact that there is now media focused against tribal rights and blaming tribes for the noticeable decline in deer and fish populations. Some suggested that there be a media plan to contest this negative advertising against tribal fishing and hunting practices. It

also concerned members that there is little to no enforcement of what State licensees are taking as well. The board had no problem with generating the number of wildlife taken by tribes as they have reported their numbers on an annual basis. The Chairman mentioned that this is not a new problem and that this board has asked many times over the years for the missing information only to find that this request was laid on deaf ears and that no action has been taken to alleviate the problem. There was some discussion as to whether or not litigation is the answer to getting the information the board seeks. It was suggested that if this litigation was to happen that it be taken to the Federal level instead of dealing with the State WDNR. The Chairman then said that the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC) is a Federal agency and that contacting GLIFWC may be the route to take if litigation was to be con-

sidered. Another topic of discussion was the deadlines for fish declarations for the tribes. Wisconsin and Minnesota tribes are required to make their initial declarations by February 15 with their final declarations due by March 15. Because some lakes may be declared by other tribes it was suggested they (tribes) meet to discuss intertribal cooperation. Michigan tribes were discussed as there are Wisconsin tribes who have voiced their opinion that they have the right to fish in Michigan waters as a part of the Treaty of 1842. Michigan has no problem with other tribes hunting and fishing Michigan territories if they are to do it according to the rules and regulations set up by the Michigan tribes. There are some who object saying that if they are to be brought to court on a violation that they should have to be brought up on these charges in their own court of their own peers. Minnesota tribes have already adopted codes to this effect, and Wisconsin tribes are looking to do the same. It was suggested by the Chairman for Michigan tribes to attend the Chippewa Federation meetings to resolve these ongoing territorial issues. The Chippewa Federation is a group of interested tribal hunting and fishing enthusiasts. To learn more about the federation you can visit their web page at <http://www.chippewafederation.com> or visit <https://www.facebook.com/chippewafederation>.

EDUCATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM AWARDS STUDENTS

The Keweenaw Bay Education Committee offers the Education Incentive Program to local KBIC tribal students. Monetary incentives are awarded at the end of each of the four marking periods of the academic year. Students must be enrolled KBIC members, reside in Baraga, Houghton, Ontonagon, or Marquette counties and must attend a public or private school. A student's Honor Roll status is defined according to the requirements of their school district.

The following fifty-five students were placed on the Honor Roll for the first marking period of the 2014-15 academic year:

Baraga — Kylie Michaelson, Javon Shelifoe, Dysean Allen, Liliana Messer, Alana Schofield, Richard Geroux, Jr., Bailey Harden, Steele Jondreau, Keegin Kahkonen, Dana Kelly, Angel Loonsfoot, Shawna Lussier, Steven Maki, Presley Rasanen, Leah Owens, Kayla Szarolletta, Cheyenne Welsh, Opal Ellsworth, William Jondreau, Jr., Nikari Maki, Jenna Messer, Jailyn Shelifoe, Raistlin Awonohopay, Skye Loonsfoot, Annaleese Rasanen, Brendan Varline, Gabrielle Mayo, Taylor Mayo, and Kayla Messer.

L'Anse — Mariana Teikari, Cassandra Zasadnyj, Christopher Genschow, Charles Spruce, Robert Genschow III, William Genschow, Alicia Stein, Kayla Dakota, Abbygail Spruce, Shay Ekdahl, Grayson Roe, Austin Ayres, Cody Clement, Isaac Ekdahl, and Karli Hoggard.

Marquette — Zoe Hamalainen, Vanessa Rabitaille-Kinney, Aiyana Aldred, and Neebin Ashbrook-Pietila.

L'Anse-Baraga Community Schools — Lisa Waranka.

Copper Country Intermediate School — Allison Durant.

Sacred Heart — Rachael Velmer.

Ewen Trout Creek — Lana Lind.

Gwinn — Taylor Shelafae, Destinee Stanton, and Lacie Stanton.

The following forty-nine students received awards for achieving Perfect Attendance:

Baraga — Robert Curtis, Jalisa Heath, Rylee Holm, Breanna Jondreau, Kamrin Kahkonen, Thomas Lofquist, Jaycee Maki, Liliana Messer, Nicholas Owens, Troy DeCota, Opal Ellsworth, Preston Ellsworth, Bailey Harden, Steele Jondreau, William Jondreau, Jr., Keegin Kahkonen, Angel Loonsfoot, Scott Loonsfoot-Maskew, Shawna Lussier, Steven Maki, Leah Owens, Presley Rasanen, Logan Shalifoe, and Brendan Varline.

L'Anse — Willow Rexford, Dallas Moulden, Aiden Rexford, Paige Zasadnyj, Sara Dakota, Kayan Goodbird, Adyson Moulden, Mariana Teikari, Cassandra Zasadnyj, Philip Edwards II, Charles Spruce, Brian Spruce, Robert Genschow III, William Genschow, Alicia Stein, Abbygail Spruce, and Grayson Roe.

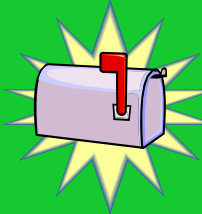
Sacred Heart — Rachel Velmer and Zachary Velmer.

Marquette — Vanessa Rabitaille-Kinney.

Negaunee — Brayden Velmer.

Gwinn — Kaitlyn Shelafae, Kimber Shelafae, Taylor Shelafae, Destinee Stanton, and Lacie Stanton.

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



DISCOVERING OUR CONSTITUTION

The January and February *Discovering our Constitution* winners will be announced in the April 2015 issue of the *Wiikwedong Dazhi-Ojibwe*. A reminder to members, submit your answer for the March question before the end of month. You may be the next winner of a \$50 Pines Convenience Gift Certificate!

March 2015, Question 4:

“What is the amount that can be spent in one fiscal year, but shall be of no affect until approved at a popular referendum? Also, what article and section is this information located at?”

How to enter:

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



Bay Mills



Grand Traverse Bay Band



Hannahville Indian Community



Nottawaseppi Band



Keweenaw Bay Indian Community



Lac Vieux Desert Band

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT:

Lansing, MI – The United Tribes of Michigan held their bi-yearly meeting in Lansing, Michigan, on February 11, 2015. All but two (2) of the Michigan Tribal Chairmen were in attendance along with their trusted staff. At this particular meeting, the State legislature was on the agenda for a meet and greet. State Representatives from many departments of the Government were in attendance to solidify their commitment to work with Tribal Governments as co-equal governments in Michigan. Although Governor Snyder was scheduled to appear, he did not, as he was at that time recovering from an illness. Topics of interest included: funding available from the veteran's affair to include stipends for family of vets; IRS form 990; the wolf population and endangered species; the appointment of Dr. Robideaux to the Director of the Indian Health Service; the appointment of Tim Magnuson to the Dept. of Treasurer; General welfare exclusions; the Elders Care Initiative; the Expansion of Healthy Kids Dental; the Dept. of Community Health Budget; the Native American Heritage Trail; Financial literacy in Indian Country; a Michigan Department of Health Service update; and the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver. The next meeting of the United Tribes is slated for October 2015 in Mount Pleasant, Michigan, hosted by the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe.



Little River Band



Little Traverse Bay Band



Match-e-be-nash-she-wish Band



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi



Saginaw Chippewa Tribe



Sault Ste. Marie Tribe

WINTER POWWOW CONTINUES:



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Honored Elders, (seated) Shirley McKasky and Roger Duschene with KBIC Cultural Committee members, left to right, Myrtle Tolonen (seated), Elizabeth "Chiz" Matthews, Gerry Mantila, Diane Charron, Denise Moschetto-Meroni, Beverly Lussier, and Rodney Loonsfoot.

very active member of the Ojibwa Senior Citizens.

Roger said "I lived in Bear Town during my school years. I started playing basketball when I was in 8th grade, and I had to run almost three miles from home to school. We then moved to Baraga, and I graduated in 1953. After graduation, I joined the Air Force for four years. After 40 years at Johns-Manville, I retired and moved back to Baraga where I was born."

Shirley A. McKasy (Shelafoe) "Sha-wa-moden-equay" is married to Tony McKasy. She is the daughter of Alice and Charles Shelafoe. Her children are: Myron, Debra, and Lynn; and her grandchildren are: Christine, Tonni, Jill, Travis,

Paige, Matt, Cassie, Crista, and Brent; and she has 13 great-grandchildren. Her siblings are: Harold, Verna, and Alice Marie.

Shirley worked in factories for twelve years and for a Web Publisher Company for several years. She also worked as a secretary for New Day Treatment Facility. She attended college and became a counselor for alcoholism and families, and she worked at Jule Fairbanks in St. Paul, MN, and the Hudson Alcoholism Facility. She also worked with children at two schools in Minnesota.

Shirley is a member of the Ojibwa Senior Citizens, the Ladies Group at Holy Name of Jesus Church, and a member of the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College's Board of Regents. She enjoys bowling, collecting lighthouse pictures, ceramics, watching football, movies, and reading. She used to like to sew, knit and crochet.

Shirley said, "My family lived eight years on a farm in Hinckley, MN. We had lots of sheep, chickens, horses, pigs, and several dogs. I learned how to garden and can a lot of delicious veggies and fruits. The children had a lot of fun playing in the hayloft, riding horses, and just had fun playing in a large yard."



Are you concerned about your preschooler?

Sometimes children require additional support while they learn the skills that they will need for kindergarten.

If your child is having difficulty speaking, understanding or getting along with others, buddy up with Build Up. It's a free, statewide service of the Michigan Department of Education that helps children ages 3 to 5 who may need extra support.

Visit BuildUpMi.org for more information.



HEALTHY HEART FAIR 2015

KBIC's Department of Health and Human Services held the 2015 Healthy Heart Fair on Friday, February 13, 2015, at the Niiwin Akeaa Center with nearly 200 community members attending. Participants gained knowledge of how to maintain a healthy lifestyle from a number of educational booths who distributed pamphlets and samples, and were offered a free cholesterol test. Many prize incentives were raffled to participants throughout the event.

Booths and volunteers at this year's event were: American Cancer Society, Baraga County Shelter Home, Baraga County DHS, Baraga County Home Care, Bay Ambulance, GLIFWC, ITC Honoring Our Children, KBIC Child Support Services, KBIC Community Health, KBIC Dental, KBIC DHHS Affordable Care Act, KBIC Diabetes Team, KBIC Healthy Start – Family Spirit Programs, KBIC Medical Clinic Screenings, KBIC OVW, KBIC PRC, KBIC Tribal PREP, KBIC VOCA, KBIC WIC, KBOCC, Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly, New Day Treatment Center, Northern Orthotics, Ojibwa Library, Superior Family Chiropractic, Tribal Police, Tribal Social Services, True North, UP Regional Blood Center, and VAST & Consumer's Mutual.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Registration table for participating and prize incentives.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Patrick LaPointe, Jr. visits Nurse Cathy Herbert at the Cholesterol Testing station.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Elvera Lantz visits the KBIC Community Health booth which was manned by Heather Wood-Paquet, Health Promotion Specialist.

March 2015 Calendar

- **Mar. 02:** Constitutional Committee Meeting, 10 am, Council Chambers;
- **Mar. 07:** Reg. Sat. Council Meeting, 9 am, Ojibwa, Conference Rooms;
- **Mar. 09:** Family Fun Library Night, 5 pm, Ojibwa Community Library;
- **Mar. 14:** NMU Powwow, 12 noon, Vandament Arena at NMU Campus;
- **Mar. 20:** Spring begins!
- **Mar. 26:** Senior Pasties.

~ submitted by
newsletter editor



Think Spring!

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.

Family Spirit Parenting Circle



FAMILY FUN LIBRARY NIGHT

All parents and caregivers are welcome. Families of children age 0 - 5 years join us for a family focused night. We encourage parents and caregivers to join us for a library tour, book bag making, and snacks. Our focus is parent involved interaction; caregiver must stay with children.

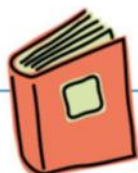
- ◆ Make & Take Book Tote
- ◆ Free Children's Book
- ◆ Snacks
- ◆ Family Engagement

Monday, March 9th

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Ojibwa Community Library
on S. Superior Ave., Baraga

Register with Dawn @ 353-4521
to ensure enough supplies.



Sponsored by KBIC Family Spirit & Healthy Start Programs

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2015 KBIC ROUND DANCE HELD



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KBIC's Round Dance was a social event put on by the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's (KBIC) Powwow Committee. It was held at the Niiwin Akeaa Center in Baraga, MI, on Saturday, February 7, 2015. Everyone is always welcome to attend and participate, regardless of nationality, at our Round Dances. The event began with a grand feast at 4 p.m., followed by hand drumming and dancing. Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., THPO Director said, " We like to get together to sing, dance, laugh, and of course, eat. That is the purpose of our round dance. It is an event that brings, not just our community, but people from all over Indian country, together. Our "Stick Man", Harvey Dreaver, made his way from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, which is about an 18-hour drive. We had singers and guests show up from Cass Lake, Red Lake, Net Lake, MN, Sault Ontario, and Gun Lake, Michigan.

This year's 2nd Annual Round Dance was a huge success. There were approximately 150 spectators in attendance and 26 adult singers and five youth singers. The winners of the three-man drum contest were: 1st place — Charles Day Castro, Carlos Davila, Jr., and Robin Day Bedeau; 2nd place — Mark Kingbird, Montana Kingbird, and Edward Benton; 3rd place — Myron Pyawasit, Bernard Lemieux, and Josh Couchie. Youth singers winners were: 1st place — Littlebird Benton; 2nd place — Manny Teller; 3rd place — Kitahna Silas. Youth Consolation was awarded to Tomahawk Circle and

Preston Sullivan."

This event could not be possible without the hard work of the THPO staff Gary Loonsfoot, Jr. and Juliet Goyen; the KBIC Powwow Committee Members: Alden Connor, Dan Connor, Marty Curtis, E Halverson, and Sheila Halverson; and the KBIC Tribal Council for supporting all of the cultural events and activities.



KBIC SOLID WASTE FACILITY

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.



Attention Patients

Did you bring your insurance information today?

We allow ONE emergency visit with our providers for those who do not present their insurance card at the time of visit.

Please come prepared, you may be asked to reschedule.




HUMAN RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

JOB TITLE: General Manager

DEPARTMENT: General Manager

LOCATION: Baraga & Marquette Gaming Facilities

SUPERVISOR: Chief Executive Officer

SALARY RANGE: \$85,000 - \$120,000
Management Benefit Package

CLOSING DATE: Open until filled.



The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, or age in employment. However, individuals of Indian Ancestry and Veterans will be given preference by law.

POSITION SUMMARY:

The General Manager is responsible for the overall operations of, and accountable for, the performance of all casino and ancillary functions. The G.M. plans, directs, and coordinates activities in the area of management policy, internal control reviews, records management, financial management, personnel management, and administrative services. This position is also responsible for the direct oversight of each property's Casino Manager, overall development, and coordination of the activities of the Ojibwa Casinos including the casinos' non-gaming operations.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Supervises, directs, and participates in the growth and development of all Department Heads in the performance of their duties.
2. Assumes responsibility for business operations, profit and losses of all departments; including but not limited to: Security, Slot Operations, Food and Beverage, Table Games, Hotel Operations, and Marketing and helps institute procedures to achieve profit and loss objectives.
3. Establishes compliance with the NIGA Minimum Internal Controls Standards, the K.B.I.C. Gaming Ordinance, the State of Michigan Gaming Compact, and any other rules and policies within parameters established by the Tribal Council.
4. Determines and authorizes staffing level requirements for qualified, well-trained personnel.
5. Has full authority to hire, fire, suspend, or discipline personnel as outlined in the Ojibwa Casinos Employee Handbook, and ensure the efficient and productive performance of their tasks.
6. Leads department managers through the respective Casino Managers in the identification of operational problems, putting into place policies and procedures to solve such problems, determining facility needs, and is responsible for development and implementation of a short and long term business planning process.
7. Establishes an effective system of communication to maintain a constant flow of information downward, upward, and laterally.
8. Supervises the coordination and development of statistical data such as departmental budgets and gaming trends analyses, and develops a data base integrated with industry standard ratios and financial statements. Reviews records to administer budgets in attainment of profit objectives.
9. Has full authority to authorize capital expense requests of Department heads within the parameters and process outlined in the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Purchasing and Procurement policy.
10. Directs and reviews marketing objectives for maintaining equitable customer traffic flows and promoting special events.
11. Monitors gaming rules, laws, and trends nationally and seizes new opportunities.
12. Attends professional development courses, seminars, conferences, and trade shows in gaming operations.
13. Authorizes customer comp/credit limits and policies.
14. Provides monthly administrative reports to the Tribal Council.
15. Represents the facilities externally to business and political leaders.

QUALIFICATIONS/REQUIREMENTS:

1. Four year Degree in Business Administration and/or Business Management (or closely related field) from an accredited college or university. (MBA is a plus!) and a minimum of ten (10) years of previous supervisory experience in a gaming environment. **OR**
An Associates Degree in Business and a minimum of 15

APPLICATIONS/RESUMES MUST BE SUBMITTED TO:

HUMAN RESOURCE DEPARTMENT
16449 MICHIGAN AVENUE
BARAGA, MI. 49908
ATTN: JIM NARDI, HUMAN RESOURCE/SAFETY DIRECTOR

years supervisory experience in a gaming environment.

OR

A minimum of twenty (20) years of management experience in a gaming environment.

2. Extensive knowledge of Indian Gaming, including but not limited to, slot machines, table games, hospitality, and bingo.
3. Demonstrated success with financial statements, managing multiple departments, staff and operation functions within the gaming industry.
4. Experience must include proven leadership, supervision of professional staff, conflict resolution, negotiation skills, departmental standard operating procedure development and implementation, establishment of long/short term goals, augmentation and implementation of business plans, measurement of quality services, and fiscal management/budget development and assessment.
5. Knowledge of computer software as it relates to customer databases and gaming spreadsheets.
6. Thorough knowledge of table games, surveillance techniques, and gaming regulations specifically applicable to Indian Gaming in Michigan.
7. Must be able to identify strategic issues, prioritize workload and identify and develop effective programs to maximize performance.
8. Strong administrative, organizational and communication skills.
9. Must possess a sensitivity to Native American culture.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Must be able to obtain gaming license and pass pre-employment physical and drug screen.
2. Must adhere to the Tribe's Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace Policy during the course of employment.

This summary is intended to indicate the kinds of tasks that will be required of this position and shall not be construed as declaring what the specific duties and responsibilities of the position shall be. It is not intended to limit or modify the right of the supervisor to assign, direct, and control the work of the employee, nor to exclude other duties not mentioned that are of a similar kind.

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community **Employment Opportunities**



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

- **Grant Accountant (full-time) — closing date, March. 3, 2015, 4 pm**
- **On-call positions:** Pharmacy Technician, Facility Attendant, Registered Nurse, Licensed Practical Nurse, Internal Sales Specialist, Pharmacist, Receptionist/Clerical Worker, Receptionist, Board Operator, Cashier, Account Executive/Sales, Community Service Supervisor, Unit Manager, Van Driver, Cleaning Person.

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.**

CHAMBERS SHOESHOOES TO KBIC TO DELIVER GIFT



On February 9, the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community was presented with a cross by Curtis Chambers. The cross was made from cedar and adorned with sweet grass and ribbons. Mr. Chambers, a former Chairman of the Burt Lake Band of Ottawa and Chippewa, was on a journey following the snowshoe steps of Bishop Baraga. That day Curtis had begun his walk near Houghton, Michigan, traveling 25 miles on snowshoes to the Tribal Center! He said it was just a pleasant walk in the woods.

Mr. Chambers was met by Vice President Misegan, Peggy Loonsfoot, Kim Klopstein, and Carol Hamacher. After a good night's rest he was headed to Kenton, Watersmeet, and Iron River, along the way stopping by Lac Vieux Desert to present them with a cross as well.

When asked the reason for his journey, Mr. Chambers stated, "It was something I felt called to do." Mr. Chambers, a catholic parishioner of St. Mary-St. Charles church in Cheboygan, Michigan, dedicated his journey to the heroic virtue of Frederick Baraga. A letter from Bishop John F. Doerfler of the Dioceses of Marquette accompanied Mr. Chambers and requested prayer for the Cause of Sainthood for Bishop Baraga.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS (FDPPIR) 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.

48 Contiguous United States:				Use this amount	
Household Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standard	SNAP Standard Deduction		FDPPIR Net Monthly Income Standard	
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
Each additional member					+ \$335
Alaska:				Use this amount	
Household Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standard	SNAP Standard Deduction		FDPPIR Net Monthly Income Standard	
1	\$1,196	+	\$260	=	\$1,456
2	\$1,615	+	\$260	=	\$1,875
3	\$2,035	+	\$260	=	\$2,295
4	\$2,454	+	\$260	=	\$2,714
5	\$2,873	+	\$260	=	\$3,133
6	\$3,292	+	\$274	=	\$3,566
7	\$3,711	+	\$274	=	\$3,985
8	\$4,130	+	\$274	=	\$4,404
Each additional member					+ \$420

FDPPIR 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 dependant care deduction are allowed a deduction of actual dependant 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 FDPPIR Programs	Shelter/Utility Deduction
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, Wyoming	\$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.

ATTENTION TRIBAL ARTISTS

The Motor Vehicle Division is seeking a new License Plate design. Distributing a license plate, with original artwork created by a tribal artist is of high importance to the Motor Vehicle Department.

Tribal Artists are invited to create an original art design that provides the artist's interpretation of American Indian Culture and Heritage for our community. Keep in mind some of the following suggestions to inspire your artwork:

The water, clans, Ojibwa-woodland designs, animals, and anything else showing our native culture from our community

Rules for the competition are as follows:

Any Tribal Member artist is invited to submit their artwork.

Only one design will be selected for the New Tribal License Plate.

The artist whose design is selected will be paid \$150 as winner of the contest.

The artwork is to be original, 8" x 11" in size, colorful design preferred, on white paper.

The following is the submission form for the Art Contest, to be completed for every design. The deadline for submitting the artwork is: Friday, March 27, 2015. The Artwork is to be submitted to the Motor Vehicle Department at the Tribal Center.

The artwork will be judged on: 1) Creativity and originality 2) Culture aspect 3) Craftsmanship and skill.

Obtain and attach the License Plate Art Contest Submission Form available from the Motor Vehicle Department.

If you have questions about the contest, please contact Jeanne at (906) 353-4114.

Honor Flight Schedules Mission VIII

The Upper Peninsula Honor Flight has scheduled its next mission. It will fly 80 veterans to Washington D.C. on Wednesday, April 22. The veterans will visit the World War II Memorial, Korean Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, and Air Force memorial as well as taking a bus tour of downtown Washington. This flight will include approximately 15 World War II veterans and 65 Korean War era veterans plus a guardian for each veteran and support personnel. With this flight, nearly 650 veterans have participated in the flights from the Upper Peninsula.

Veterans and family members will gather on Tuesday, April 21; at the Terrace Bay Inn in Gladstone, MI, the evening before the flight. The community is invited to welcome the veterans home from the flight on Wednesday evening at the Delta County airport at approximately 7:30 p.m.

The Honor Flight takes World War II and Korean War era veterans to Washington at no expense to the veteran. They are accompanied by a guardian who pays their own expenses. The fall flight is scheduled for September 16th. Application forms and more information are available at <http://www.upperpeninsulahonorflight.org/> or call Barb Van Rooy at 906 280-1471.

NICWA ACCEPTS THE GEN-I CHALLENGE

Pledges Support for White House Initiative for Native Youth



The National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA) today committed its support, enthusiasm, and appreciation for Generation Indigenous (Gen-I), an initiative launched by President Obama to improve the lives of Native youth by removing barriers that stand between them and opportunities for success.

As part of the initiative, NICWA is among a growing group of national Native organizations who have already become "early acceptors" to the Gen-I Challenge, a campaign to kick start engaging youth and others to address issues facing Native youth today. By asking participants to work alongside youth to do something positive in their community and share it on the Gen-I platform, the challenge aims to highlight and elevate the voices and positive contributions of Native youth.

NICWA Executive Director Sarah Kastelic stated, "We believe in empowering youth by giving them an active voice in crafting solutions to improve their communities. With Gen-I, the White House has pledged new investments and increased engagement to increase opportunities and improve outcomes for our youth. We look forward to continuing to be a partner in this important initiative."

Among the other national Native organizations joining the challenge are the American Indian College Fund, American Indian Higher Education Consortium, Boys and Girls Club of America, Center for Native American Youth at the Aspen Institute, National Congress of American Indians, National Indian Education Association, National Indian Health Board, and UNITY.

Backyard Beekeeping Workshops to be held

Ontonagon County Michigan State University Extension is once again teaming up with Les McBean, owner of White Birch Apiary in Bruce Crossing, to offer two Backyard Beekeeping Workshops.

The Beginning Beekeeping workshop will be held Saturday, March 14, 2015 at the Ewen-Trout School, 144 Airport Road in Ewen, Michigan, from 10 am to 4:30 pm EST. McBean will focus on a year in the life of a U.P. beekeeper and will cover what equipment is needed to get started and equipment easily made at home. Also covered will be the different races of bees, types of queens, requeening, building bear fences, making splits, the latest in beekeeping news, new treatments for mites, emergency feeding—what to use and how, spring medications, spring inspection of overwintered hives, making comb honey, and how to get started with a package in cold weather. Time will be allotted for a question and answer session. Registration deadline is Wednesday, March 11, 2015.

The Advanced Beekeeping workshop will be held Saturday, March 28, 2015, from 10 am to 4:30 pm EST at the Ewen-Trout Creek School, 144 Airport Road in Ewen. McBean will discuss the 2014 season highs and lows and the latest in beekeeping news, when to re-queen, how to build bear fences, making splits, spring/fall medications, new medications available, and new treatments for mites. Also covered will be making and storing various kinds of comb honey, testing your honey for water content, storing your honey; and marketing. cooking, baking, and canning using your honey. There will be a demonstration and discussion on how to get a package through a cold spring with various types of emergency feeding. Participants interested in a honey exchange can bring a 12-16 ounce jar of their own honey to exchange with others. Time will be allotted for a question and answer session. Registration deadline is Wednesday, March 25, 2015.

Pre-registration is required. The registration fee, \$25 for adults and \$15 for youth, 12-18 years old, includes lunch. For more information or for a registration form, contact the Ontonagon County MSU Extension office at 906-884-4386 or email msue66@msu.edu.



KBOCC Youth STEM Academy Afterschool Science Program

Water & Engineering For All Middle School Students

3:30 - 6:00 pm, Thursdays

Starting February 12 - March 26, 2015

At

Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College

Baraga Campus

111 Beartown Road, Baraga, MI 49908



Instructors: After school classes will be taught by MTU students and staff from the WUP Center for Science, Math & Environmental Education.

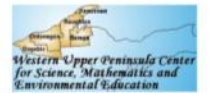
Registration Open Now for this exciting hands-on experience in science and engineering!

To Register:

Email: kcolbert@kbocc.edu
Call: (906) 353-4602



Michigan Technological University



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 **ALL Class I Drawings is 30 days** and **Class II Raffles is 60 days** prior to your event. License Fee will be waived when the application is received within this timeline.



ATTENTION OJIBWA SENIOR CITIZENS!

(55 years old and older)

Do taxes have you baffled?

Let the professionals sort out the confusion!

Call Sally Snyder at Ojibwa Housing Authority to schedule an appointment at (906) 353-7117, or

Call H&R Block in L'Anse, Michigan, at (906) 524-6917. Please remember to pick up your voucher from the Receptionist at the Tribal Center to take with you to this appointment.

For more information contact Kim Klopstein at (906) 353-4194.

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.

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POW WOW

You are invited to the 22nd annual
NMU "Learning to Walk Together" traditional pow wow

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

VANDAMENT ARENA - NMU CAMPUS - MARQUETTE, MICH.

Head Veteran Dancer - Rodney Loonsfoot
Honor Guard - KBIC Veterans
Head Female Dancer - Tonia Jo Hall
Head Male Dancer - Shane Mitchell
Host Drum - Wazijaci
Invited Drum - Little Horse
Invited Drum - Sturgeon Bay
Invited Drum - Woodland Singers
Invited Drum - Four Thunders
Emcee - Bucko Teeple
Arena Director - Robert Blackdeer
Fire Keeper - Sam Doyle



Doors open at 11 a.m.

Grand Entries Saturday at Noon and 6 p.m.

Feast & Hand Drum Contest Saturday at 4 p.m.

The feast will take place at the D.J. Jacobetti Complex.

Need more information?

Call: 906-227-1397

E-mail: nasa@nmu.edu

Like our event on Facebook!



The powwow is hosted by the NMU Native American Student Association with support from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.



YOUR JACKPOT HOTSPOT

16449 MICHIGAN AVENUE (HWY M-38)
BARAGA, MICHIGAN 49908

CALL 1-800-323-8045 OR 1-906-353-6333. GO TO OJIBWACASINO.COM OR SEE GUEST SERVICES FOR DETAILS ON ALL CURRENT PROMOTIONS

SPIN FOR THE GREEN SLOT TOURNAMENT

TUESDAY, MARCH 17TH

REGISTRATION AND PLAY 5PM - 8PM

BUY-IN \$10 | \$5 RE-BUY

FINAL ROUND AFTER 8PM

1ST | \$500 CASH • 2ND | \$250 CASH
3RD | \$100 CASH • 4TH - 8TH | \$50 FREE PLAY



BIG BUCKS BINGO BLAST

OVER \$6,500 IN CASH PRIZES
4 JACKPOTS FOR \$1,000

BRING A FRIEND MARCH 19TH

DOORS OPEN AT 4:30PM
WARM UP GAMES AT 5:00PM
REGULAR SESSION AT 6:30PM

**BRING A FRIEND AND RECEIVE
\$5 OFF YOUR PACK!**



KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

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

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

"Your Children...Our Priority"

We provide the following services:

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- Paternity Establishment
- Location of Custodial and Non-Custodial Parents
- Community Education

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