

# WIKWEDONG DAZHI-OJIBWE

The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwe

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## KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY HOLDS FIRST ANNUAL FOSTERING FAMILY FUN DAY



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

These youngsters were happy to display their face paintings. Face painting was offered by Janell Bianco, Office of Child Support Services.

The Indian Child Welfare Committee (ICWA) and the Tribal Social Services Department sponsored the First Annual Fostering Family Fun Day on Saturday, September 20, 2014. The event was originally planned to be held at the Ojibwa Campgrounds, but due to the forecast of thunderstorms, the location was relocated to the Niiwin Akeaa Facility.

The event was held in an effort to bring families together and provide positive activities promoting healthy families. It was a day that provided a relaxing environment where our KBIC Tribal families enjoyed spending time with one another. There were a number of games and activities for families to participate in together where

they were able to earn prizes. Preprimary offered a unique storytime station, *There Is A Monster Under The Bed*, and all participants received a flashlight. Community Health's Tribal Family Spirit staff offered a crafting table of Sun Art. The Ojibwa Cultural Committee offered cultural crafting and assisted participants with making a number of different kits. Ojibwa Library offered a reading table where participants received a book of their choice. The Office of Child Support Services offered a scavenger hunt activity and also did face painting. The KBIC Education Department offered activities, and youngsters were able to play a fish game. Tribal Social

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### 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:

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## KBIC PARTICIPATES IN PARADE OF NATIONS



KBIC Dance Troupe at Parade of Nations 2014.

The KBIC Dance Troupe participated in the Parade of Nations held in Houghton, Michigan, on Saturday, September 13, 2014. The KBIC Honor Guard led the ten member dance troupe in the Parade of Nations who were accompanied by the Woodland Singers. The theme for this year's Parade of Nations and Multicultural Festival was "Around the World in 25 years – Silver Jubilee." The group placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the float competition.



## SEPTEMBER 6, 2014 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Regular Saturday Tribal Council Meeting was held on September 6, 2014, at the Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room in Baraga, Michigan. Ogimaa Donald Shalifoe, Sr. presided over the meeting with Carole LaPointe, 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., and Jennifer Misegan present. Warren C. Swartz, Jr. was absent.

Ogimaa Donald Shalifoe, Sr., shared numerous *Thank You* and *For Your Information* items addressed to Council. Treasurer Eddy Edwards gave the Treasurer's Report (page three). Council approved the Department Head Reports for July 2014.

Under Unfinished Business: Bruce LaPointe, Public Works Director, brought forward an agreement, Michigan Economic Development Corporation Grant With the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. The purpose of the agreement is to provide funding to the Grantee to fund a four-part study related to a non-motorized trail between the L'Anse and Baraga communities. It will actually be a 10.5 mile trail from Zeba to Sand Point. It is a collaboration of quite a few agencies. The grant is for a \$160,000 feasibility study, environmental assessment, topographic survey, and a geotechnical investigation, which will primarily be completed by U.P. Engineers as over the course of the last few years, they have done all the planning through different agencies to piece this trail together. There are 62 different easements to be sought. **Motion by Gary Loonsfoot, Sr. to approve the Michigan Economic Development Corporation Grant with the KBIC; supported by Carole LaPointe. Seven supported (Shalifoe, LaPointe, Jokinen, Loonsfoot, Curtis, M. LaFernier, Messer), three opposed (Edwards, S. LaFernier, Matthews), one abstained (Misegan), one absent (Swartz), motion carried.**

Eddy Edwards brought forth information to hire VAST as our employee health benefits broker and move to Consumer's Mutual Insurance and Delta Dental in an effort to save \$800,000.00 per year. **Motion by Eddy Edwards to hire VAST as our employee health benefits broker and move to Consumer's Mutual Insurance and Delta Dental and hire M3 as our consultant; supported by Carole LaPointe.** Further discussion occurred. Eddy amended his motion to amend the contract that Attorney Dan MacNeil reviewed to take out the State of Wisconsin and put KBIC in there. **Motion by Gary Loonsfoot, Sr. to table this contract until all the corrections are made and it is presented back to the Council with the changes; supported by Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. Six supported (Loonsfoot, Curtis, M. LaFernier, S. LaFernier, Messer, Misegan), five opposed (Shalifoe, LaPointe, Jokinen, Edwards, Matthews), 0 abstained, one absent (Swartz), motion carried.**

Jean Jokinen introduced proposed changes to Title One Ordinance in a 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. 1.101 The Tribal Court; Creation and Existence. The Tribal Court of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community has been created and exists pursuant to the provisions of the corporate Charter and Constitution of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. Proposed to be removed, "Except as otherwise provided by applicable Federal Law, the Tribal Court shall be an independent branch of the government of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community co-equal with the executive and legislative branches thereof." Footnote: The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, which is a constitutional government body, cannot create a co-equal branch of government through tribal code.

A branch of government co-equal with the Tribal Council must be created by the people of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, not the Tribal Council. Also add, 8.103, The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Court will not have jurisdiction to hear any claims that are based on the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act 25 U.S.C.A. §2710. Footnote 1: Due to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Government operating nearly entirely on revenue from Indian Gaming, the fact that the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community is a party to an Indian Gaming Regulatory Act Gaming compact, it is deduced that the challenging of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act is a suit against the sovereign and therefore must be barred in Tribal Court. Footnote 2: 25 U.S.C.A. §2710(d)(7)(A) of The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act specifically points out that the U.S. Federal District Courts have jurisdiction over the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, hence it would be improper for the Tribal Courts to litigate a federal statute where the federal statute specifically grants which court has jurisdiction and who can bring suits with Tribal Members not one of them as well as the Tribal Court not amongst those listed. **Motion by Jean Jokinen to introduce the first reading of the Title One Ordinance; supported by Eddy Edwards. Seven supported (Shalifoe, LaPointe, Jokinen, Edwards, Curtis, Matthews, Messer); four opposed (Loonsfoot, M. LaFernier, S. LaFernier, Misegan); 0 abstained; one absent (Swartz), motion carried.** A second reading was scheduled for September 18, 2014.

Larry Denomie presented a petition to Council. Denomie said, "I am before you this morning to present a completed petition which you should have already received. The petition has been processed in accordance with Article V, Section 2 of the Constitution and By-laws of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. The petition was circulated and 59 signatures were obtained prior to your approval of the resolution which reversed the action that was the basis for it. However, the approved resolution does not remove the fact that President Shalifoe acted improperly and failed to uphold his oath of office; in my opinion and those who signed the petition. Elected officials should lead by setting good examples for us all. Certainly, there are times when leaders make mistakes just like the rest of us. We don't always respond well during contentious situations and act in ways that we normally wouldn't and may say things in the heat of the moment that we later regret. It's what we do after those situations that set us apart as people and even more importantly, as leaders. We can provide explanations as to why we believe our actions were justified, legal, and ethical. Or we can admit we made a mistake, right our wrongdoing, apologize, and learn from it. Either action will likely gain the admiration and respect of not only those affected, but our peers as well. If we don't attempt to right our mistakes, we can expect those around us to lose respect for us as people and as leaders. Now that this petition has been presented, each of you will need to decide how you can be a great leader by setting a good example for the rest of us. I am hopeful that this petition will be taken seriously, and the process outlined in our constitution carried out.

The following language is provided in the petition as its purpose: As described in Article V, Section (2) of the Constitution and By-laws of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, this petition is initiated to request removal of Tribal Council Member and President Donald Shalifoe, Sr. for improper conduct. On August 11, 2014, President Shali-

foe issued disciplinary action, in the form of suspensions from duty, to Chief Judge, Bradley Dakota, and Associate Judge, Violet Friisvall Ayres, essentially removing them from office. President Shalifoe also appointed Jeffrey Loman as Acting Chief Judge to fill the vacancy created by his removal of the duly elected judges from office. The KBIC Constitution and By-Laws and Tribal Code Title One are clear as to how judges may be removed from office and vacancies filled (Title One, Subsection 1.108 Election of Tribal Division Judges, and subsection 1.109 Term of Office, both refer back to Article V – Vacancies and removal of office, of the KBIC Constitution and By-Laws). Those documents are silent as to the administering of disciplinary actions to judges, for any purpose or reason, by any official of the KBIC. Because of President Shalifoe's actions, he has violated the Constitution and Laws of the KBIC, including his Oath of Office; therefore, he should be expelled from Council for improper conduct. **Motion by Eddy Edwards to dismiss this petition for lack of merit; the Tribal President, according to Constitution, has general supervision of the affairs of the Tribal Council and with the general welfare of the Community; supported by Carole LaPointe. Six supported (LaPointe, Jokinen, Edwards, Curtis, Matthews, Messer); four opposed (Loonsfoot, M. LaFernier, S. LaFernier, Misegan); one abstained (Shalifoe); one absent (Swartz), motion carried.**

Council adjourned with no further business on the agenda.

~ submitted by Lauri Denomie, Editor

### Government Employee Picnic 2014

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community held their Governmental Employee Picnic on Friday, August 29, 2014. Due to weather conditions it was held at the Big Bucks Bingo Hall. Employees gathered for fun times with one of the highlights being the pie eating contest, pictured below.



**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!**

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

Treasurer, Eddy Edwards, gave a verbal report for the month of August 2014. (This verbal report was transcribed and edited by the Newsletter Editor with Mr. Edwards' final approval).

The Casinos are finalizing their budgets, and Department Heads are working on their budgets. I'm expecting executive management will begin meeting with staff on September 15th to prepare the budgets for Council's review and hopefully be able to approve those budgets by the end of September.

I have submitted reports from both the Casino General Managers that talk about some of the issues that have been occurring both bad and good. The financial information shows that both casinos monthly indexes for coin-in and net-win are all trending upwards for the month reported on. It appears that many of the things that are in place are starting to come to fruition and work for us. Hopefully, this trend continues.

We have been working on employee health benefits. There was a \$1.2 million dollar increase in employee health benefits this year, so we worked on trying to find an alternative that would provide just as good of service and same care that the current Blue Cross Blue Shield plan does yet still save us some money. It looks like we have found that with Consumer's Mutual Insurance, and

it is on the agenda today. It will save us close to \$800,000.00 per year, approximately \$60,000.00 to \$70,000.00 per month.

The Casino is promoting a mixed martial arts and boxing event to be held October 11th. One of our tribal members, Justin Gauthier, is on the agenda for a boxing match. We are going to promote Justin in his boxing career, and I look forward to inviting everyone to this event. The Casino has tickets available for this event, and you can sit ring side if you wish.

We have been working on expanding our services to the other side of the Bay which include the gas station, smoke shop, and Zeba Hall. The Zeba Hall is almost finished. The roof is done. We will be holding the primary and general elections at the Zeba Hall for the L'Anse district. A lot of departments have committed to bringing their services over there such as KB Outpatient Services, the Youth Club, and the Health Department will be offering services such as Diabetes Care and an immunization clinic. The gas station, smoke shop, and Zeba Hall should all be up and running hopefully by Halloween.

This concludes my report for the month of August.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eddy Edwards, Treasurer

## OGIMAA'S REPORT FOR THE MONTHS OF JULY/AUGUST

Inter-tribal Agricultural was here in July to buy and sell native produce in the casino parking lot. Their mobile market travels to different reservations.

The Office of Violence Against Women (OVW) site was visited by the Department of Justice (DOJ) grants manager. Several minute errors were found, and the grants manager stated all were fixable.

Since January 2014, native employment in tribal government has increased from 73% to 77%. As of September 17, 2014, there are 16 departments with 100% native employed. The people have been given all employment opportunities whenever and wherever possible. This is due to the Human Resource Department working in conjunction with the TERO office to actively pursue and contact Tribal members in order to provide employment.

The goals of the new moving forward council of native preference and letting the directors and managers do their jobs with little or no micro managing has increased morale and has allowed them to become the leaders we knew they were.

There have been three popular referendums. This process was introduced to allow the people an opportunity to finally become involved in the government decision making. This is the first time in our Tribal history that the people were given a chance to exercise a constitutional right of voting on Tribal expenditures.

There has been great interest in the possibility of new businesses such as the Transfer Station located in the Ojibwa Industrial park. A proposed cigarette shop has been in the works with the intention of increasing the

amount of the Sovereignty checks for the people. This amount will not be seen right away but as sales increase so will the amount of the checks. The new gas station in Marquette has been progressing nicely.

The purchase of the Lakeside motel is in the final stages with discussions with Superior National Bank loan officers and bank president earlier this week. The wishes of the people are to build a new casino in Baraga with the continued hopes of building one in Marquette someday to improve revenue. This would increase Tribal member employment with possible profit sharing in the future.

There will be no more closed meetings to Tribal members except when personal issues become involved.

The live streaming of Council meetings has been introduced to allow transparency to the Council and allow elders and whoever else cannot make it to meetings view them.

The Constitution has been made easily available to the people and easy to understand in common language including maps.

There has been three separate programs banding together to assist our youth in the area. Our own youth, along with TERO and the state liaison for Native Outreach, have come together to help our Native youth in the four county area.

With the help of the people, we will and are moving forward and we are non-stop in our thinking of ways to improve our economic and social structure.

AHO Miigwech!  
Ogimaa Donald Shalifoe, Sr.

## CONTRACT HEALTH HAS NEW ACRONYM

Contract Health Services, formerly known as CHS has been given a new name – It is now called *Purchased Referred Care* or **PRC**.

The Indian Health Service recently changed the name of *Contract Health Services* to *Purchased Referred Care* to better reflect provided services. The change was made by Federal agencies and Tribes were notified in the last few months. Keweenaw Bay will start Purchased Referred Care on October 1, 2014. This allowed us time to change forms, review policies, and update the new PRC booklet that will soon be sent out to all patients within the Purchase Referred Service Delivery Area or PRSDA, (formerly known as CHSDA).

The mission of the PRC is to provide KBIC members with high quality care beyond what is available through our Tribal Health facility. The PRC Clerk (Elvera Lantz), will work within financial resources and will clearly communicate its program and services to members.

PRC benefits are established by federal law and regulations and funded through appropriations from the federal government. Tribes establish priorities of coverage based on funding appropriated as to what services they are able to provide to their members.

Members should not rely solely on PRC for their medical coverage. All members will be required to apply for alternate resources—such as Medicare, Medicaid, MI Child/Health Kids, VA, employee-sponsored insurance, etc., BEFORE accessing PRC. PRC is the payor of LAST resort, this means you must utilize all existing medical insurance-type resources *before* requesting PRC.

PRC may be used as a secondary payer should there be a primary insurance on a "covered service" authorized by PRC to pay.

KBIC members eligible for the program are those residing in the PRC Delivery area which includes: Baraga, Houghton, and Ontonagon Counties in the Western Upper Peninsula. (See PRC Map), as established by the federal government and non-Indian dependents covered for pre and post-natal care, delivery, and communicable disease. Tribal members must apply for PRC and be a permanent resident of the programs' delivery area as described above. Members residing in the service area must have a COMPLETED application on file and approved for PRC prior to disbursement for services deemed covered outside fo the Tribal clinic. Applicants must provide:

1. Proof of residency.
2. Proof of residency would include copies of drivers' licenses, utility receipts, voter registration, etc. Proof of income is used to determine eligibility of alternate resources. If members are eligible for an alternate resource, such as Medicaid, Medicare, employer's health insurance, VA etc., they need to apply for those programs, or consider applying for the Health Insurance Marketplace, in which proof of income will be needed.

**It is the patients' responsibility to request assistance (prior to authorization/voucher) by contacting the PRC office directly for all services and provided at tribal clinics from which they request assistance.** The PRC staff will determine members' eligibility for the program at this time. The request for assistance should be done prior to the service provision, unless it is an emergency visit that occurs after hours or on the weekend when tribal clinics are closed. Then members must report this to PRC within 72 hours of the event. Elders have a 30 day reporting period. An emergency room report/physician notes will be reviewed to determine priority to determine

## Proclamation for Domestic Violence Awareness Month on the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Reservation

October 2009

Whereas, the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community has a value for strong families and goals to support strong family values to create a caring Community that nurtures and supports children, women, and families through new and expanded Tribal programs and services, and;

Whereas, the goals of the KBIC include providing the opportunity and support for all Tribal families to flourish and strengthen in a caring, safe, and supportive environment, and;

Whereas, violence against women is the seed to so many other forms of violence, and a shift in our conversation must happen because violence against women continues to have devastating effects on entire communities, including our own, and;

Whereas, when our children witness violence in the home, those children are impacted by what they have seen and often experienced themselves. If we want to tackle violence in our country, in our community, then we must address the violence that occurs in so many homes, and;

Whereas, a family's home becomes a place of fear, hopelessness, and desperation when a woman is battered by her partner, and the children

witness the abuse of their mothers or loved ones, or a senior is victimized by family members, and;

Whereas, survivors of violence often suffer in silence, not knowing where to turn, with little or no guidance and support and the exposure to violence in the home can contribute to behavioral, social, and emotional problems, and;

Whereas, one domestic assault that results in murder is too many on this sovereign Tribal Nation, and;

Whereas, all members of this community must be engaged to end the violence, and our efforts to address domestic violence and assault must include our young survivors, and;

Whereas, in order to combat this assault and violence our community comes together to declare our own drug/alcohol awareness, domestic violence awareness and strong families month to support prevention, so

Therefore, during the month of October each year, our tribal community will rededicate ourselves to breaking the silence and cycle of violence. We will provide our survivors with education about healthy alternatives and will work on changing attitudes that support violence, and we recognize that domestic violence can be prevented, and declare October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2009.

### EDUCATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM

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. Awards are given for Honor Roll and Perfect Attendance. Students must meet the following criteria:

1. Must be enrolled KBIC members.
2. Must reside in one of the following four counties: Baraga, Houghton, Ontonagon, or Marquette.
3. Must attend a public or private school.

A student's Honor Roll status is defined according to the regulations of their school district. Students in grades 4 through 12 are eligible to receive this award.

Perfect Attendance follows the school policy, but allows time for doctor or dental appointments and funerals may be allowed. Please contact the following people for more information:

- L'Anse Area Schools – Shellie Denomie, (906) 524-6000 ext. 369, [sdenomie@laschools.us](mailto:sdenomie@laschools.us)
- Baraga Area Schools – Helen Jondreau, (906) 353-6661, [hjondreau@up.net](mailto:hjondreau@up.net)
- All others contact Amy St. Arnold, (906) 353-4117, [amy@kbic-nsn.gov](mailto:amy@kbic-nsn.gov)
- Houghton, Ontonagon, and Marquette students must provide a copy of student report card. If attendance is not noted on the card, please have a school official document by signature. Report cards may be mailed to Keweenaw Bay Tribal Center, Education Office, 16429 Bear-town Rd. Baraga, MI 49908.

KBIC Niimigimiwang OVW Program & Baraga County Shelter Home invite you to join us for :

# Lanterns on the Lake

We will be releasing lanterns to celebrate survivors of domestic violence and commemorate those who have lost their lives due to domestic violence.

**Where:** Ojibwa Marina  
**When:** Wednesday, October 15th  
at 8:00 p.m.

Questions? Call Cherie @ 353-4596

**NOTICE:** A service agreement has been approved between LaCourt Bottled Gas, 720 US 41, Baraga, MI, and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community effective until May 31, 2015. LaCourt agrees to provide KBIC and members a retail price of \$1.80 per gallon for deliveries between November 1, 2014—May 31, 2015. Accounts must be prepaid for camps and non-permanent residences, and paid in full within ten days for primary residences. More information is available by contacting LaCourt Bottled Gas at (906) 353-6126 or the Ogimaa's Office at (906) 353-6623, ext. 4112.

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### KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY

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### PRESS RELEASE

#### KBIC Tribal Judge Ayres Rules

#### From the Office of the KBIC President:

After six weeks, on September 15, 2014, KBIC Associate Judge Violet M. Friisvall Ayres passed down a 31 page ruling in regard to the very controversial civil law suit brought to the Court by the former Tribal Council Member Fred Dakota against the current Tribal Council Chairman Donald T. Shalifoe, Sr. and the KBIC Council Treasurer Eddy Edwards. On page three of her decision she relates her decision as "Plaintiff's motion for a Preliminary Injunction is denied, she goes on to say Plaintiff's motion to disqualify is denied and the Defendant's motion to dismiss is granted." The next 28 pages are issued to explain in lengthy detail the reason for her decision. For a complete review of this decision you can read Judge Ayre's decision on KBIC.com or the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community facebook page. Tribal Council President Shalifoe's response is "I hope we can move forward as a community." He also said, he "hoped the decision would help speed the closing of the Lakeside Inn." After which he quotes the KBIC Constitution and By-Laws as the reason for the Judge's decision which states:

#### Constitution of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community

Article VI Section 1 — "The Tribal Council shall have the power subject to any limitation imposed by the statutes or the Constitution of the United States and subject to all express restrictions upon such powers contained in this Constitution and attached By-Laws."

- \* Subsection u, "To adopt Ordinances to effectuate any of the foregoing powers"

#### By-Laws of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community

Article I — Duties of officers "The President of the Tribal Council shall preside at all meetings of the Council. He shall at all times have general supervision of the affairs of the Tribal Council and such matters as naturally pertain to the general welfare of the Community. It shall also be the duty of the President to countersign all checks drawn against any funds of the organization by the Treasurer. He shall be ex-officio member of all subordinate boards and committees."

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

### Contract Health Has New Acronym continued:

if services will be covered by PRC.

It is the responsibility of the member to call Purchased Referred Care for their voucher for all out of clinic services, NOT the referral coordinators or nurses! They set up your referral appointments to the clinic referred outside of our medical care facility. The PRC staff determines if referred care is covered based on funding and established priorities of coverage for that fiscal year. Extenuating circumstances (such as catastrophic health emergencies) may occur where special committee review could be requested. The committee consists of the Medical Director Peter Benson, Lead RN Sue Ollila, AR/Patient Benefits Coordinator Michelle St. George, PRC Clerk Elvera Lantz, Billing Clerk Laura Mayo, Medical Records Clerk Denise Maki, and Associate Director Becky Tussing. The PRC Committee meets every Thursday at 8:30 a.m. Call 906.353.4537 to speak to Purchase Referred Care Clerk, or to leave a message. Please notify her within 72 hours of your emergency room visits.

## NEWS FROM THE OJIBWA SENIOR CITIZENS

### October:

- October 9—12:15 p.m., Senior Meeting. All seniors going on the January 10, 2015, Cruise must come and pay their final and last payment for the cruise. The deadline with the Carnival Cruise Line is October 12, so final payment must be made at our meeting. Karen Lahti will be present to receive the deposit payment and also to schedule any shore excursions individuals wish to sign up for. Because of the Carnival cruise deadline, No extensions for payment can be given unless approved by Karen Lahti.
- October 23—Pasty prep at 12:00 p.m. (right after lunch). We are done by 3:00 p.m., and volunteers are needed and very much appreciated!
- October 24—Pasty sale at 5:00 a.m., or as early as you can get there. We are done making pasties by 11:00 a.m., with bagging pasties and clean-up. Volunteers are needed as early as possible! Thank you for volunteering!

### PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

- The deposit for the Green Bay trip in December is now being collected. Please contact Susie Crawford to pay your \$30.00 deposit. (Non-refundable if you cancel after November 1, 2014).
- There will be no pasty sales in November and December. Thank you everyone for your hard work this past year.

## OJIBWA SENIOR CITIZEN PICNIC HELD



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

The Ojibwa Senior Citizens held their annual picnic at the Ojibwa Powwow Grounds on Friday, August 22, 2014. Dave Firestone, Senior Nutrition Director, organized the event with assistance of the Health Department ladies. Pictured above are a few of the seniors who stayed to enjoy the music of musicians Bob Keippela and Ray Aho, picture below.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

## MEDICAL CENTER UPGRADES

Dear Patients:

We have recently upgraded to a new software system!

You may have to give us your basic information again, as all information does not automatically transfer to our new system.

Information / verification we may need is:

- Drivers' License
- Enrollment card
- Social Security number
- Telephone number
- Address
- Date of Birth

Your identification will be scanned into your record today as well.

Thank you for your cooperation as we move forward to improve our services for you!



## KBIC Seasonal Flu Vaccine Clinic

KBIC Health Dept. 2nd Floor  
9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

October 7th      October 14th  
October 21st     October 28th

Walk-in Basis ~ While Supplies Last

Vaccine is available for tribal members, descendants, & non-native household contacts.

Bring your insurance card if you have one.

For more information contact Heather at 353-4546.

Consent forms can be downloaded at [www.kbic-nsn.gov](http://www.kbic-nsn.gov)

Sponsored by KBIC Department of Health & Human Services

## KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY RECEIVES PRIZE CHECK FOR TRIBE 2 TRIBE WALKING CHALLENGE



Keweenaw Bay Indian Community placed second in this year's *Tribe 2 Tribe Walking Challenge* sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. Heather Wood-Paquet said, "We came in 2nd place out of 10 Michigan tribes with the highest number of participants for many years in a row. We've participated every year since 2007, except for one. Each year we have participated we've ranked in the top three. The money will be used to sponsor community physical activity events and upcoming years walking challenges."

The check was presented on Tuesday, September 9, 2014, at the Donald A. LaPointe Medical Center. Shown with the check (left to right) is: Carole LaPointe, Health Administrator, Carl Rasanen, Health Board Chairman, Heather Wood-Paquet, Health Promotions Educator, Rose Roose Health Care Analyst BCBS, and Linda St. Arnould, Provider Consultant/Services BCBS. Picture compliments of Health Department.

## HEALING TO WELLNESS CELEBRATION DINNER



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

The Healing To Wellness Court held a celebration dinner on Friday, September 19, 2014, as their first attempt to educate the gen-

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## TEAM SEPPY PARTICIPATES IN 'OUT OF DARKNESS' EVENT



A crowd of 218 people registered and walked in the first Baraga County 'Out of the Darkness' Community Walk For Depression & Suicide Awareness in downtown L'Anse Saturday morning, September 13, 2014. The event brought awareness, education, and comfort to those who are themselves, or have family members dealing with depression, suicide, and related issues. Many people, including Team Seppy, wore custom printed t-shirts in memory of loved ones lost. Guest speakers, a memory table, resource tables, a balloon release, and memorial garden dedication was also held. The KBIC Tribal Council was a generous sponsor of the event. Members of the local Suicide Prevention Coalition include Nicole Ross, Cindy Collins, Karen Harris, Tammy Hollon, Wanda Seppanen, Ann Marie Amsler, Kim Hendrickson, Caitlan Bowers, and Pam Dove.

William (Chill) Seppanen, Sr. cited information from the American Foundation For Suicide Prevention. "Every 14 minutes someone dies from suicide in the U.S. Yet, more than 90% of people who take their lives, have at least one diagnosable and treatable mental illness, such as depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, and/or substance abuse. Yet, despite the statistics, suicide and mental illness remain hidden and shrouded in stigma. With better recognition and treatment, suicides can be prevented. Suicide is preventable and the more of us who participate in awareness activities, the louder our voice is heard, bringing this issue into the spotlight. I whole-heartedly support the Baraga County Suicide Prevention Coalition and its efforts to continue its lifesaving work."



Copper Country Great Start Collaborative  
850 W. Sharon Avenue, Suite # 6  
Houghton, MI 49931  
(906) 482-9365  
www.ccgreatstart.org

104 Coles Drive, Suite F  
Marquette, MI 49855  
(906) 228-3362 Toll Free (877) 614-7328

www.greatstarttoquality.org  
**Great Start to Quality**  
Upper Peninsula Resource Center

The Copper Country Great Start Parent Coalition and  
Great Start to Quality Upper Peninsula Resource Center  
with help from the KBIC Family Spirit Program:

## Fall Fort Building Fun

**When:**  
October 9th  
4:00pm-5:00pm

**Where:**  
L'Anse Waterfront Park

**Register by October 7th**

- Children from birth through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade (and siblings) are invited to attend with their parent(s)/guardian.
- Families can take part in helping children make forts.
- A healthy make and take snack table will be set up.
- Parents can take educational handouts on topics of nutrition, dental health, child development, and community resource guides.
- Free Halloween Safety Information Bags

### To register:

Call/text to Amy Thill: 906-285-2271

or Lisa Schmierer: 906-482-9365

or Heather Wood-Paquet: 906-353-4546



## OJIBWA COMMUNITY LIBRARY HOSTS LITERACY NIGHT



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Shirley Brozzo, author, cited short stories and poetry.

The Ojibwa Community Library hosted Literacy Night to present energizing community talent on Thursday, September 18, 2014, in the Chippewa Room of the Ojibwa Casino Resort. Through grant funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services a book compiling the writings of five authors and the art of many community members has been produced and is now available at the library for you to enjoy.

KBIC member, Shirley Brozzo, shared two short stories: *Owls* and *Indian Summer*; and two poems: *Native Women* and *Admerica*. Sally Brunk, of Baraga, read short stories and cited poetry. Sally said, "For me writing is a way of healing. I write about my family, and my stories are about them."

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**Fostering Family Fun Day continues:**

Services Prevention Program offered crafting in the form of a handprint family tree. The Tribal Police Department had a station utilizing drunk goggles, an educational tool, and three vehicles for families to check out. The Baraga Fire Department offered rides to families, and children were excited to blow the sirens. Other activities organized by ICWA and Tribal Social Services were: snack station with snow cones, popcorn, and cotton candy; clowns with balloons; Pop-Ur-Prize (dart board); Pick-A-Duck game; a number of toss games; tee-shirt crafting; archery; karaoke; horse racing; and a bounce house.

In addition to winning prizes at the stations, families who attended ten stations were eligible for the family prizes. With the assistance of donators, 24 family prizes were offered and a number of large prizes were offered in each age category. A fabulous dinner was served with a menu consisting of BBQ chicken, spaghetti and garlic bread, macaroni and cheese, veggies, fruit, cake, and a keg of root beer.

There was a short program (Tribal Social Services Booth) where family ideals, healthy relationships, and the importance of culture in our families were discussed. Organizers promoted strong, safe, healthy families, encouraged foster parenting, and recruited foster parents.

ICWA and Tribal Social Services would like to thank the following individuals, business, and programs for donations and volunteering:

- Agnes Huecksteadt
- ATR Program
- Baraga Volunteer Fire Department
- Beth Dix
- BP
- Carol Hamacher
- Community Service Workers
- Cultural Committee
- Donald A. LaPointe Medical Facility
- Eagle Radio
- Education Department
- Headstart Program
- Healing to Wellness Court
- Jake Misegan
- Joyce Chosa
- Kaylee Brunk
- Kim Klopstein
- Lucky 7's
- MTU
- Nancy Lamb
- Natural Resource Department
- Office of Child Support
- Ojibwa Library
- Ojibwa Motel
- Ojibwa Senior Citizens
- Pines
- Preprimary
- Pressbox
- Public Works
- Rachel Parker
- Robert Rajacic
- Ron Huecksteadt
- Shirley Zasadnyj
- SORNA
- Suzy Jondreau
- Tribal Council
- Tribal Court
- Tribal Family Spirit Program
- Tribal Police
- Tribal Social Services
- Youth Program

**Chi' miigwech!!!!**

ICWA Committee:

- Debbie Picciano
- Jeanne Kauppila
- Jennifer Misegan
- Lauri Denomie
- Nikki Arens-Reenders
- Wanda Seppanen

Tribal Social Services Staff:

- Ed Gransell
- Isabelle Welsh
- Judith Heath
- Nancy Pawlowski
- Thurza Mathes
- William Kirchofer



Picture by Lauri Denomie.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

## Community Walk Against Domestic Violence

Registration begins @ noon, the walk begins at 1 p.m.

- Prize Drawings
- Drumming
- Feast
- Speakers

Registration at Noon

# 6th Annual Chelsey LaFernier Memorial Walk October 4, 2014

Walk starts at the corner of McGillan & Lyons to the Big Bucks Bingo Hall. Rides available from the Bingo Hall to the start of the walk. Speaker and feast to follow. This year's speaker is Sault Ste. Marie Tribal member, Tim Derwin who will talk about Men's role in the Domestic Violence movement.

For more information call KBIC OVW at 906-353-4599

October 2014 is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Come on out and show your support for this worthy cause! This event sponsored by the Office of Violence Against Women and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.



# New Employees



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Michael Lahti has been hired as the Assistant Manager at the Pines Convenience Center. Michael is a 2007 graduate from Baraga Area High School. He is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in management & entrepreneurship. He began employment at the Pines in 2008 as a cashier, was hired as a Summer Business Intern in 2013. In his free time Michael enjoys spending time with his lovely wife and three dogs.



Stephanie Kozich has been hired as the Air Quality Specialist. Stephanie Kozich moved to the community from Billings, Montana in January 2011 after working 13 years with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. She is a recent Environmental Science graduate from KBOCC. Stephanie said, "This fall I began attending Northern Michigan University to pursue a bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies and Sustainability with a minor in Native American Studies.

My husband and I have two beautiful children ages 23 and 12 and we have three furry children as well. We love to spend our extra time in the outdoors, and in the summer, you will see us often on Huron Bay."



## Swartz hired as KBIC's Public Relations Director

Jacqueline Swartz is an Ojibwa Ikwe from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. She is the daughter of Marilyn and Charles Loonsfoot Sr.. Jacqueline studied in various colleges after leaving Baraga High school that include Northwestern Michigan College, Michigan Tech and Northern Michigan University. For a little over the last decade she has been in Marketing and Public Relations with a couple of different Native Communities and has served as the Michigan Field Site Coordinator for the OPREVENT program brought to KBIC and the Hannahville Indian Community by Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore Maryland. She served as the Marketing Director for that program as well. She has been married to former Tribal Chairman Chris Swartz for over twenty years and together they raised three children, Brandon, Chrystal, and Stuart. Here is what Jacqueline has to say about her new position as the Public Relation Director for the KBIC. "The opportunity to serve my Native Community in a field that I love is very exciting! I look forward to getting the message out to the Tribe of all the changes here in KBIC and working with all the Community Departments. Miigwetch KBIC for this opportunity!"

## Deepest Sympathy

### Marie Agnes Lallaman

(January 20, 1920 - July 25, 2014)

Marie "Minnie" Lallaman, 94, passed away peacefully Friday, July 25, 2014. Born January 20, 1920, in Green Bay, WI, to George and Josephine Pine Brunette, she was a life-long Green Bay, WI, resident. Marie was married to George Loonsfoot, who passed away in 1968. Marie then married Raymond Lallaman, who preceded her in death in 1999. Marie had 11 children between the two families, most still living in the Green Bay area. Marie enjoyed cooking for large family functions, embroidery, sewing, making puzzles, and spending time with her numerous grandchildren. Marie is survived by her 11 children, many grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. She was preceded in death by her mom and dad, George and Josephine Brunette; sisters: Angeline, Cecelia, June; and her brother, Roland.

Family and friends visited Thursday, July 31, 2014, with funeral services at 7:00 p.m. Interment was in the Allouez Catholic Cemetery. Miss Minnie will be sadly missed, but she is in a better place with Jesus.



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

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Natural Resources Department received a binational award for their multi-year project restoring wildlife habitat at Sand Point. A panel of U.S. and Canadian judges with the Binational Forum selected the stamp sands restoration project as a recipient of its 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Environmental Stewardship Award in the U.S. Tribal category. The judges were very impressed with the ambitious goals of the project and the use of native plants, many grown in the KBIC NRD greenhouse, to restore the natural landscape and enhance wildlife habitat and human recreation

opportunities.

Funded through competitive grants in partnership with federal agencies, regional organizations, and local businesses, the KBIC NRD spread a topsoil cap to cover the toxic stamp sands. The cap was then planted with thousands of native grasses, flowers, trees, and shrubs to filter the contaminants and stabilize an eroding shoreline. Walking trails were established at Sand Point complete with exercise stations and informative signage for visitors. As of the summer of 2014 there is now a 3.3 mile trail loop in the Sand Point area.

## We need your help! Please fill out our online survey...

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) Natural Resource Department's Air Quality Program is collecting information on local behaviors and attitudes towards our air quality. The information will be used for program planning, assessing local air quality, and partly for use in our Emissions Inventory. If you will, please take the time to fill out our Air Quality Survey. At the end of the survey you will be asked for your contact information. This is optional but if you choose to submit your contact information, you will be mailed one of three incentive gifts (\$15—\$20 value). The gifts are: a **carbon monoxide detector, a radon test kit, or a wood moisture meter**. Your name will also be included in a raffle to receive one of three \$50 Pines gift cards. Raffle prize winners will be chosen on **October 20, 2014**. If you should have any questions regarding this program or the survey, please feel free to contact Stephanie Kozich, Air Quality Specialist at (906) 524-5757 ext. 28.

To complete the survey, go to:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KBIC-Air-Quality>



### HEALING TO WELLNESS CELEBRATION continued:

eral public about who they are and what they do. A former Healing To Wellness graduate, Carrie Paquette, (pictured above) prepared a slide show presentation of some of the Court's current clients who feel strongly about the program and how it has helped them to change. Carrie has a wonderful knack for helping people tell their stories through the use of slide shows and videos.

Bradley Dakota, Chief Judge explained what the Healing To Wellness Court is. "A technical definition is that Healing To Wellness Court is a non-adversarial Court where individual clients are given specific duties and expectations to help them achieve recovery and those duties and expectations are closely monitored by a team of people in positions intertwined with the Criminal Court system, and the Drug Court client is either rewarded or sanctioned depending on their progress or lack of it.

There are four phases that must be completed by each client before they are eligible for graduation. Each phase requires a certain amount of "clean" or drug free time before a client can graduate to the next phase.

The first phase is the Stabilization phase. It requires two office visits and five AA meetings each week. It also requires a total of 60 days of which 30 must be clean days.

Phase 2 is the phase requiring clients to develop a healthy living plan. It also requires one office visit and three AA meetings per week. It is a total of 90 days of which 60 days must be clean days.

Phase 3 requires that clients develop a Recovery Plan. It includes one office visit every other month, two AA meetings per week. It is also 90 days long and 60 days must be clean days.

Phase 4 is the phase where clients are hopefully articulating their Healthy living and Recovery Plans. It is 125 days long with 90 clean days required. Clients attend one office visit per month and at least one AA meeting per week.

Right now you are probably wondering, what are clean days? Clean days start with your last clean drug test. We test a lot in the first couple of phases and decrease them as people progress

through the system.

What makes Healing To Wellness Courts work is really pretty simple, its accountability! In the Criminal Court system especially when there are high probation caseloads it is hard to follow up on every probationer. I like to think of it as a halfway house right here in your own home but within our community. Clients are interacted with on a daily basis where they are drug tested, required to attend office visits and meetings like AA, PPC, and women's empowerment groups. Their progress is closely monitored and is reviewed by the Healing To Wellness team which consists of: Holley Makela, Coordinator of our Healing To Wellness Court. I can't say enough about Holley. She is a wonderful person, and she is very good at her job. She is a tremendous asset to our Healing To Wellness Court; Alan Rajacic is our designated team member from the Tribal Police Department; Dan McNeil, Tribal Attorney/Prosecutor; Doreen Blaker, Tribal Court Advocate; Marty Curtis is our team member who represents the substance abuse side of things. We rely a lot on Marty's general knowledge about addiction and recovery when people have slips or relapses; Steve Cadeau and Ron Huecksteadt are our team members representing the Probation department; Dale Dakota who was a representative from the Tribal Police but chose to stay on the team even after he was moved to the Tribal Court. I guess you could call it dedication or maybe he just enjoys seeing change in some of the people who used to be regulars back when he was a Police Officer; Mark Panasiewicz is our team member from *Hope Works* counseling.

Two programs which Mark Panasiewicz coordinates are unique to our Healing To Wellness Court are his PPC group and his enablement prevention program. They were created here and now they are being sought out by other communities throughout the country because of how they work. Last week Mark and I attended a national conference for Tribal Healing To Wellness Courts in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where Mark was a presenter for four sessions during the conference."



## Remember your Permit!

**Firewood Permit** – Tribal members looking to harvest their own firewood on tribal land need to obtain a permit from the Tribal Forestry Department located in the Planning and Development building.



The permits must be renewed annually with the new cycle beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>.



This permit can also be used for harvesting maple sap, birch bark, boughs and other gathering activities when specified.



## ATTENTION:

**Primary Election  
Registration deadline!**  
Thursday, October 2, 2014

**YOUR  
VOTE  
COUNTS!**



Members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community  
Voter Registration for the Primary Election will close on **Thursday, October 2, 2014.**

**All Voters must be registered by this deadline.** There will be no exceptions.

Please contact the Enrollment Office at the Tribal Center if you:

1. Have or will be turning 18 years old prior to November 1, 2014.
2. Moved to the Reservation in the past year.
3. Changed your address and/or voting district in which you reside.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact:

**Diana Chaudier, Enrollment Director**  
(906)353-6623 ext. 4113.

### MEMBERS OF THE KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY

**Primary Election is on Saturday, November 1, 2014**

Those members wishing to place their name on the ballot to serve on the Tribal Council in the Baraga or L'Anse Districts will need to submit a letter of intent stating their position and listing their qualifications for that position to the Treasurer of the Tribal Council. Letters will be accepted beginning on Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Pertinent requirements are listed below.

#### The letters may be addressed to:

Eddy Edwards, Tribal Council Treasurer, 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49908.

The letter must be received at the Tribal Center no later than **Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 @ 4:00 p.m.**

#### The requirements to serve on the Tribal Council are:

1. Enrolled member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
2. Must be 25 years of age, on or before December 13, 2014.
3. Must be one-fourth (¼) or more degree Indian blood.
4. Must physically reside within the District that you wish to serve for at least one year as of November 1, 2014.

The four candidates receiving the highest amount of votes in the Primary Election from each District will advance to the General Election in December.



### 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.

48 Contiguous United States:				Use this amount	
Household Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standard	SNAP Standard Deduction		FDPIR 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		FDPIR 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

#### 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 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 FDPIR Standard Shelter/Utility Expense Deductions - Based on Region\*

Region	States Currently with FDPIR 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.



## 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](http://www.ojibwa.com).

### OCTOBER 2014 Calendar Events

- Oct. 4: Reg. Sat. Council Meeting, 9 am, Ojibwa Resort Conference Rm;
- Oct. 6: Constitutional Committee Meeting, 10 am, Council Chambers;
- Oct. 15: Veteran's Meeting, 7 pm; Lanterns on the Lake;
- Oct. 18: Harvest Feast, 1 pm;
- Oct. 22: Michigan Indian Legal Services Clinic, 9 am;
- Oct. 24: Ojibwa Sr. Citizens' Pasty Sale;
- Oct. 31: Happy Halloween.

~ submitted by newsletter editor

Events occurring throughout KBIC are welcome to be listed on the Calendar of Events. Contact [newsletter@kbic.nsn.gov](mailto: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](http://www.ojibwa.com) and click on calendar. For Youth events, see @ [www.ojibwa.com](http://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.

## HAPPY HALLOWEEN

### 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.



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.

16429 Bear Town, Rd.  
Baraga, MI 49908



## Need affordable health insurance?

### Get Answers!

**Date:** October 16 & 17, 2014

**Time:** 4:30 - 8:30 p.m.

**Location:**  
Niiwin Akeea Facility  
KBIC Youth Center  
KBOCC  
Baraga MI 49908

**Includes Dinner and Door Prizes  
On Site Insurance sign-up!**

**Seating is limited!  
Call Michelle St George at 353-4507 to reserve your seat!**

**Web Link:**  
[www.kbic-nsn.gov/health-and-human-services](http://www.kbic-nsn.gov/health-and-human-services)

Join us for this exciting event to learn more about the Health Insurance Marketplace.

The Health Insurance Marketplace is a new way to find coverage that fits your budget and meets your needs. Whether you're uninsured, or just want to explore your choices, the Marketplace will help find coverage that's right for you.



**Learn More!**  
[HealthCare.gov](http://HealthCare.gov)  
1-800-318-2596

## 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 eligibility please contact:

Angela Shelifoe

KBOHCDC Program Administrator

906-353-7117 X106

[Angie@kboha.com](mailto: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](http://KBOHA.com) or contact:

Angela Shelifoe  
Program Administrator  
KBOHCDC  
906-353-7117 X 106  
[angie@kboha.com](mailto:angie@kboha.com)

### Literacy Night continued:

Sally's short stories included: *Ritual of Frybread* and *LacVieux Desert Part II*. Her poems were: *Uncle Jimmy* and *Sonny*. Cecilia Chosa featured two of her recent poems: *My Gifts* and *Lessons*.

In addition to the writings, Bryan Welsh shared an acrylic painting. Isabelle Welsh shared her pottery work and acrylic paintings.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

(right to left) sitting: Sally Brunk, Cecilia Chosa, Shirley Brozzo, standing: Isabelle Welsh, and Bryan Welsh.

# HARVEST FEAST

**Saturday, October 18th,  
1:00 pm, at the  
Big Bucks Bingo Hall  
Baraga, MI**

**Families are asked to bring  
a favorite dish to share.**

## OJIBWA LIBRARY NEWS

When choosing a book for children K-grade 8, it can be very daunting. The Library of Michigan has just made it easier for you. Use this website: [mel.org](http://mel.org) then find Novelist K-8. It will be your gateway to popular and appropriate reading for your child. Once you are in [mel.org](http://mel.org) check out the many databases that are available to you at no charge. If you want to print from the site it will only ask for your driver's license number or state I.D. number. They use the numbers to track usage of the site. Have fun!



~ submitted by Mary Bergerson,  
Tribal Library Director

### Michigan Indian Legal Services Free Legal Aid Clinic

*For Low-Income Native Americans*

Do you need advice or assistance with a pressing legal problem and you think your income may fall lower than federal poverty guidelines? If so, come to the free legal clinic on:

**Wednesday, October 22, 2014,  
9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M.  
(No appointment necessary),  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room, KBIC Tribal Center,  
16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI.**

Issues may include (among others): Family law, Housing, Child Welfare and ICWA, Treaty rights, Juvenile delinquency cases, Garnishment and attachment of per capita distributions.

**PLEASE MAKE SURE TO BRING ALL THE PAPERWORK  
RELATED TO YOUR LEGAL PROBLEM.**

Have any question or would like more information? Cannot make it to the clinic but still would like free legal advice? Please call MILS at 1-800-968-6877.

### KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

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

Phone: 906-353-4566 • Fax: 906-353-8132  
• Email: [ocss@kbic-nsn.gov](mailto:ocss@kbic-nsn.gov)

**"Your Children...Our Priority"**

We provide the following services:

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

[tp://www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/ocss.htm](http://www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/ocss.htm)

## HAPPY HALLOWEEN

**KBIC Youth Programs  
Halloween Party Oct. 31st**

**KIDS: 6PM-8PM**  
\*CANDY \*SNACKS \*GAMES  
\*COSTUME JUDGING \*PRIZES

**TEENS: 9PM-12AM**  
\*SNACKS \*DANCE  
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## Loving Families for Growth and Change

Learn about drug abuse and the disease of addiction.

Learn about co-dependency and enablement

Everyone is invited to attend a presentation at the Ojibwa Senior Center on Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.  
Free coffee and a chance to **win a \$50 dollar gas card.**

Have you ever felt like loving your family member just wasn't enough to help them?  
Come learn why.

## BORDER WARS 2

FEATURING MICHIGAN v. WISCONSIN  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11 | DOORS OPEN 6PM**  
LOCATED IN BIG BUCKS HALL  
TICKETS: \$25 GENERAL | \$45 CAGE SIDE

**COSMIC HALLOWEENBINGO**  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24TH  
DOORS 6PM | BINGO 7PM  
DURING INTERMISSION OF REGULAR BINGO  
1ST-\$100 | 2ND-\$50 | 3RD-\$25

**BIG BUCKS BINGO  
COSTUME CONTEST**  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30TH  
DURING INTERMISSION OF REGULAR BINGO  
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31ST  
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1ST-\$200 | 2ND-\$50  
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