



# The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwe

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**KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY HOLDS** CHELSEY LAFERNIER MEMORIAL WALK FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



The opening event to kick-off the Chelsey LaFernier Memorial Walk for Domestic Violence Awareness was held the morning of Saturday, October 13, 2018, with a 9:00 a.m. Water Ceremony held at Sand Point in the Ojibwa Campground, Baraga, Michigan. As October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the annual event named for Chelsey has been held every October since her death. The event is held to increase domestic awareness within the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and surrounding neighborhoods.

Registration opened at 11:30 a.m. where participants received an event tee-shirt as they registered for the event at the corner of McGillan and Lyons Street, a location near the residence where Chelsey's life was taken by her domestic partner on January 22, 2009. Tribal President, Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. welcomed the Community. "I want to welcome everyone who came out this afternoon to show their support at the 9th Annual Chelsey LaFernier Memorial Walk. We can certainly tell it is an election year; we've got some elected officials and candidates participating this year. Congressman Jack Bergman is here and candidates: Matt Morgan and Ken Summers are here to participate with the Community in our domestic violence awareness walk. More important though, this is about raising awareness of domestic violence, and this has been an issue for many years. We care about what happens to our women, and we want to make sure our women are protected. We've got some good speakers this afternoon. Listen to what they have to say because they are going to share their experiences with you, and

mile walk from the registration corner to the Niiwin Akeaa Facility. Participants enjoyed a grand feast, donated by Lucky 7's, and were able to participate in a number of raffles. The highlight of the event were guest speakers, survivors: Beatrice G. Jackson and Linda R. Cobe who shared their traumatic experiences. Linda R. Cobe has recently published a book, Red, White, & Blues. Her book is available at https://northerngarnetpublishingllc.wordpress.com.



Alexxus DeCota, Chelsey's daughter, now 16-yearsold, closed the event with a poem she wrote.

**Tribal Council Members:** Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President Jennifer Misegan, Vice-President Susan J. LaFernier, Secretary Toni J. Minton, Asst. Secretary Doreen G. Blaker, Treasurer Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. **Frederick Dakota** Randall R. Haataja Michael F. LaFernier, Sr. Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr. **Rodney Loonsfoot** Elizabeth D. Mayo

### **SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST**

- October 6, 2018 Council Meeting
- **Chelsey LaFernier Memorial** Walk
- Ojibwa Casino II (Marquette) update on project
- **Research Vessel Myrtle** Tolonen (R.V.M.T. The "Myrtle" arrives at KBIC
- **Ojibwa Elders' Birthdays**
- **Criminal Report**





Guest Speaker, Survivor, Linda R. 38, and onto Cobe. Lac Vieux Desert Member and Bear author of a newly released book, Red, Road, a 1.7 White & Blues.

#### **Domestic Violence**

When I hear the endless stories, I weep. For it is the end to a peaceful sleep. Living in fear of will I get beat? Living in fear of what will he say? Domestic Violence is not just a slap, hit, or a punch.

No, it is much more than that.

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It could be words used against you, or to harm you.

Neither less both are bad because you feel as if you can never heal from the pain. But you can.

There are survivors to this pain, and if you speak out and get help, you can too be a Survivor.

The event was sponsored by the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community through the Office of Violence Against Women.

~ By Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor

#### cture by Laud Denomie

Candidate Matt Morgan (center) wearing his purple Domestic Awareness Tee-shirt he received as he registered for the walk, pictured with two Wiikwedong Ogichidaa Society (KBIC Honor Guard) Members, Gerald Magnant (left) and Joseph Eckerberg (right).



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#### **OCTOBER 6, 2018 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING**

The Regular Monthly Tribal Council Meeting was held on Saturday, October 6, 2018, at the Harvey Community Center, in Harvey, Michigan. President Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. presided over the meeting with Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, Toni Minton, Doreen Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Randall Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot, and Elizabeth D. Mayo present. Fred Dakota was not present.

President Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. gave the President's Report (page four), Vice President Jennifer Misegan gave the Vice President's Report (page five), and Larry Denomie III gave the CEO's Report (page eight). Council approved the Department Head Reports for August 2018.

Questions from the audience brought up a discussion on the casino project costs. There is \$40,000,000.00 budgeted for the casino projects (buildings). There will be additional monies needed to purchase furnishings, gaming machines, etc. If any one item exceeded \$500,000.00 there would need to be an election held. No election will be required as none of these items will near the \$500,000.00 mark.

Sandy Carlson addressed the Council with three items on the agenda. Powwow Grounds – It is very difficult for elders to walk up to the registration booth to register and receive their honorarium due to wearing moccasins and the land structure (tree roots). She asked if something could be done to eliminate this problem. THPO's budget will be improving a number of items at the powwow grounds this coming fiscal year, and this problem can be addressed.

Casino Exit at the Marquette property – With the construction project ongoing, residents of the housing projects located behind the Ojibwa Casino II (Marquette) have lost their route into the Casino. They are required to walk down Kawbawgam Road to use the front door to visit the casino. This route is quite long with safety concerns for the people on that road, and there are a few who are in wheelchairs. Sandy Carlson asked why they could not utilize one of the back doors on the casino which would eliminate the long route to the building for the residents of the housing projects. Casino staff is permitted to use the back doors. Patrons have been told they could not use the back doors. Motion by Rodney Loonsfoot to order the Casino Manager to designate one of the back door exits for use by the housing residents to enter through, supported by Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr. Ten supported (Misegan, S. LaFernier, Minton, Blaker, Curtis, Haataja, M. LaFernier, G. Loonsfoot, R. Loonsfoot, Mayo), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Dakota), motion carried.

Clarification of senior heating – Many seniors received shut-off notices last year due to misunderstanding what months are covered by the Senior Funds. Sandy Carlson indicated they have been told November – May. Elders were not paying their invoices in November which were actually October's use. November's use is billed in December. Sandy asked for this to be clarified to December – June statements. Larry Denomie III, CEO, will have the CAP staff clarify the Senior Heating payment schedule.

Jennifer Misegan, Vice President, informed Council that Francis LaPointe, Jr., CFO, is requesting that an account at Superior National Bank be opened to deposit the mortgage payments that the tribe will be receiving from the settlement made with the Community Development Corporation. Motion by Doreen Blaker to open an account at Superior National Bank for these mortgage deposits, supported by Toni Minton. Seven supported (Misegan, Minton, Blaker, Haataja, M. LaFernier, G. Loonsfoot, Mayo), 0 opposed, three abstained (S. LaFernier, Curtis, R. Loonsfoot), one absent (Dakota), motion carried.

Diana Chaudier, Election Board Chairman, informed Tribal Council the following members have submitted their names for candidacy in the upcoming Tribal Election. Tribal Council/Baraga District: Elizabeth Connor, Martin Curtis, Jr., James Denomie, Sue Ellen Elmblad, Gerald Friisvall, Kim Klopstein, Michael Lahti, Gerald Magnant, Donald Messer, Jr., and Warren Swartz, Jr. Tribal Council/L'Anse District: Lyndon Ekdahl, Floyd Forcia, Jr., Dale Goodreau, David Haataja, Jean Jokinen, Susan LaFernier, Jennifer Misegan, and Christopher Voakes. Chief Judge: Bradley Dakota, William Jondreau, Sr., and Paul Smith. The Election Board met on Friday afternoon and reviewed each member's qualification for Tribal Council. The Board recommends approval of all members seeking candidacy. A Primary Election is required in the Baraga and L'Anse Districts for the position of Tribal Council. Each District will announce Tribal Council unofficial Election results on Election Day following the completion of the Election. The Election Board reviewed each member's qualifications for the position of Chief Judge. The Election Board recommends approval of those members seeking candidacy. A Primary Election will be required for the position of Chief Judge. The position of Chief Judge would be required to appear on the Baraga and L'Anse District Primary ballots. The final count for the Office of Chief Judge will take place at the Zeba Community Hall. The deadline to request an absentee ballot is Friday, October 12, 2018. The Board will review those requests on Monday, October 15, 2018. Absentee ballots will be mailed to those members who

are approved upon receipt of the ballots from Governmental Business Systems – GBS. Next, Diana, along with Clayton Ekdahl, Election Board Member, will travel to the Marquette Trust Lands to conduct Absentee Voting on Thursday, November 1, 2018, at the Ojibwa Housing Community Room (Harvey), from 6:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m. Jeanne Emery will be administering Homebound voting. She will go to those members' homes in the Baraga and L'Anse Districts on Friday, November 2, 2018. Kurt Knowles from GBS will be programming the Accu-Vote Machines at the Tribal Center on Wednesday, October 24, 2018. Diana, along with a Tribal Police Officer, will witness the setting of the machines by Kurt. One alternate Election Board Member selection will be necessary. Tribal Council will select from those members who submitted for the Election Worker position. The deadline for members to submit their name for an Election Worker position is October 12. Selection can take place at the Thursday, October 18 meeting. Motion by Toni Minton to certify the Candidates, supported by Michael F. LaFernier, Sr. Eight supported (Minton, Blaker, Curtis, Haataja, M. LaFernier, G. Loonsfoot, R. Loonsfoot, Mayo), 0 opposed, two abstained (Misegan, S. LaFernier), one absent (Dakota), motion carried.

Jennifer Misegan, Vice President, was on the agenda with Proposed Ordinance 2018-03, 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, Chapter 17. President Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. read the legislative process. "The purpose of the legislative process is to establish an orderly procedure for the adoption of new laws, regulations, and amendments to the Tribal Code by the Tribal Council and to allow members of the Community to present to the Council their own views concerning the adoption of the proposed new laws, regulations, and amendments to the Tribal Code in order that all relevant information will be received by the Council before a final decision is made. Amendments to the Tribal Constitution involve a separate process under the Tribal Constitution. At this time we are proposing Ordinance 2018-03 at the first reading. At the first reading Tribal Council will receive any proposed law or regulation at a Tribal Council meeting from the Council Member who is proposing the new law or regulation. The proposed law or regulation could originate from any number of sources, including a Tribal Department (for example Natural Resources Department), a Tribal Member, business, individual Council Member, or several Council Members. The proposed law or regulation shall be read in its entirety at the First Reading, which is being conducted today, unless the reading thereof is waived by a majority vote of the Council. The Council shall set a date for the Second Reading within 30 business days after the First Reading. The public hearing date will be posted at various Tribal buildings and in the local newspaper, radio, newsletter, etc. Copies of the proposed law or regulation will be made available for review by the members of the Community at various Tribal buildings." Jennifer Misegan, Vice President, said, "Our Tribe is in the throes of an opioid epidemic and a major meth crisis. The purpose of the introduction of this Ordinance is to do all that we can to combat these problems. This ordinance is a good start to a serious discussion about what we want to criminalize related to controlled substances. This ordinance widens and tiers the scope of punishments. Distributors and meth users would be exposed to our maximum penalties Class A misdemeanors, using deception to avoid detection of illegal drug use will be a crime, the abuse of Gabapentin and similar drugs outside of a controlled substance schedule will be criminalized unless there's a prescription, using inhalants will now be criminalized, and it also criminalizes the possession of elements used to make methamphetamine. The Ordinance also reduced criminal consequence related to marijuana. In fact, it reduced the possession of 3.5 grams or less of marijuana to a civil infraction. Many of you may recall that this Council approved a change to our law which would have recognized medical marijuana cards issued by the State of Michigan. Unfortunately, the Secretary of the Interior refused to approve this change because marijuana is still illegal according to federal law. The move to adopt provisions such as what is proposed in this ordinance still moves toward the referendum vote that was approved by the Voters in 2014." Motion by Jennifer Misegan to introduce Proposed Ordinance 2018-03 Chapter 17 OFFENSES INVOLVING ALCOHOL BEVERAGES AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES and to waive the first reading of this Ordinance and hold a second reading following the Saturday, November 3 Council meeting, supported by Doreen Eight supported (Misegan, S. LaFenier, Minton, Blaker. Blaker, Haataja, M. LaFernier, G. Loonsfoot, Mayo), 0 opposed, two abstained (Curtis, R. Loonsfoot), one absent (Dakota), motion carried. Treasurer Doreen Blaker presented the October 2018 donation requests. Motion by Gary Loonsfoot, Jr. to table October 2018 donations until the budgets are approved but to allow Glenn Bressette, Sr. to address Council with his request, supported by Elizabeth Mayo. Ten supported (Misegan, S. LaFenier, Minton, Blaker, Curtis, Haataja, M. LaFernier, G. Loonsfoot, R. Loonsfoot, Mayo), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Dakota), motion carried. Glenn Bressette, Sr., Veteran, presented his request for a donation for the Toys For Tots Pro-

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gram in Marquette, Michigan, which is organized by Marine Corp. League of Marquette. Council noted his request will be reviewed when the budgets are approved.

Council adjourned with no further business on the agenda. An update from Gundlach on the casino projects followed the Council Meeting.

~ Submitted by Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor

### Ojibwa Casino II (Marquette) Project Update

October 6, 2018 – Harvey, Michigan. Stan Dupuis and Peter Kaczmarek of Gundlach, provided the Community with an update on the Marquette Casino Project.

#### 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 <u>ALL</u>



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



The raised platform is the stage in the 1200 seat event center (marked A). The middle section is the grill and restroom area (marked B). There is a lot of underground platform work to do yet and that is why it is not poured in that area. The slab upfront is the new gaming area (marked C). Gundlach has been on site since July 23. The steel will start showing up next week. The first truck of steel is scheduled for Monday, and it will be delivered for about four weeks straight. In the construction process they are using a concrete pumper. The concrete truck dumps the concrete into the concrete pumper (marked D). One-hundred-fifty yards were poured yesterday.

Stan Dupuis said, "Our completion date is estimated to be late fall 2019. We have to be totally substantially complete by December 20, 2019, but we are trying to expedite that. The building will be enclosed, roof on it, sidewalks complete, brand new parking lot complete, sanitary sewer which runs five-miles to town will be completed and operational, the well field we created on the Mukkala property will be in service and providing water to the housing projects. There will be another water outage on October 17 probably for six hours. That is the date we are shooting for. The big water tank that is on the current water pump, where the water is stored, will be moved outside of the footprint of the building because it is in the way. We are doing temporary piping feeds right now for that, and heat trays will be put in so they won't freeze this winter. We are still developing the procedures to do this and will be reviewing it with the water district staff: Carl Rasanen, Arlan Friisvall, and others. We will be using a big crane to move it, probably late night, 10:00 p.m. when there is less usage. Our intent is to be working throughout the winter." Acorn Trail, where the playground used to be, will be extended to the railroad grade. Once it is built, the five houses that we had to move for this project will be moved to that location with full basements. Michigan Department of Transportation will be partnering with KBIC to add a type 3 modified turn lane for M28 east bound traffic coming from Marquette.

# ATTENTION KBIC MEMBERS

The 2nd Reading for a Motion to Amend Proposed Ordinance 2018-03 Title III of the Tribal Code to encompass additional misconduct harmful to the community and to

revise current criminal provisions in Chapter 17 Offenses Involving Alcoholic Beverages and Controlled Substances will be held on Thursday, November 8, 2018, in the former Big Bucks Bingo hall following the Tribal Council meeting.

The Tribal Council will receive verbal and written comments from Tribal members at the public hearing in accordance with the Legis-



~ Submitted by Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor

lative Process public hearing procedure adopted by the Tribal Council.

Copies of the Proposed Ordinance 2018-03 are available at the Tribal Center, KBIC Donald LaPointe Medical Center, Pines Convenience Center, Ojibwa Senior Citizens Center, Tribal Court, Commodity Foods Center, Housing Department, and Ojibwa Community College. Copies are also distributed to Departments within the Tribe.

# KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY The Primary Election will be held on Saturday, November 3, 2018 Baraga District voters will go to the Polls at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens Building. Polls for the L'Anse District voters will be held at the Zeba Community Hall. The Polls will be open from 10:00 a..m. until 6:00 p.m. ONLY REGISTERED VOTERS WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE (Per Election Ordinance)

## **President's Report for the Months of July - September 2018**

The following is a summary of activities that occurred in the Office of the President for the months of July, August, and September 2018. The President's Report was given verbally and transcribed by the Newsletter Editor with President Swartz's approval.

- I, along with Treasurer, Doreen Blaker, and many other KBIC members participated in the Healing Circle Run sponsored by Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC) on July 16.
- I signed a three-year employment contract for Paul Mooney, Assistant Tribal Attorney.
- I have learned the Special Diabetes Funding will be funded at the FY'16 levels for the fiscal year 2019.
- Francis LaPointe, Jr., CFO, Larry Denomie III, CEO, and I attended a meeting with VAST (insurance and risk management firm) to discuss the Blue Cross Blue Shield renewal rates. After reviewing the current plan's benefits, the health reimbursement announcement trends, and historic data, overall the Community's rate decreased approximately 9.18%.
- Council took a look at Proposal Amendment A of the Constitution of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community that was accounted for on July 17, 2018, through a Secretarial Election, authorized by Timothy LaPointe, Acting Midwest Director. On April 26, 2018, the proposed amendment was submitted to the registered voters of the Community and duly adopted by a vote of 101 for and 82 against.
- Discussions with the Governor's Office regarding the Tobacco case continue to be ongoing.
- I met with officials of Weyerhaeuser, the largest land holder in the U.P. of Michigan, to discuss the Summit Lake Wind Projects and the concerns we have regarding treaty protective resources.
- I participated in a Tribal-State Conference Call during which the Governor asked if there would be an opportunity to participate in the Rice Harvest. I informed him that our Community has an Annual Rice Harvesting Camp. I invited the Governor to the camp and informed him of the dates it would be held. Unfortunately, he was unable to attend due to the distance and scheduling. However, he did get to attend the Nottawaseppi's Rice Harvest.
- During the Tribal-State Conference Call, we also talked about the Environmental Justice Report which had been received by the Environmental Work Group. There were steps the Governor was taking, and he wanted direction of what to do. Frank Ettawageshik, Executive Director of United Tribes of Michigan, informed him what he should do, and the Environmental Work Group was given an update. Director Ettawageshik spoke of a broad spectrum of issues, and the major role is to protect treaty rights.
- I participated in Tribal-State Summit within the past couple of weeks with the Governor. It was an opportunity for the Governor to meet with the 12 elected Tribal Leaders within the State of Michigan, and his concern was to talk with the tribes in regards to the Line 5 issue. The Line 5 issue is in regards of moving heavy crude oil from one part of Canada through Michigan to another part of Canada. It is a conduit for Canadian oil to go from point A to point B. We informed the Governor of our concerns about the negative impacts a leak could have on our treaty protected re-

sources and are going as fast as they can to get it done.

- Earlier this month, I attended a GLIFWC meeting where we discussed the upcoming Elk hunt in Wisconsin. Wisconsin had identified ten extra Elk in Wisconsin, and they will be harvesting ten Elk and have planned to share them with tribes. They had five Elk tags for the State of Wisconsin and five Elk tags for the tribes. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community is participating in this Elk hunt, and since there are ten tribes and only five tags it was decided to team up with another tribe. Keweenaw Bay Indian Community was chosen to hunt with the Red Cliff Tribe. However, due to lack of communication, we were unable to participate in the hunt this year, but we will participate in the hunt next year. We are still getting the meat. We will be receiving half an Elk. So far, three of the five Elk have been harvested. We intend to use the meat for cultural and ceremonial purposes. If you have a cultural or ceremonial event planned, give Gary Loonsfoot, Jr. a call at the THPO office, (906) 353-6623, ext. 4178.
- Last month we hosted the United Tribe's meeting which Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr. attended to present two resolutions. President Swartz deferred to Councilman Loonsfoot for update on this topic.
  - Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr. said, "Both of these resolutions were passed: the State's Act and the FCC issue. The State's Act is an issue regarding sovereignty and marijuana. What the tribes want to make clear is that no matter what the states decide about the marijuana issue the tribes will have the right to regulate either for or against the marijuana issue on their own. It is not a pro-marijuana or against marijuana issue; it is just stating that whatever the state decides that the tribe wants to have their own say for their own people on our own lands. It is a sovereignty issue and not a marijuana The Federal Communications Commission issue. (FFC) Resolution is the repeal of the FCC Order WT1779, removing barriers to 5G broadband installation. The FCC had decided they would no longer allow tribes to charge for consultation with Verizon, AT&T, all wireless industry, and this is not their issue. The Administration for Cultural and Historical Places (ACHP), feels the FCC has overstepped their boundaries targeting Natives in favor of the wireless industry. This really will have a dramatic effect on our economics. Right now there is a lawsuit against the FCC and its chairman and board. The Crow Creek Reservation is leading that charge, and the fate of this decision will rest with them. We will be watching that court case and hoping for the best."

I participated in a conference call with the Army Corp., Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) to discuss the ongoing issue in regards to Buffalo Reef. I discussed the historical and cultural projects that are ongoing and how the fish is used in our lives. We are a fishing tribe, and this is our way of life. We would like to see it go back to the historical population of fish in our waters. Now that there is a concern about the lack of fish and the desecration of the spawning areas, MDEQ, MDNR, Army Corp., and the tribes are trying to come up with a plan to save that last spawning reef which is Buffalo Reef. We have not come up with a long-term solution for Buffalo Reef yet, but we are continuing to work on it. Hopefully, for our way of life, we can save Buffalo Reef somehow because it is the last spawning ground in the western Lake Superior for Lake Trout and White Fish.

sources, and the Governor said he would take that into consideration. I felt that this was the Governor's opportunity to go through a consultation checklist by informing the tribes of his Line 5 issues, and he really did not listen to what the tribes had to say. The tribes have continually said "Shut down Line 5; it's not good." Earlier this week, the Governor's office had notified all tribes that he made a deal with Enbridge, and a tunnel will be going under Line 5. All of the tribes are not happy about this tunnel and are very concerned about it, as it is not very protective of the resources. Another concern is what will they do with the old pipeline that is down there? Chairman Newland from Bay Mills Indian Community said he was going to hold them accountable, and he may engage in litigation of the tribe's treaty rights and the lack of consultation from the CORE (Consortium of tribes in the 1836 treaty area). They had made an agreement with the State of Michigan regarding their treaty rights and engaged in a forum on an annual basis. They are not very happy with the outcome of the Line 5 issue. It appears to me that Governor Snyder and Enbridge are not concerned about the treaty protected re-

- I attended the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual powwow the weekend of July 27 -29.
- I attended annual meeting with the United States Attorney staff from the Western District of Michigan. We met in the Ojibwa Conference Room, and we were updated on money laundering in the casinos, chair of advocacy centers, multi-disciplinary teams, sexual assault, body cameras for law enforcement officers, and marijuana. We also discussed upcoming training opportunities.
- In addition to all the ongoing mining issues going on in our ceded territory, I also signed a comment letter on the Copperwood Mine Project. The Copperwood Mine Project is near the Ontonagon and White Pine area. We are highly concerned about the effects it could have on the water re-

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sources also.

- We have received a donation from the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Michigan to help offset costs related to the Father's Day Flooding. Chi Miigwech to Aaron Payment and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe for the \$10,000 contribution during that last flood where there were concerns with the flooding and how it was impacting the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. We were fortunate, and it really only affected a couple of our roads. With the pool of money we should be able to help with these road issues.
- In the past few weeks the Council has been diligently working on the annual budget. The annual budget has been a process, and I'm confident we can balance the budget.

Respectfully submitted,

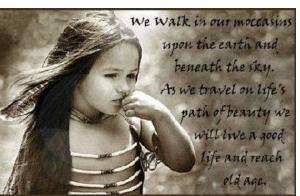
Warren C. Swartz, Jr.

# Happy Birthday To Our Eldest Seniors

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community wishes our Ojibwa Seniors who are 80-years and older in this month a very Happy Birthday!

Please let our Enrollment Office know if someone was missed or information is incorrect by call (906) 353-6623, ext. 4111.

Robert Funke Eva G. Miller



Emily K. Rastello Betty A. Villwock

#### 2018 KBIC Seasonal Flu Vaccine Clinic KBIC Health Dept. 2nd Floor 🚢 8:00a.m.- 4:00 p.m. September 18 October 2 November 6 September 25 October 9 November 13 October 16 November 20 October 23 November 27 October 30 There will be an Employee clinic for adults: Friday October 5th from 10-2 p.m. at the Conference Room of the Ojibwa Hotel in Baraga. Friday October 12<sup>th</sup> 10-1 p.m. at the Community Center next door to the Casino in Marquette.

# Walk-in Basis ~ While Supplies Last

# Vice President's Report for September 2018

A conference call was held with Dave Vlahos from Superior National Bank along with Larry Denomie III, CEO;, and Francis La-Pointe, Jr., CFO, regarding the financing of our casino projects. This was after we had spoken to two tribes who offer financing for gaming projects. We explained our dissatisfaction with the length of time it has been taking to get this finalized. Dave was very cooperative and helpful. Since our call, it has been going much smoother. We are almost there and look forward to completing another segment of the project.

Attorney Danielle Webb, CEO Larry Denomie III, and I met with Jon Kangas, Dr. Richard Bohjanen, and Susan Sundell of Chocolay Township to discuss several issues for the casino project. We reviewed an agreement for the elevated water tower. This agreement is now with their attorney for his review and hopefully, will be presented to the Chocolay Township Board at their November meeting. It will be coming to the Council within the month. We discussed the use of 2% funding for generators and auto-dialers for the sewer extension. This request has been received, and we will consider it at our next distribution in November.

I also attended a meeting of the Chocolay Zoning Board of Appeals. We were seeking a variance for the vestibule of the new casino to 32'8" and for the entry sign of the casino to 45'. Sam Obelstein, from the Cunning Group, the architect and designer of the project, presented to the Board. Sam presented very well; unfortunately, the Board only approved a variance for the sign of 40'.

At the end of the fiscal year, I am very proud to say that just under \$1M was generated for the General Welfare Support Program from the fee stamp earnings from the sale of tobacco products that were manufactured by KBIC Tobacco Company. Considering we just began in March, this is remarkable. This company is growing, and sales are increasing. Even better things are to come.

A team from Seneca Manufacturing will be here this month to continue production. Our employees have been notified, and we are currently working on a schedule for them. I will be meeting with a Tribal member, recently retired, who is interested in helping at the facility this week. Fingers crossed that it works out this time.

President Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr., Treasurer Doreen Blaker, Councilmember Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., and I traveled to Washington, DC, to meet with members of Congress regarding our Canal Land Claim, the loss of the section 106 or THPO fees and Tribal Sovereignty.

We met face-to-face with the following Members of Congress on these issues:

- Rep. Doug LaMalfa (CA), Chairman of the House Indian Affairs Subcommittee
- Rep. Ruben Gallego (AZ), Ranking Member of the House Indian Affairs Subcommittee
- Rep. Tom McClintock (CA), Chairman of the House Federal Lands Subcommittee
- Rep. Don Young (AK), Chairman Emeritus of the House Resources Committee and Dean of the House (longest serving)
- Rep. Dan Kildee (MI), strong tribal advocate from Michigan delegation.
- Rep. Jack Bergman (MI), our current Congressman and a member of the Natural Resources Committee, the Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs Sub-Committee and the Native American Caucus

While meeting with Rep. Bergman, he expressed to us how thankful he was to have been able to participate in grand entry at our annual powwow. He told us how honored and thankful he We discussed our need for his assistance with our land was. claims. He has agreed to contact the Department of the Interior to follow-up on the status and to send a letter of support to them as well as reaching out to our Senators to assist with a delegation response. This will be extremely helpful. Our claim continues, and it is continuing to move. We met with staff for: Senator Stabenow (D-MI), Senator Peters (D-MI), Minority Leader, Chuck Schumer (D-NY), the Senate Commerce Committee Democratic staff, and Senate Indian Affairs Committee Democratic staff. We also met with the Chief of Staff for FCC Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel, who dissented from the FCC order in favor of protecting tribal historic preservation review. We were also seeking support to preserve the sovereign authority of Tribes to regulate cannabis for medical use by Tribal members, especially in light of an upcoming Michigan referendum to allow adult recreational use. The STATES Act expressly recognizes that Tribal governments have the authority to regulate marijuana within those states that have already made the decision to do so. If States can do it, then Tribes should be able to as well. It was a good trip, very busy and productive.

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

Youth 18 and under should contact 353-8700 and schedule a nurse visit to obtain the influenza vaccine.

Bring your insurance card if you have one. For more information contact Dawn at 353-4521. Consent forms can be downloaded at www.kbic-nsn.gov Sponsored by KBIC Department of Health & Human Service



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

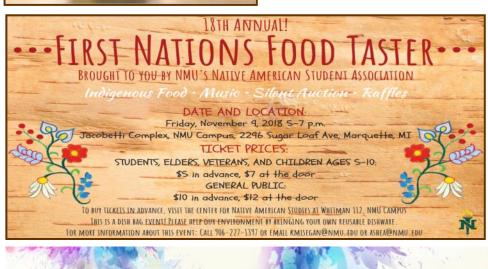


Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Misegan

# New Employees - Who's Who and Who's New!



"Hi! My name is Alyssa Norback. I grew up in Covington, MI, and graduated from L'Anse High School in 2014. After high school, I attended Northern Michigan University where I received by Bachelor's of Science degree in biology with a concentration in physiology and a minor in chemistry. I was involved in many clubs, such as the Pre-PA club, Superior Edge Leadership Program, and the Student-Fellow Leadership program. I even got a chance to study abroad for a couple weeks setting up small clinics and teaching health-related topics in Belize! Throughout my degree, I worked at the KBIC Health System as a pharmacy technician, so I am very familiar with the tribe. I'm thrilled to use my education as your new Great Lakes Resource Specialist!"



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BIC Breastfeeding SUPPORT CIRCLE

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH KBIC Health System Upstairs Conference Room 1-3PM

For those that breastfed, thinking about breastfeeding.



Paul Mooney was recently hired as an Assistant Tribal Attorney with KBIC's legal department. Paul graduated from Michigan State University College of Law in May, studying Indigenous law and policy. He was raised with

his brother in Niles, Michigan, by his mom and dad and went to Michigan State University for his undergraduate degree. Prior to Law School, Paul worked on political campaigns in Lansing, Michigan, and Denver, Colorado. Paul developed an interest in working for a tribe after interning with the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and taking classes in Law School. Paul spends his free time volunteering on campaigns, playing guitar, and spending time outside. "I'm thrilled to be here and to start working for the Community."

"My name is Karen Heck and I've lived in this beautiful area for about 16 years. I appreciate living in the country where I can have a few animals, grow a small garden, mess around outside, and just enjoy the simple pleasures offered in life. I have been married for 40 years and have five sons, one daughter, and 20 beautiful grandchildren. Life is full of many great moments!

At 41 years old, I began my nursing prerequisites downstate at Scottville Community College, and then finished with my ADN here in the north. I graduated with honors from Finlandia University in 2005 with an Associate Degree of Nursing and yes... Made my mother proud!

Community



My professional

career began as an RN in Home Health and Hospice. I was case managing and applied the Nursing Process in the home setting of many wonderful people. I went into Long Term Care discovering a passion for working with the elderly. Several years later, I now find myself coming back full circle excited to be working as a Community Health Nurse for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community! Thank you! I look forward to serving you!"

#### KBIC MEDICAL CLINIC PARTICIPATES – "HEALTHY KIDS, HEALTHY FUTURE"

Upper Peninsula Health Plan (UPHP) in conjunction with Upper Peninsula Health Group (UPHG) processed the 2018 Children's Campaign, Healthy Kids, Healthy Futures! The 60-day campaign started July 1, 2018, and ended August 31, 2018. UPHP and UPHG joining forces to promote wellchild visits along with all the important components within these check-ups (including: immunizations, recommended screenings, BMI, anticipatory guidance, etc.). Focused population were children ages 3-18 years of age. UPHP/UPHG provided wellchild materials to assist practices in providing appropriate care, and identified care gap lists. Provider participations tracked the number of well-child visits that were completed in the 60-day time frame to complete with other clinics. KBIC Medical Clinic immediately joined in on this effort. The winning practice received a prize to raffle off at the end of the campaign to one of the patients who came in for their well-child visit during this timeframe. The practice with the highest percentage of well-child visits provided in the timeframe would win. KBIC Medical Clinic won the UPHG contest and awarded one patient with a \$100.00 gift card provided by UPHP. Name is withheld due to HIPPA, but they were very happy to receive the unexpected prize!



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# Mino-Bimaadizi "Live Well"

#### Top 10 Tips to Help Adjust to Daylight Savings

On Sunday November 4, 2018, at 2 a.m. clock time shifts back one hour.

It works the same for all of us, if you normally went to bed at 11 PM, the new clock time will indicate it is 10 PM at that time. When you wait until it is 11 PM new clock time, that makes it the equivalent of midnight before you changed clock time, so you are staying up one hour later. Some people find this change difficult and even upsetting.

Here's some tips to try to make this change easier:

- 1. Remember, you have probably stayed up later on weekends for even more than one hour extra without too much trouble, so know that your body can adapt to a later bedtime. That fact can help calm some of your anxiety about the coming time change.
- One week before it's time to shift your clocks back, go to bed 15 minutes later. Every two days after, go to bed an additional 15 minutes later. This will gradually shift your sleep rhythms to be in sync with the time change when it comes.
- 3. During the week before it is time to shift your clocks back, gradually shift your dinner time to being later. That will help shift your evening and time before bedtime.
- 4. Adjust the lighting in your house. Open your window coverings as soon as you awaken. In the evening, dim your lights to help you calm down before sleep.
- 5. It is helpful to install dimmer switches on lights so you can have adequate light to do your day end activities, while reducing exposure to bright light. This helps you to calm down.
- 6. You want to respect and care for the part of you that is anxious. A good way to do this is begin slowing down and relaxing sleep preparation activities one hour before the new sleep time. That is the time you went to sleep before changing clock time.
- 7. Taking a hot bath is an excellent way to slow down before bed. In addition to providing relaxation, a bath raises your body temperature. Then when you get out of the bath your body temperature lowers, which is what happens when you sleep, so lowering your body temperature helps you ease into sleep.
- 8. Caffeine and alcohol both interfere with your sleep cycle. So for a day or two before the time changes, limit your intake of those substances and that will help your sleep cycle shift more easily and naturally.
- 9. If you need to nap, do it mid-afternoon at the latest and for a maximum of 30 minutes. Napping in the late afternoon or for longer periods can interfere with your body's natural wakesleep rhythms.
- 10. If you have children, use tips # 2 5 with them and that will help them more easily adjust to the time change.

Turning your clock back one hour can be very manageable if you follow these simple tips! Sleep well!

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- Walk-in Flu Shot Clinic, Tuesdays in November, 8:30 am 4:30 pm
- Car Seat Clinic, by appointment

#### November Holiday Hours

KBIC Health System will be closed Monday, November 12, and Thursday & Friday, November 22 and 23. This includes our pharmacy. Please plan accordingly for medication refills and pickups. There will be no medication pickups or refills after hours or during days we are closed.

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For more information about care options after hours or during closed days please call (906) 353-4537.

#### **Diabetes Epidemic**

Diabetes is an "epidemic" occurring around the world. It is increasingly evident today's "diabetes epidemic" includes an increasing number of children. (Countdown) With more people being diagnosed with diabetes and the increased types of diabetes people may be more confused about diabetes. The more you know, the more you can decrease your risk factors. Diabetes was the 7th leading cause of death in the Unites States in 2017 with 80,000+ death certificates listing diabetes as the cause of death.

Researchers estimate diabetes accounts for 12 percent of US deaths, not 3.5 percent.



A new study suggests that diabetes-IS National related mortality-currently listed as the Awareness Month is far underreported and may actually be FINDING THE the third-leading cause of death in the United States. According to CDC, the number of people with diabetes has more than tripled in the last couple of decades, reaching 30 million today. Researchers

have long agreed that diabetes is an underreported cause of death. According to Vox's Julia Belluz, that is because people with diabetes often have other health conditions, or "comorbidities"conditions like heart disease, high blood pressure, obesity, and cancer.

To learn more about diabetes prevention and management, contact the KBIC Health System Diabetes Program at (906) 353-4548 for more information. Diabetes Talking Circles are the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 11 am-1 pm at the KBIC Health System Conference Room covering topics on how to prevent and or care for diabetes, a healthy lunch is provided. To request more information or be added to the call list please call Dawn at (906) 353-4521.

> Submitted by Mindy Lantz, RN Public Health Nurse

#### 43rd Annual Great American Smokeout ®

KBIC Health System is encouraging everyone to commit or recommit to healthy, smoke-free lives by participating in the American Cancer Society's 43rd Great American Smokeout ® on November 15, 2018.

Cigarette smoking is the leading cause of cancer death in the United States. In fact, smoking cigarettes kills more Americans than alcohol, car accidents, HIV, guns, and illegal drugs combined. Smoking not only causes cancer, it damages nearly every organ in the body, including the lungs, heart, blood vessels, reproductive organs, mouth, skin, eyes, and bones.

- Parent Circle, November 20th, 5:30 pm, please register
- Diabetic Foot Clinic, November 7th, 21st & 28th, by appointment
- Diabetic Talking Circle, November 14th, 11 am 1 pm
- Dining with Diabetes, November 29th, 10 am 12 pm
- National Diabetes Awareness Day, November 14th
- National Smoke Out Day, November 15th
- Breastfeeding Support Group, December 5th, 1 3 pm
- Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group, December 4th, 5:30 pm

For more information our services and programs call at (906) 353-4521, visit us on facebook, or kbichealth.org.

Stop by our second floor waiting area and check out the our education table; new topic every month.

Page submitted by Heather Wood-Paquet, Health Promotions Coordinator

Addiction to nicotine in cigarettes is one of the strongest and most deadly addictions one can have. While cigarette smoking rates have dropped, about 37.8 million Americans smoke. Each year, approximately 20 million American smokers try to quit, representing more than half of the smokers in the U.S. Only about 1.4 million (7%) succeed. An even greater percentage of smokers (68%) report being interested in guitting.

Quitting is hard. It takes commitment and starts with a plan, often takes more than one guit attempt, and requires a lot of support. Getting help through counseling and/or prescription medications can double or triple your chances of quitting successfully. Support is important.

We are partnering with the ACS, to provide support as people make their plan to quit. More information is available at cancer.org/smokeout or by calling 1-800-227-2345, or (906) 353-8700.

We want to help the people in our community be healthy and happy. During this year's Smokeout, we hope everyone will join us - and encourage their friends, family, and colleagues to join us - in committing or recommitting to year-around, smoke-free lives.

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#### **CEO REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2018**

The annual review and balancing act of the Fiscal Year 2019 budgets began the week of September 24 and is continuing into October. An approximate deficit of \$4.5 million between expected revenues and expenses was presented at the onset of the review process. The deficit is due in large part to two factors: a decrease in expected profits from the casino operations, and a federal regulatory change impacting fees collected by the Tribe for Section 106 reviews by our Tribal Historic Preservation Office. This is the most difficult year to balance since my time in this position. Work by Tribal Council and staff in balancing the budgets will continue next week.

The Ojibwa Express Convenience store, located in Marquette, had closed on August 15 but reopened on September 13. I have assisted the newly appointed board members with the reopening when possible.

Soumit Pendharkar, the Tribe's new Health Administrator, has settled into the position and has assessed the department's operations. He has developed plans to address the operational and financial deficiencies found through his assessment. The organizational structure will be changed to streamline and increase the efficiency of the patient experience which includes better communication and direction from check-in to check-out. Services provided by staff and our providers will be enhanced, and his plans include increasing the hours patients can be seen, by extending the day beyond the current 4:30 p.m. closing. His plans for the coming year will also work toward establishing a weekend clinic. Additional providers are being brought on board to increase the number of patients being seen on a daily basis and pricing addressed to enhance the profitability of the department. Tele-psychiatry is being established to replace Dr. Art, whose contract was terminated for cause mid-September. Additional updates on the changes will be provided in the coming months.

We received the official renewal rates for the health care plan provided to employees of KBIC. Initially, based on a two-year deal agreed to last year with BCBS of MI, the Tribe would have been experiencing a 3.5% decrease in the renewal rate. Because claims paid were even less than predicted, a 9.18% decrease came in which is a significant savings for the Tribe, just over \$1 million. I think it is important to note that the Tribe is very gracious in its offering to full-time employees. There are very few organizations today that pay for nearly 90% of the health care plan coverage of not only its employees but also their spouses and children. We will need to do a much better job of making this known when recruiting.

My final topic will cover updates on the Baraga and Marquette casino projects that are well underway.

Weekly construction update meetings are held for the Baraga project. Although the project is minor compared to the Marquette project, it will impact customers the greatest. Beginning mid-October, about half of the casino floor will be shut down, the two northern rooms, so that renovations can be completed. The shutdown will require the number of slot machines available for play to be decreased by nearly half. Based on a recent decision by Council, the table games pit will not be completely removed, and four blackjack tables will remain open. Once the first half is completed around Christmas, the southern half of the casino will be closed for renovations. That area is slated to be finished the first week of March 2019.

The Baraga renovations include significant upgrades to the HVAC systems: essentially eliminating the cigarette smoke issue; upgrades to the electrical and water systems; updating of the flooring, walls, and ceiling; new updates to the guest services, cage, and bar; updates to the exterior; and updates for the hotel rooms and the restaurant.

The Marquette casino project progression, as you can see here today, is very visible and moving along somewhat ahead of the planned schedule. Monthly construction meetings are currently held for the Marquette project. The disruption is going to be somewhat impactful to customers and the housing tenants behind the casino. Our staff is working closely with Gundlach Champion to keep the disruption as minimal as possible to ensure the site is safe for everyone. Residents of the housing area at the Harvey location have enjoyed the ability to walk to the casino freely prior to the construction starting. This has changed, and getting to the casino by foot is nearly impossible. A shuttle service is being setup to provide rides to the main entrance. Currently, the shuttle will provide this service Wednesday through Saturday. Wednesday and Thursday hours will be from 4 p.m. through 12 a.m., and Friday and Saturday will run 4 p.m. through 2 a.m. This may be expanded depending on the ability to bring on additional staff. If it hasn't already happened, notices regarding the service will be provided to each tenant. A live camera feed for viewing the project has been setup and will be available internally to monitor the progress and serve as an additional security measure. A more comprehensive update on the project activities and tour of the site is setup for today following your meeting and available to anyone who wishes to participate.



#### Paul DesRochers, Jr.

(August 31, 1965-October 10, 2018)

On the morning of October 10, 2018, Paul R. DesRochers, Jr. passed away peacefully surrounded by his loved ones after fighting a long battle with cancer.

Paul was born August 31, 1965 to Paul DesRochers, Sr. and Carlota (Denomie) Beauprey. During his youth, he enjoyed the outdoors: hunting, trapping, and fishing. Paul also played hockey on local teams for several years.

After high school, Paul was a "jack of all trades" working in the family logging business, bartending, and roofing, just to name a few. Paul was then employed by the KBIC Maintenance Department. He also owned his own logging business at that time. Paul's calling came in 2000 when he was hired as a Service Technician with Terex which relocated him to Denver, Colorado, for over five years. He got to see much of the country while working for Terex, and he also took up the game of golf.

Upon discovering his illness, Paul returned to the Baraga area to be near family and friends. Over the next few years, Paul owned his own logging truck, working in the local area. He then left the area again, briefly, to drive truck in Green Bay, Wisconsin, and Las Vegas, Nevada. After that, he moved to Appleton, Wisconsin, to spend time with his daughter and sister. In the past year, he returned home to the Baraga area and lived with his significant other, Amy, and his furry friend Bella. Paul made many friends in all of his travels and will be sadly missed by all. He was a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

He is survived by his children: Jessi and Nathan; his siblings; Joan DesRochers, Stacey (Dan) Koski, and Matthew (Shannon) DesRochers; niece: Aleah Kissel; and nephews: Kyle, Alan, David, and Ryan DesRochers. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A celebration of Paul's life was held on Thursday, October 18, 2018, from 12:00 p.m. until 2 p.m. in the Ceremonial Room located at the Ojibwa Senior Center, Baraga, MI. Immediately following the celebration of life, the family invited friends to join them for fellowship and a luncheon at the Ojibwa Senior Center. The Reid Funeral Service and Chapel, of L'Anse, Michigan, assisted the family.

"Chief", "Boss", "Buttercup", "Cupcake"-- just some of the phrases you'd hear, knowing it would follow with a cowboy hat, a big smile, and enjoyable conversations. Throughout everything, he always remained optimistic and looked at the positives in life.

When he would start a story, it would typically go, "Kiddo, I'm telling you these things, so you know what not to do". You'd know there was going to be a crazy story to follow. He lived his life. He traveled all over the United States, and even made it to Italy branching out with Terex and working in a career that he was passionate about. He experienced all life could be and always looked at the silver lining. He taught his daughter that the obstacles in life aren't meant to stop you, they are meant to push you harder.

Diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma in 2006, never stopped his shine. He went into remission and stayed healthy for a solid eight years. In 2014 it came back, and he achieved partial remission. The time in between, he and his daughter camped in Northern Wisconsin for two months, moved to Las Vegas, and went on any adventure they'd think of, experienced life, and shared stories. In 2017, the cancer was aggressive. No matter what, he fought hard and kept his head held high. At Mayo Clinic, he was the "guy in the cowboy hat". He was known for his positivity and always having a story that would bring everyone else out of their funk.

Smiles and laughter are what kept Paul going. He taught Jessi through his actions and words that no matter what life throws at you, there is always a bright side. His smile will also be remembered and the millions of stories he's told over the years. He was a great guy who was loved by most and will be missed by all.

#### **Dominic J. Picciano**

#### (December 15, 1955-October 17, 2018)

Dominic J. Picciano, age 62, of Baraga, MI, passed away at his home on Wednesday, October 17, 2018. He was born in L'Anse, MI, on December 15, 1955, the son of the late Dominic and Pearl (Curtis) Picciano. Dominic graduated from Baraga High School in 1974. He married Ann Ross in Baraga on December 31, 1987. Dominic had worked as an electrician and had been the Baraga County Electrical Inspector until his retirement. He was a member of Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Ojibwa Housing Board, AMERIND Board member, and coached Little League when his kids were young. Dominic enjoyed bowling and golfing (he had three hole in ones at the LAnse Golf Club). He was an enthusiastic fan of University of Michigan and the Detroit Lions. He loved spending time with his grandchildren, especially their camping trips. Dominic is survived by his loving wife, Ann of Baraga; children: Jill DiCarlo of Baraga, Jerry LeClaire of Hot Spring, Arkansas, Brad (Kara) LeClaire of Dickinson, North Dakota, Gina (Sam) Anderson of Texas, and Dana (Brian) Shumard of Texas: grandchildren: Tony, Kyle, Jeremy, Cannon, Jackson, Vale, Collins, and Delena "Dolly"; brothers: Leroy Picciano of Iron Mountain, and Kerry (Robin) Picciano of Baraga: sisters: Shirley Stevens of Baraga, Darlene Picciano of Georgia, Sharon Wise of Monroe, MI, Barbara (Ken) Jones of Ontonagon and Debbie Picciano of Baraga. Numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins also survive. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Terry. A memorial funeral service for Dominic was held at 11 a.m. Saturday, October 20, 2018, at the Reid Funeral Service and Chapel, of L'Anse, MI, with Pastor Keith Snyder officiating. The family greeted friends at the funeral chapel on Saturday from 10 am until the time of the service. Immediately following the memorial funeral service, interment took place in the Baraga Cemetery. A luncheon followed at the Baraga American Legion Post #444. The Reid Funeral Service and Chapel, of L'Anse, MI, assisted the family.

Respectfully submitted, Larry Denomie III I would like to offer the following updates from the DHHS Health System:

 First and foremost, I would like to warmly welcome Whitney Newsom to our health care team at the DHHS and the KBIC Community. Whitney is a Nurse Practitioner, is board certified by the American Association of Nurse Practitioners, and Michigan licensed. Whitney's addition is an exciting development and directly helps us to expand our office hours (described below) and access to services for our community.



"Hello, my name is Whitney Newsom, and I am the new Family Nurse Practitioner at the KBIC DHHS. I am new to the area and extremely excited to get to know this lovely community.

Prior to the DHHS, I worked as a Registered Nurse at St. Joseph Mercy Oakland in Pontiac, MI, on a fast paced ICU step-down unit. After years in the hospital setting, I am eager and excited to step into the primary care environment. I have a great passion

for the pediatric population and cannot wait to see all the young faces of the KBIC.

I completed my undergraduate studies at Rochester College in Rochester, MI, where I was also a four year varsity basketball player. I earned my Masters Degree from Maryville University in St. Louis, after completing rotations in family practice, women's health, and pediatrics. A fun fact about me: I completed both my undergraduate and graduate studies alongside my identical twin sister Alexa.

I currently reside in Houghton, MI, with my significant other Jeff and our greyhound Indy."

· We are excited to offer expanded service hours starting Janu-

ary 2019. We are looking at business hours 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. We may also offer a 7 a.m. lab service, Monday through Friday. Areas of expanded service initially will include medical and pharmacy. Other services will be evaluated for expansion according to community need.

One of the side benefits of offering a 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. service Monday through Friday is the potential to offer our staff a work schedule of four (4) days x 10 hours starting January 2019. A number of staff will be able take advantage of this immediately, and it will allow them an additional day's rest and recovery to support better care to serve the needs of our community.

We are also excited to offer Telepsychiatry services in 2019. We are targeting January 2019 to go-live. Telepsychiatry services will include access to a psychiatrist through a secure virtual platform, initial consultation, direct patient care (e.g. medication management therapy), doctor-to-doctor consultations, supervision, and primary care integration.

The patient will schedule their visit with a psychiatrist according to a schedule at the DHHS. The patient would then come to the DHHS, would be escorted through-out the visit by the Telepsychiatry Nurse, the psychiatrist would order labs and pharmacy scripts, document into the electronic health record, and then care (including follow-up) is coordinated with the clinical team at the DHHS. The entire process occurs via a secure, HIPAA compliant, virtual care platform.

The literature shows that consistent access to high quality behavioral services is associated with high patient satisfaction and better clinical outcomes. With Telepsychiatry and having access to a psychiatrist, we will significantly elevate the standard of care for our community.

I am eager to deliver on the expanded service hours and Telepsychiatry starting January 2019. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly if you have questions at (906) 353-4553.



### **Chronic Wasting Disease Discovered in the Upper Peninsula**

A press release from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) was circulated on October 18, 2018, notifying the public that a 4-year-old white-tailed deer doe harvested in Dickinson County tested positive for chronic wasting disease (CWD). While CWD was discovered in Lower Michigan in a captive deer in 2008 and wild deer in 2015, the most recent case in Dickinson County is the first known positive in the Upper Peninsula.

#### What you should know about CWD

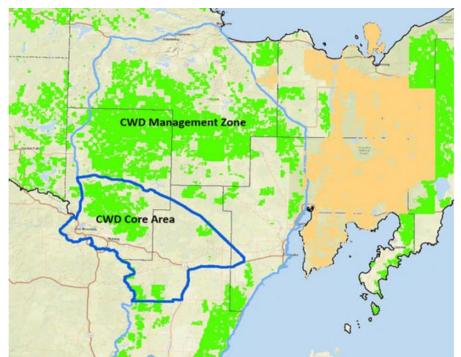
Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a nervous system disease of deer, moose, and elk. The disease is caused by a prion (misfolded protein) that attacks the brain and forms lesions. While our understanding of this disease has grown significantly since it's discovery in the U.S. in the 1960's, there is no vaccine or cure for the disease. CWD is always fatal to animals that contract it. Prions are shed in feces, urine, blood, saliva, and can remain infectious in the environment for years. Signs of CWD in infected animals include:

- Loss of body condition or emaciation (thin or weak)
- Change in behavior such as loss of fear of humans
- Loss of bodily control or movements
- Excessive drooling and salivating

However, it's important to note that a deer infected with CWD may not show obvious symptoms for years. To date, there have been no reported cases of CWD infection in humans. As a precaution, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend that CWD-positive animals not be consumed as food by humans or domestic animals. While field dressing a deer it is recommended that you: wear gloves; bone out the meat; avoid cutting through the bone and avoid contact with the brain or spinal cord; wash hands and instruments thoroughly; avoid consumption of the brain, spinal cord, eves, spleen, tonsils, and lymph nodes of harvested animals. If you have any concern about the health of the deer in your area or the health of a deer you harvested, please contact the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in your area. The MDNR is encouraging people to continue to hunt and please have your deer tested for CWD by bringing it to the nearest check station during normal business hours. Testing is free of charge. Please see the links below for additional information on CWD in Michigan or contact Erin Johnston, KBIC Wildlife Biologist at (906) 524-5757 ext. 24.

Link to CWD Fact Sheet: <u>https://www.michigan.gov/documents/</u> emergingdiseases/michigan\_cwd\_faq\_630519\_7.pdf

#### Baraga DNR Office: (906) 353-6651



Link to MDNR Press Release: <u>https://content.govdelivery.com/</u> accounts/MIDNR/bulletins/2154131

Link to MDNR CWD Webpage: <u>https://www.michigan.gov/</u> emergingdiseases/0,4579,7-186-76711\_78204---,00.html



Map developed by Michigan Department of Natural Resources outlining the CWD Core Area and CWD Management Zones in the U.P. For more information see the full press release. <u>https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/MIDNR/</u> bulletins/2154131

#### **NOVEMBER 2018 Calendar:**

- November 2 Constitution Committee Meeting, 10:00 a.m. Tribal Center;
- November 12 Veteran's Day, Gov't offices closed;
- November 22 Thanksgiving Day, Gov't offices closed;
- November 23 Native American Heritage Day, Gov't offices closed.

~ submitted by newsletter editor

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### TRIBAL COURT CRIMINAL SENTENCES

The Tribal Court has agreed to comply with the request of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's CEO's office to publish criminal sentencing on a routine basis.

Neil Malmgren, case #18-112, §3.1307, Controlled substances (marijuana, possession) - 1<sup>st</sup> offense Sentencing on 09/17/2018, #18-112, §3.1307: Fine \$500.00.

- One-hundred-eighty days jail, credit for three days 2. jail served, Defendant shall serve 177 days jail. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated. Defendant shall self-report to the County Jail today (09/17/2018), at 6:00 p.m.
- Defendant shall be placed on payment probation 3. with a remedial order.

#### Neil Malmgren, case #18-113, §3.1706, Controlled substance (marijuana, sale) – 1<sup>st</sup> offense Sentencing on 09/17/2018, #18-113, §3.1706:

Fine \$500.00.

- One-hundred-eighty days jail, 180 days jail sus-2. pended pending successful completion of all aspects of payment probation. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
- 3. Defendant shall be placed on payment probation with a remedial order. Defendant shall be required to a make a minimum payment per month. Noncompliance will result in: 1st violation - three days jail, 2<sup>nd</sup> violation - five days jail, 3<sup>rd</sup> violation seven days jail, 4<sup>th</sup> violation - ten days jail, 5<sup>th</sup> violation - 15 days jail, 6<sup>th</sup> violation - 20 days jail, 7<sup>th</sup> violation - days served will be assessed and remaining days shall be imposed for the maximum of Contempt. If amount outstanding is paid, Defendant will be released from jail.

#### Brett Loonsfoot, case #18-091, §5.62a, License restriction, suspended – 2<sup>nd</sup> offense Sentencing on 09/19/2018, #18-091, §5.62a:

Fine \$100.00. 1.

- Ninety days jail, 90 days suspended pending suc-2. cessful completion of all aspects of payment probation. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
- 3. Defendant shall be placed on payment probation with a remedial order. Defendant shall be required to a make a minimum payment per month. Noncompliance will result in: 1<sup>st</sup> violation – three days jail, 2<sup>nd</sup> violation - five days jail, 3<sup>rd</sup> violation seven days jail, 4th violation - ten days jail, 5th violation - 15 days jail, 6th violation - 20 days jail, 7th violation - days served will be assessed and remaining days shall be imposed for the maximum of Contempt. If amount outstanding is paid, Defendant will be released from jail.

#### Troy Roberts, case #18-046, §3.1706, Controlled substances (meth, sale) - 3rd offense Sentencing on 10/15/2018 18-046, §3.1706:

- Fine \$1,000.00. 1.
- 2. One-hundred-eighty days jail, credit for 14 days jail served, 166 days jail suspended. Defendant shall

be financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.

3. Defendant shall be banished from the Community indefinitely with the opportunity to petition the Court for re-entry after three years from the date of completing a long-term treatment program. During the three year period, Defendant shall: 1) Make regular monthly payments on his Court obligations. 2) Must abide by all laws of any jurisdiction. 3) Must have no criminal history during the three year period prior to the petition for re-entry. 4) Must submit a letter from his treating mental health professional that he complied with that professional's recommendation. 5) Must submit two letters regarding the Defendant's character in a positive manner.

#### Troy Roberts, case #18-101, §3.1706, Controlled substances (suboxone, use) – 3<sup>rd</sup> offense Sentencing on 10/15/2018 18-101, §3.1706:

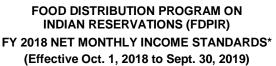
1. Fine \$1,000.00.

- One-hundred-eighty days jail, 180 days jail sus-2. pended. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
- Defendant shall be banished from the Community 3. indefinitely with the opportunity to petition the Court for re-entry after three years from the date of completing a long-term treatment program. During the three year period, Defendant shall: 1) Make regular monthly payments on his Court obligations. 2) Must abide by all laws of any jurisdiction. 3) Must have no criminal history during the three year period prior to the petition for re-entry. 4) Must submit a letter from his treating mental health professional that he complied with that professional's recommendation. 5) Must submit two letters regarding the Defendant's character in a positive manner.

#### Troy Roberts, case #18-102, §3.1706, Controlled substances (fentanyl, use) – 4<sup>th</sup> offense Sentencing on 10/15/2018 18-102, §3.1706:

Fine \$1,000.00.

- 2. One-hundred-eighty days jail, 180 days jail suspended. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
- Defendant shall be banished from the Community 3. indefinitely with the opportunity to petition the Court for re-entry after three years from the date of completing a long-term treatment program. During the three year period, Defendant shall: 1) Make regular monthly payments on his Court obligations. 2) Must abide by all laws of any jurisdiction. 3) Must have no criminal history during the three year period prior to the petition for re-entry. 4) Must submit a letter from his treating mental health professional that he complied with that professional's recommendation. 5) Must submit two letters regarding the Defendant's character in a positive manner.



\*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:					<u>Use this</u> amount
House- hold Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standard		SNAP Standard De- duction		FDPIR Net Monthly In- come Stan- dard
1	\$1,005	+	\$160	=	\$1,165
2	\$1,354	+	\$160	=	\$1,514
3	\$1,702	+	\$160	=	\$1,862
4	\$2,050	+	\$170	=	\$2,220
5	\$2,399	+	\$199	=	\$2,598
6	\$2,747	+	\$228	=	\$2,975
7	\$3,095	+	\$228	=	\$3,323
8	\$3,444	+	\$228	=	\$3,672
Each additional member					+ \$349
Alaska:				<u>Use this</u> amount	
House- hold Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standard		SNAP Standard De- duction		FDPIR Net Monthly In- come Stan- dard
1	\$1,255	+	\$273	=	\$1,528
2	\$1,691	+	\$273	=	\$1,964
3	\$2,127	+	\$273	=	\$2,400
4	\$2,563	+	\$273	=	\$2,836
5	\$2,999	+	\$273	=	\$3,272
6	\$3,435	+	\$285	=	\$3,720
7	\$3,870	+	\$285	=	\$4,155
8	\$4,306	+	\$285	=	\$4,591

November 2018 Tribal Council meeting dates:

Each additional member

+ \$436

Thursday, November 1, 2018, 9:00 a.m., Bingo Hall;

Thursday, November 8, 2018, 9:00 a.m., Bingo Hall (The 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Public Hearing, to Proposed Ordinance 2018-03 Title III of the Tribal Code Chapter 17 will be held immediately following this meeting);

Thursday, November 15, 2018, 9:00 a.m., Bingo Hall:

Thursday, November 29, 2018, 9:00 a.m., Bingo Hall (work session). .....

### **KBIC-NRD Welcomes Arrival of the Research** Vessel Myrtle Tolonen (R.V.M.T. The "Myrtle")

With a one-time capacity funding award from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA Lake Superior Co-Management Award), KBIC-NRD has pursued the construction of a new Lake Superior Field Research and Operations Vessel. Henley Boats of Canada, a world famous vessel fabrication firm, reached final major hull and cabin construction on the "Myrtle" late summer 2018. After a period of sea inspections and operational trials, the vessel was cleared for its final delivery trip to KBIC in October. KBIC-NRD staff will be making additions and modifications to onboard equipment for the vessel and will soon utilize it for Fall Lake Trout Survey Work at various Lake Superior Management regions.

# **Boater's Safety &** Winterization

Wednesday, November 14, 2018 10:00am-3:00pm Zeba Hall (16141 Zeba Road, L'Anse, MI 49946) **Course Content** 



- Recreational Boater Safety
- Commercial Fishing Vessel Training
- Boat Winterization
  - . On KBIC's new vessel, The Myrtle

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#### **KBIC PARTICIPATES IN "FALLING LEAVES MOON POWWOW"**

The Falling Leaves Moon Powwow was held on Saturday, October 13, 2018, at Michigan Technological University (MTU) Student Development Complex in Houghton, Michigan. The annual event was hosted by MTU's American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES).

Head Dancers were Ernest Loonsfoot and Cherie Chivis. Donald Chosa, Jr. served as Head Veteran and led the Wiiwedong Ogichidaa Soeciety/KBIC Honor Guard into the arena for grand entries at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Stanley Spruce served as emcee. The Wiikwedong Ogichidaa Society/KBIC Honor Guard presented the colors. George Gauthier served as Arena Director. Three drums were present including: Woodland Singers as host drum, Four Thunders as cohost drum, with Beartown assisting. A feast was held between grand entries catered by Rez Robins, out of Baraga, Michigan. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community is a proud sponsor of this annual event. ~ by Lauri Denomie, Editor



Pictured to the left, (left to right) front—George DeCota, Wiikwedong Ogichidaa Society Member; Donald Chosa, Jr., Head Veteran; Kathleen Smith, Water Staff Carrier; Alana Schofield, Miss Keweenaw Bay; Dalanna Connor, Junior Miss Keweenaw Bay; Eugene Loonsfoot, Sr., Wiikwedong; Cherie Chivis, Head Female Dancer; Ernest Loonsfoot, Head Male Dancer; (back) Virgil Loonsfoot, Wiikwedong; Mathew Shalifoe, Sr., Wiikwedong; and members of MTU's AROTC.

#### What is Cultural Abuse?

#### By: Lori Jump, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

Intimate partner violence, in all forms, is destructive at its heart. Most people can identify the more common forms of abuse, which include physical, emotional, sexual, and financial. One of the lesser known forms, cultural or spiritual abuse, is one of the most devastating, yet it is rarely spoken of.

For Native peoples, spirituality is often the core of who we are and our way of life. Our culture and spirituality are intertwined and provide the foundation of our lives – how we live, our family roles, and how we interact with others, the meaning we find in our lives, and our sense of well-being. To have our spirit attacked is as personal as an attack can get.

Spiritual abuse can be used to control how a person interacts with the world. Spiritual and cultural abusive behaviors can include when your partner:

- Prevents you from participating in spiritual or cultural traditions
- Forces you to participate in other practices (not your own)
- Misstates or misuses spiritual practices against you
- Practices bad medicine against you

For our tribal communities, spiritual or cultural abuse can look like this:

- Telling you that you're not "Native enough," or if your partner is non-Native, that you're "too Indian"
- Uses hurtful stereotypes to put you down ("Indians are drunks, lazy," etc.)
- Prevents you from participating in ceremonies, powwows, and feasts
- Uses tribal membership against you ("My tribe won't let you...")
- Tells you that you're not allowed to drum, dance, sing, fast or otherwise participate in traditions because of your gender

Each of these behaviors can deeply wound and often isolates you from your community. If your partner is behaving this way toward you, you may feel removed from your family and support system. You may be embarrassed, not know where to turn, or who to ask for help.

In some cases, you may even feel that the abuse is the direct result of your culture — that you are being abused because you are Indigenous. This form of abuse is a directly related to the root causes of violence in our communities: colonization and genocide.

If your partner or loved one is demonstrating any of these behaviors or any type of abuse against you, please know that you have the inherent right to be safe, lead a life free of abuse, and participate in your cultural practices and traditions.

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The StrongHearts Native Helpline (1-844-7NATIVE, 1-844-762-8483) is a culturally appropriate, confidential, and anony-



mous service to American Indians and Alaska Natives who are experiencing abuse or know someone who is being impacted by domestic violence. Advocates are available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. CST and are trained with an understanding of intimate partner violence, including spiritual, or cultural abuse. Our advocates can provide support and validation, safety planning and access to resources in your community.

For more information, visit www.strongheartshelpline.org. When you're ready to talk, we are here.



Introduction to Traditional Foods Manoomin "The Good Berry" - Wild Rice

Tuesday, November 13th 5:00p.m.-6:30p.m.

KBOCC Arts and Agriculture Center welcomes all to come & learn about a staple of Native American diets,

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This event will be held at 15211 Pelkie Rd, Pelkie MI 49958

If you have any questions please contact DeAnna Hadden @ (906)524-8209 or dhadden@kbocc.edu

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Rodney Loonsfoot, Tribal Council/Veteran Service Representative Keweenaw Bay Indian Community 16347 Ojibwa Industrial Park Rd, Baraga, Michigan 49908 veteranaffairs@kbic-nsn.gov

(906) 353-VETS, Office (906) 201-4448 Cell

OFFICE HRS; Mon, Tues, Wed, 9 am-12 pm

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Wiikwedong Ogichidaa Society Monthly upcoming meetings, held at 6:00 pm -November 21, and December 19. Meetings are subject to change. Special meetings for Powwows/funerals will be announced.

The Wiikwedong Ogichidaa Society (KBIC Honor Guard) now has two new Veteran Memorial Silhouettes for sale. Memorials are four feet high and five feet wide This Memorial Silhouette is perfect for your yard to remember the sacrifices of all our veterans. Perfect for all holidays as gifts.

Memorial silhouettes are custom made to order by our KBIC veterans. Please help support our Wiikwedong Ogchidaa Society. COST: \$150.00.

Please call Rodney Loonsfoot @ 353 VETS or 201-

4448 to place your order or e-mail tcrod-<u>ney@kbic-nsn.gov</u>. Please indicate cross or eagle staff. All proceeds will go towards veteran programming and activities.

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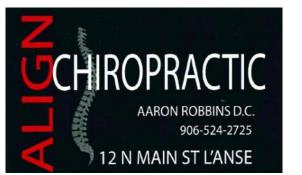
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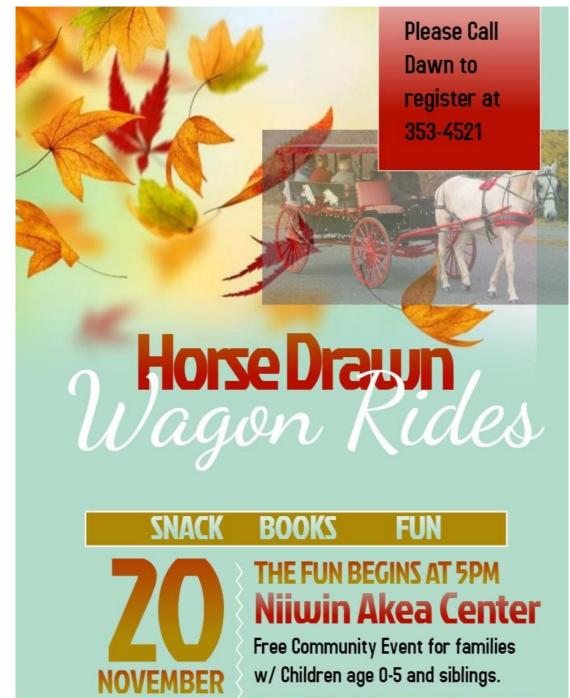


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