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SENIOR BANQUET HELD TO HONOR **KBIC HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES**



Graduates, left to right, (front) Skye Loonsfoot, Aleah Maskew, Annaleese Rasanen, Kassidey Beck, Summer Potts, Tasha Swartz, (back) Raistlin Awonohopay, Troy DeCota, Brendan Varline, Jacob Arens, and Ronald Tilson. Brent Geroux (L'Anse graduate) and David Paquin (Community Schools graduate) are missing from photo.

The Keweenaw Bay Tribal Education Committee held the annual Senior Banquet on Friday, June 4, 2016, honoring the L'Anse, Baraga, and Community School Graduates. Terri Denomie, Education Committee Chairwoman, welcomed the graduates, their families, Tribal Education Staff, teachers and administrators, fellow Tribal Education Committee members, and friends to this year's celebration. Woodland Singers provided the drum for the welcome song and a honor song. Following a delicious meal, Suzanne Kahkonen, Education Committee member, introduced the guest speaker, Angela Danison. Angela, a KBIC member, is a 1989 graduate of L'Anse High School. She graduated from Northern Michigan University in 1995 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education, and later returned to NMU, earning her Master's Degree in 2006. She taught school for a period of time in Ann Arbor, Michigan. She returned to the area and became employed for the Tribe as a tutor at Baraga High School. She is currently a Kindergarten teacher at the Chassell School District, where she has taught many young students for over 20 years. She enjoys teaching in the small school setting where her own three children also attend. Angela was chosen as the 2015 VFW Elementary Teacher of the Year for the State of Michigan. Each year the Michigan Department of the Veterans of Foreign Wars recognizes and honors a teacher who teaches citizenship and promotes America's history, traditions, and institutions. KBIC is very proud of Angela for winning this award.

Angela Danison said, "Congratulations graduates and your families. It is a huge accomplishment to graduate from high school. You've been the BIG FISH in the SCHOOL, but now you will head out into the vast ocean. Whether you're starting college or a new job, you'll find yourself as the little fish again. You may have to prove yourself for a time, but you will.

Expectations are super important. In teaching, we work to keep our expectations high for students. Yet you have to be sure they are reachable. As individuals, we must also keep our expectations high for ourselves. Whether it's that race you'd like to run or that GPA goal you set for yourself, it's important to have those high yet reachable expectations for ourselves.

As I sat and thought about what I'd like to say tonight, I remembered a tough time while going to



KBIC Education Committee \$1000 Scholarship winners Brendan Varline and Annaleese



Angela Danison, Guest Speaker.

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**

Eddy Edwards

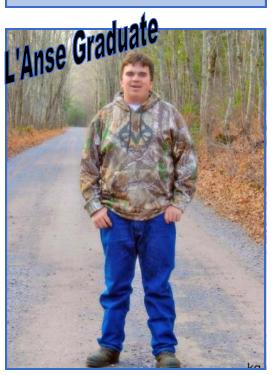
Randall R. Haataja

Michael F. LaFernier, Sr. Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.

Donald Shalifoe, Sr.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- **KBIC Senior Banquet Held/** Scholarship Winners announced
- Medical Marijuana Denied— **Council Considers Options**
- **Casino Projects Update**
- KBIC distributes 2% and 8% monies
- Ojibwa Library to offer Summer Reading Program
- Ojibwa Senior News



Brent Chriss Geroux is the son of Bonnie Huhtasaari and Greg Geroux. He has been on the Honor Roll during high school. His hobbies include hunting, fishing, and riding his fourwheeler. He has worked at the American Legion Post 444 as a cleaning person. He also volunteers there the first Tuesday of every month to make pasties. He has helped friends and family fix Apple and Android phones and products, and he has helped troubleshoot computer issues. He is currently working on opening his own online business and website to fix Apple and Android products. His website is www.lakesuperiorphone.com For more information check it out.

Senior Banquet continued:

school. I went to NMU and came home most every weekend to work at the drive-in. One weekend during my second year, I came home, and I was tired, broke, and had a lot of studying to do. I was discouraged and had thought about changing my major and going for a two-year degree instead of a four-year program. I had been to see my advisor and told my dad about what I was considering. He was always supportive, yet he seemed to have a way of helping me arrive at the better decision. I wasn't going to be told what to do, but rather I would need to arrive at it on my own. He explained that if I went for the four-year degree, I would have so many more options. He said 'Don't limit yourself. Getting that education is going to give you options. You don't know what you will be facing in the future, so leave your options open.' Needless to say, I went back to school and continued with the four-year program, then continued, earning my Masters quite a few years later. My parents have always been supportive and did a great job of helping us learn a good work ethic early on in our lives.

Getting that education is going to give you options. For some this might mean taking that first class at the university level. Or signing up for special training in a current job. Education gives you options you may need later. In education we call it being a lifelong learner. If you're done learning, you're done. This is especially true in the area of technology these days.

I'm very grateful for the experiences I've had while working for the Tribe in Baraga Schools. All of those experiences change and shape you. I am forever grateful for the tuition waiver, and the support given by our Tribe while pursuing my degrees.

Support makes me think of another area I'm passionate about: service, learning, or volunteering. Now that you're out of high school, you have a whole host of opportunities to serve. Volunteering for an organization can be life changing. And often you come away feeling like you're the one who got the most out of the experience rather than the people you've served. If you haven't been involved with a group or organization, think about needs in the community and how you can help them. It may be as simple as running bingo at the nursing home, giving an elderly neighbor a hand in their yard, or selling tickets at the football game. We all need support from each other at different times in our lives. The more

APPROVAL OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA DENIED COUNCIL CONSIDERING OPTIONS

The United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, declined the approval of Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Ordinance 2015-03 "Medical Marijuana". The Ordinance, which essentially adopts the State of Michigan's Medical Marijuana law, was enacted by Tribal Council on April 1, 2016, following processing through their legislative process. The enactment came after reviewing their options in moving the legalization forward.

In a letter to President Swartz dated June 10, 2016, Diane Rosen, BIA Regional Director, noted that marijuana, a Schedule 1 controlled substance, remains illegal under Federal law. The BIA concluded that they lacked the authority to approve Ordinances that violate federal law. Based on KBIC's Constitution and By-laws, Article VI, Section 2, Ordinances require review by the Secretary of the Interior through submission to the Superintendent.

The Tribal Council has the right to appeal the decision and is currently reviewing the process and considering all of their options. Additional information will be reported in the near future.

NEW CASINO PROJECTS UPDATE

The new casino projects workgroup met, at the direction of Tribal Council, to further develop plans to create a resort casino in Marquette and scale back plans for a new Baraga casino. The work group met on May 31 with Dan LeVeque of Gundlach Champion to discuss the changes.

The new plans for Marquette would include a 100 room three-star hotel, two food outlets to include a full service restaurant and grille, a 400 seat dividable conference center, a 1200 seat entertainment venue, and expanded gaming area to accommodate up to 600 slot machines and similar number of table games that exist today. The new project cost estimate comes in at \$33.5 million.

The new plans for Baraga would no longer include building a completely new facility. Instead, a new structure would be built for gaming onto a portion of the existing gaming area. The new area would allow for proper ventilation essentially eliminating the smoke filled atmosphere that exists now. The remaining areas, currently used for casino space, would be remodeled and used for public access to the remaining facilities including the Pressbox Sports Bar and Grill, hotel and restaurant, and back of the house functions (non-public access). The new project estimate comes in at \$6.5 million.

Because this is a change to the projects approved by the membership at the general election held in December of 2015, a new ballot proposal election would need to be held to gain membership approval. A Resolution calling for an election has been prepared and is ready for Council approval at their June 30 meeting. If approved, the process leading up to the election would include updating the feasibility studies, finalizing site layouts, developing colored renderings, and hosting community meetings to explain the projects and answer questions.

The change in direction by Council has happened due to the State of MI decision to not approve the Tribe's recent and final request to move its Marquette casino from its current location to the former airport site in Negaunee Township. It is clear that the greatest opportunity for a return on investment would come from a resort in Marquette since the chance of relocating isn't possible anytime in the foreseeable future.

you can reach out to others, the better our community and support systems will be. Finding that niche in your community and developing those relationships is truly valuable.

Receiving Teacher of the Year for Michigan from the VFW was quite a pat on the back. This experience reminded me that encouragement goes a long way. It makes you want to dig in and work even harder. This is super important for us to remember as individuals, parents, and especially those working in supervisor positions. People will work so much harder if you show them a bit of appreciation.

Graduates, you've got some big decisions to make in the near future. As you make those decisions, consider your passions and how you will weave those into your life. I've always enjoyed working with kids so teaching was a natural choice for me. Each class brings new challenges and definite learning for me as well as the students. New technology and new methods are exciting. When you're done learning, you're done!

So, get out there and swim....harder and faster than you've ever dreamed you could. Have high expectations for yourself and achieve your goals. Soon you'll find yourself as the BIG FISH again, maybe even the whale! Keep your options open as you don't know what life has in store for you."

President Warren Swartz, Jr. presented the graduates with a card and a check for the amount of \$300 from Tribal Council. President Swartz said, "Receiving your diploma represents many years of hard work, and you and your families can be very proud of that accomplishment. Many of you are continuing your education, and others will seek employment. Remember to do your best at whatever you choose, and you can achieve anything if you are willing to work hard enough. Your friends, relatives, and your Tribe are all very proud of you today, and we look forward to hearing about your future achievements."

Graduates also received gifts from the KBIC Tribal Education Committee, Cultural Committee, and the Ojibwa Senior Citizens. Certifications were given to this year's KBIC Education Committee Scholarship winners: Brendan Varline and Annaleese Rasanen.

This event was organized by Amy St. Arnold, Education Director, with the help of Liz Badke, Education Clerk, and the KBIC Education Committee Members: Terri Denomie, Chairman; Lynn Haataja, Vice Chairman; Vicki Dakota, Secretary; Cheryl Bogda, Violet Friisvall Ayres; Suzanne Kahkonen; and Gary Loonsfoot, Jr.

NEW NAME/LOGO—KBIC HEALTH SYSTEM

On Tuesday, June 14, 2016, the KBIC Health Board approved a new name and logo for the Department of Health & Human Services. The new name and phrase you will hear when you call the center will be, Hello, you have reached the "KBIC Health System."

"KBIC Health System integrates all clinical and non-clinical health services that our system offers," said Carole LaPointe, RN, current Health Administrator for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

The name change comes on the tail feathers of the 45th Anniversary of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Tribal Health Services. Since July 16, 1971, the KBIC has offered free health services to its members. The original health center was the first in the nation to have health services, dental services, mental health services, and community (Public) health services under one roof.

A new Health System logo unveiling, and ice cream social are being planned for this special day at the Donald A LaPointe Health and Human Services Center from 2-4 p.m. on Friday July 15, 2016. The community is invited to attend!

NEW SERVICE FOR OUR HANDICAP MEMBERS

There's a new service available for handicap members in need. The Tribe recently purchased a van with a wheelchair lift that will be available to handicapped members who have a legal driver to sign-out the van to be used for transportation to medical appointments, etc. Contact the front desk at the Tribal Center for more information at (906) 353-6623, ext. 0.

June 4, 2016 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Regular Saturday Tribal Council Meeting was held on June 4, 2016, at the Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room in Baraga, 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., Fred Dakota, Eddy Edwards, Randall Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., and Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr. Not present: Donald Shalifoe, Sr.

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

President Swartz gave the President's Report (page three), and Susan J. LaFernier gave the Secretary's Report (page four). Council passed Department Head Reports for March and April 2016. Council approved the Council Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2016, and May 26, 2016.

Under Old Business: Bruce LaPointe, Director of Public Works, brought forth bids for two compressed units/water-cooled ice makers. Motion by Jennifer Misegan to approve the bid from CAMCO Equipment for two ice machines in the amount of \$4,729.48 each pending the budget modification, supported by Michael F. LaFernier, Sr. Ten supported (Misegan, S. LaFernier, Minton, Blaker, Curtis, Dakota, Edwards, Haataja, M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Shalifoe), motion carried.

Bruce LaPointe brought forth a second item on the agenda, the ICDBG being submitted this year – a Halfway House Project. **Motion by Toni Minton to approve Resolution KB-024-2016 HUD ICDBG Halfway House Project Application, supported by Robert RD Curtis, Jr.**

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Further discussion occurred. Motion by Jennifer Misegan to table Resolution KB-024-2016 HUD ICDBG Halfway House Project Application until the information on operational costs are provided, supported by Susan J. LaFernier. Ten supported (Misegan, S. LaFernier, Minton, Blaker, Curtis, Dakota, Edwards, Haataja, M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Shalifoe), motion carried.

Bruce LaPointe discussed a third item with Council, SDS Priority Points. Council reviewed the list of recommendations Mr. LaPointe presented. Motion by Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr. to approve the SDS Priority Points as presented, supported by Jennifer Misegan. Ten supported (Misegan, S. LaFernier, Minton, Blaker, Curtis, Dakota, Edwards, Haataja, M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Shalifoe), motion carried.

R.D. Curtis, Jr. on behalf of Marty Curtis, who could not be present due to a work obligation, brought forward the bids for a Walk-in Freezer/Cooler for the Newday Substance Abuse Services Facility. The funding will come from M&I budget. Motion by Robert RD Curtis, Jr. to approve the bid from Haataja Refrigeration, LLC for a Walk-In Cooler Freezer purchase in the amount of \$28,863.00 for the Newday Substance Abuse Services Facility, supported by Susan J. LaFernier. Ten supported (Misegan, S. LaFernier, Minton, Blaker, Curtis, Dakota, Edwards, Haataja, M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Shalifoe), motion carried.

Danielle Webb, Tribal Attorney/Tribal Prosecutor, and Christopher Schofield, Slot Manager, presented an Aristocrat Technologies, Inc. Gaming Device Order for five Lightning Link for the Marquette Casino. Motion by Eddy Edwards to approve the Gaming Device Order between Aristocrat and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community for the purchase of five lighting link games, supported by Michael F. LaFernier, Sr. Ten supported (Misegan, S. LaFernier, Minton, Blaker, Curtis, Dakota, Edwards, Haataja, M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Shalifoe), motion carried.

Matt Eliason of Eliason Law Office addressed Council regarding a Michigan Technological University (MTU) Collaborative Agreement; a nocost agreement between MTU and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. The agreement authorizes MTU through Dr. Feltz and his partner to undertake a research study with the Healing To Wellness Court's Positive Peer Group Program on the subject of Evaluation of Positive Peer Group for American Indians with Substance Use Issues and Past Criminal Offenses within the Communities of American Indians, in Baraga, Michigan. Attorney Eliason noted they added HIPPA protection to make sure that the Tribe has that additional protection and included the opportunity for the Tribe to opt out at any given time. Motion by Doreen Blaker to approve the Collaborative Agreement between Michigan Technological University and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community for an evidence based study and assessment for Positive Peer Group among the American Indian Community Baraga, Michigan, co-supported by Toni Minton and Robert RD Curtis, Jr. Ten supported (Misegan, S. LaFernier, Minton, Blaker, Curtis, Dakota, Edwards, Haataja, M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Shalifoe), motion carried.

Treasurer Doreen Blaker presented the June 2016 donations requests. Christy Miron, Sacred Heart School Principal, presented their request in person. They are looking to upgrade the computer lab. Motion by Eddy Edwards to approve the purchase of twenty towers for the Sacred Heart School and to work with our IT Department in order to get the best pricing, supported by Robert RD Curtis, Jr. Ten supported (Misegan, S. LaFernier, Minton, Blaker, Curtis, Dakota, Edwards, Haataja, M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Shalifoe), motion carried.

Treasurer Doreen Blaker continued with the remaining donation requests. Motion by Jennifer Misegan to approve the June 2016 donations as the following: \$1,000 to the L'Anse High School Varsity Fast Pitch Softball for the purchase of equipment, \$100 and a gift basket for the Spinal Cord Society Fundraiser and Raffle, and a \$100 Pines Card to the Baraga County Communities That Care Summer Dance Program for the purchase of pop and chips for a total of \$1200 and a gift basket, supported by Susan J. LaFernier. Ten supported (Misegan, S. LaFernier, Minton, Blaker, Curtis, Dakota, Edwards, Haataja, M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Shalifoe), motion carried.



(Left to right) Treasurer Doreen Blaker and President Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. presented a donation check to Delbert Kahler and Don Larson of the L'Anse American Legion Post #444. The donation was in the amount of \$13,321.00 to be used for handicap accessibility improvements.

Council moved into closed session with Danielle Webb on the agenda with a Special Counsel Contract, Odawi Law, PLLC Proposed Engagement Agreement, and Attorney Update. Upon returning to open session the following motions were made prior to adjournment.

Motion by Susan J. LaFernier to approve the Special Counsel Contract between Dorsey and Whitney LLP and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community with the date change, co-supported by Jennifer Misegan and Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Seven supported (Misegan, S. LaFernier, Minton, Blaker, Haataja, M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, four absent (Curtis, Dakota, Edwards, Shalifoe), motion carried

Motion by Jennifer Misegan to approve the Engagement Agreement between Odawi Law, PLLC and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, supported by Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Seven supported (Misegan, S. LaFernier, Minton, Blaker, Haataja, M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, four absent (Curtis, Dakota, Edwards, Shalifoe), motion carried.

President's Report for April and May 2016

The following briefly summarizes the activities in the Office of the President for the months of April and May 2016. (The President's Report was given orally and transcribed by the editor with final approval of the President.)

- I signed a consent to enter private property authorizing the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to enter the Ojibwa BP to conduct corrective actions on the property. The duration of the authorization is of a reasonable length to allow the MDEQ to undertake corrective actions. This relates to the underground storage tanks, and we want to make sure they are taken care of correctly, so they won't have an impact on the waters which are close by.
- I signed a BIA Forestry grant amendment which provided additional funding for a Northern Cedar Initiative near the Assinins Cemetery for approximately \$32,000.
- I also signed a BIA Great Lakes Regional Initiative Amendment for \$80,000. The amendment will help the Community build capacity for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. As you recall, we used to operate on \$200,000 per year from the Federal Budget, and last year they reduced that amount to approximately \$120,000. The Council requested the Bureau return our funding amount as we needed these funds to continue at our capacity to regulate the activities on the reservation. The EPA heard what we had to say at one of the consultation sessions and found us another \$80,000, bringing our total back up to \$200,000.
- I attended and accepted an award from the Copper Country School Board at an Awards Banquet held at Memorial Hall on the Michigan Technological University Campus in Houghton, Michigan. The Board recognized the contributions of the Community over the year to help support the education of our children.
- I attended an Inter-Tribal Council (ITC) Meeting held at Bay Mills Indian Community which included the annual election of officers for the Board. Levi Carrick was chosen as Chairman, I was elected as Vice Chairman, and Jimmer Williams was elected as Secretary. At the meeting, we discussed the ATR Programs, Headstart, Healthy Start, and heard an update from Executive Director L. John Lufkins. A number of Resolutions were passed including a Low Income Energy Assistance Resolution, Community Services Block Grant Resolution, a Child Care Fund Resolution, a Summer and Adult Resolution, and we approved a raise for the Headstart personnel. The next meeting is scheduled for mid-September.
- After attending the ITC Meeting, I attended a United Tribes Meeting, also held at Bay Mills Indian Community. It has come to my attention that the House DEQ Budget Appropriation in Part 1 for oil, gas, and mineral services is to provide for the study and mapping of Michigan's geological resources to identify their potential social and economic benefits. My concern relates to the sharing of the data related to the resources on the L'Anse Indian Reservation and the state's idea to protect the resources here on the reservation. I'm not convinced that the State of Michigan has the best interests in mind when it comes to the Community's resources. In fact, there were some flyovers conducted over the reservations which were not brought to our attention until the last couple of weeks, and I am currently having discussions with the United States Geological Service under the Department of Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs Program as to why they are doing those aerial surveys, and what they intend to do with the data. I think they are going to use the data and share it with the Mining Companies, who will use this data to identify the resources on the reservation which may open us up to mining. This is why I am opposed to the sharing of the data. We brought this to the attention of the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission. Most of the Michigan and Wisconsin Indian Tribes are opposed to the sharing of that data. We will continue to work on this issue. Hopefully we can retain the data which is propriety in nature.
- Also at the United Tribes' Meeting, I learned from July 2010 through May 2016, the Community had 292 college students who had applied for the Indian Tuition Waiver. Over that six year span, 290 were verified. Only two students were not verified, and the reason for this being that the students were most likely applying for a college that did not accept the Indian Tuition Waiver. We have been very successful at getting our applicants verified through the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver.
- The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community values its sovereignty, and it is important that other federal/state agencies develop policies regarding guidance for discussing Tribal Treaty Rights. With that said, we have been working with the EPA to strengthen their policy on consultation and coordination with Indian tribes. Some discus-

President's Report continued:

sion points included: when to ask about treaty rights during tribal consultation, how treaty rights are affected, and how the proposed action may affect treaty rights. We also discussed the delegation of authority when the EPA delegates responsibilities to the states and how treaty rights shall be protected. I brought this to the attention of the EPA when the State of Michigan was involved with the mining. As you know, the EPA had delegated that authority to the State of Michigan, and the State of Michigan is saying that they have no obligation to consider the treaty rights of tribes. I brought this to the attention of Jason Oberly of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, who is located in Sault Ste. Marie. He informed me that this was the first he had heard of it, and he would start working on it. That was the impetus of the drive behind this consultation to get something written down about guidance of treaty rights. It is an effort of the tribes to get the State of Michigan to recognize that there are treaty rights in Michigan; we have a Federal Treaty, and we have a Reserve of Land for perpetuity. It is important that when authority is delegated that treaty rights are

- A number of us had the opportunity to attend the Annual Convention and Tradeshow of AMERIND Risk in Hawaii. The message from the Chairman of the Board was unity and working together. The first day was filled with presentations from the Executive Board, and we heard an inspirational speech from Gary Davis, AKA Litefoot. A number of breakout sessions occurred during the afternoons of the convention.
- I want to give an update on Waukesha. As you know, Waukesha is trying to divert some water from the Great Lakes Basin. It will be the first time water will be diverted from the Great Lakes Basin, and all of the Tribes of Michigan and Wisconsin are opposed to this diversion of Great Lakes water outside of the basin. We are going to continue to let the states know that the tribes are opposed to the diversion of water into Waukesha. This is an attempt by an outside territory, so to speak, it would be the first time they got their foot into the door, into the basin and start to divert the water. It is important that those water diversions take into consideration the tribes.
- I attended a presentation by the Natural Resources Department held at the Zeba Community Hall. The purpose of the presentation was to update the NMU's Native American Studies class taught by the Community's Associate Judge, Violet M. Friisvall Ayres. The presentation was on the events and activities that are done at our Natural Resource Fish Hatchery. The presentation was well received by the students, and it was a good opportunity for us to explain how treaty rights are exercised here on the L'Anse Reservation.
- The Community has the authority under its Constitution to regulate the health, safety, and welfare of its people. This is an obligation of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and its Council Members. It has been brought to our attention that there is a need to reduce the speed limit on the reservation from Irene's Pizza to the other end of town. Not only has the Community recognized the need to reduce the speed limit but both the Villages of Baraga and L'Anse have also. In fact, the Village of Baraga had requested a number of speed studies, but they were denied. We have been looking at the data related



- to the traffic and the accidents that have occurred there, and we haven't been able to get a complete picture; however, from what we have from last year's limited data there appears to have been at least 20 traffic accidents that occurred on that stretch, and I know that there have been a number of lives lost. With that said, I know that the 45 MPH signs we have placed on that stretch have come up missing. I have instructed Public Works to continue to place the signs to increase the safety of this community. If we can save one life, it is worth it.
- Darrell Kingbird, our language instructor, teaches in both the L'Anse and Baraga Schools. He had the opportunity to have a cultural day in both schools, and he held an Introduction to Native American Dance. Darrell addressed the students in our Native tongue, and all the students spoke back to him in Ojibwe as well. Darrell brought into both schools a group of singers, a drum, and dancers at both events, and they held exhibition dances. They taught the students about jingle dress, men's traditional, men's fancy, women's shawl, and a number of other types of dances. All the students and faculty had an opportunity to participate in an inter-tribal dance, and they poured out of the bleachers to participate. The Native American culture is alive and well in our schools, and we are well on our way to preserving our cultural and language.



Last night I had the opportunity to attend the High School Senior Banquet organized by our Education Committee which was held at the Zeba Community Hall. We had 13 graduates this year from L'Anse, Baraga, and the Community Schools. The message was to keep going, life is short, and education is important. We heard from one of our Tribal Members, Angela Danison, who was the Guest Speaker. She shared her story with us. She initially went to college at NMU starting with a four-year degree, but she became discouraged after her first year. She actually went to her father and told him that she was thinking about a two-year program. He told her that he'd support her choice but not to limit herself when it comes to her education. He said there was more opportunity for her with a four-year degree than there was with a two-year degree. She said she thought about that and took that into consideration. She listened to her father and continued on with the four-year degree. She was very grateful to the Community for giving her the opportunity to further her education by utilizing the Indian Tuition Waiver and for the monetary support that the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community has given her. With the guidance of her counselors and her father she decided to continue on with her education. She went on to grad school and received her Master's Degree. The 13 graduates were given a number of gifts of recognition from the Education Committee, the Cultural Committee, the Ojibwa Senior Citizens, and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

Respectfully submitted,

Warren C. Swartz

Tribal Council Secretary's Report for the Months of April and May 2016

ANIN! We honor the greatness in you. Remember: "Indian Country Counts" "Our People, Our Nations, Our Future"

We continue to recognize the richness of Native American contributions, accomplishments, and sacrifices to the political, cultural, and economic life of Michigan and the United States.

For all the Earth one prayer in this New Year: That all can live as one, and peace will reign everywhere. Mino-Bimaadizin "Live Well"

I had the honor of giving the Tribal Council Address at the KB Ojibwa Community College Graduation on May 7, and it was a pleasure to hear State Representative Scott Dianda give the commencement address. On May 13, I attended our Head Start Graduation and handed out their backpacks. Finally, I was also honored to be the guest speaker at the L'Anse-Baraga Community Schools 7th Annual Commencement Ceremony at Zeba Hall. Congratulations to all of our 2016 graduates, and a big thank you to staff. Thank you also to those who cleaned our Adopt-A-Roads program around the Reservation and remember not to litter. The Memorial Day program at the Pinery Cemetery was well attended and more thank yous to those who helped clean our cemeteries. This is a tribute to our Veterans and those who have walked on before us.

The Tribal Council did not hold a Regular Saturday Meeting in May. Eight Special Council meetings were held and following are the approved motions for April-May 2016. This report will be published in the KBIC "Wiikwedong Dazhi-Ojibwe" newsletter, and the approved minutes can be found on the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Website. Actions taken were:

April 2, 2016 Regular Council Meeting (approved):

- Approved the February and March 2016 Tribal Council President's Report.
- Approved the February and March 2016 Tribal Council Secretary's Report.
- Approved the Tribal Council Treasurer's Quarterly Report.
- Approved the February and March 2016 CEO's Report.
- Approved the January and February 2016 Department Head Reports.
- Approved the use and security Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN) and National Crime Information Center (NCIC) and use and security Criminal Justice Information Center (CJIC) and LIEN networks policy and procedures for the Tribal Access Program.
- Approved the Western Upper Peninsula Health Department Services Agreement between KBIC and the Western U.P. for the breast and cervical cancer screening and/or diagnostic services.
- Approved the ProvideLT Locums Tenens Service Agreement (temporary assignments for health care providers) and deleted line 12 (governed by the laws of the federal government).
- Approved the Tier III Services Agreement with Northern Pipe Equipment, Inc. to provide the Zeba sewer main cleaning, televising, and smoke testing services.
- Approved the April 2016 Donations: \$1,500.00 for the Carter Lindgren bowling benefit and a basket raffle for his medical needs, \$350.00 to Connie Vandemark for medical travel expenses, and \$500.00 to the American Legion Post (Baraga) for brass markers and flags.

April 7, 2016 Special Council Meeting (approved):

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 Tabled the Pinery Cemetery (burial issue in the older cemetery) until after the four Burial Educational Sessions are held. In the meantime, the families will contact the THPO office regarding burials in the older section.

April 14, 2016 Special Council Meeting (approved):

- Approved the March 31, and April 2, 2016 Tribal Council meeting minutes.
- Approved the purchase of a 2016 Chevrolet Impala LS from Keweenaw Chevrolet in the amount of \$25,703.94.
- Approved Resolution KB 019-2016 Tribal Transportation Agreement and the FY 2016 Referenced Funding Agreement for three years.
- Approved Resolution KB 018-2016 Robert A. Rajacic and Olivia S. Rajacic residential lease (and cancels the lease to Bruce F. Geroux).
- Approved the Victims of Crime Advocate (VOCA) 5% Grant match of \$2,250.00 for 2017 mileage.
- Approved a donation request from Analeese Rasanen for the Baraga High School Physics Class Field Trip to Chicago on April 28, 2016, in the amount of \$1,232.75.
- Approved the annual pledge (\$2,500.00) to the Baraga County Community Foundation for the Denise Marth Memorial Fun Run and use of the Tribal roads as requested on June 25th.

April 21, 2016 Special Council Meeting (approved)

- Approved the Tribal Council Vice President a part-time position of 20 hours per week at \$32.00 per hour and if the Vice President accepts, her full-time position will be open for her at the end of her term.
- Approved the Zeba Community Hall Non-alcoholic User Agreement and Zeba Community Hall policies and procedures.
- Approved the General Welfare Exclusion Act (Exemptions) for Traditional/Cultural Teachers and Ceremonies pending the Tribal Attorney's approval.
- Approved the business license renewal for engineering and construction for Arlan Friisvall doing business as Zebing Solutions, LLC.
- Approved the business license renewal for seafood sales for Corey J. Goodbird doing business as Corey "The Fish Guy."
- Approved the new business license for masonry; concrete (new and repairs) for Mark Misegan doing business as MJM Masonry.
- Approved the (Natural Resource Department) Water Program Grant 5% match for a FY 2017 position-\$16,674.00.
- Approved the bid from Environment International LTD in the amount of \$46,000.00 to develop Sediment and Surface Water Cleanup Criteria and Water Quality Standards.
- Approved that in the event that the Council finds that an individual Council member has knowingly violated confidentiality and has breached attorney client privilege, the Council, by motion, may issue a fine to the Council member. The breach must be in writing, and the Council must have documentation. The fine will be \$250.00 for the first offense, \$500.00 for the second offense, \$750.00 for the third offense, and \$1,000.00 for each time after.

April 28, 2016 Special Council Meeting (approved):

- Approved the changes recommended by the M3 Financial Advisor Keith Berry to replace several investment options within the plan (Employee's 401-K).
- Approved the changes recommended by the Wells Fargo Financial Advisor, Julie Riolo, to the Defined Benefit/Pension Plan (according to the Investment Policy Statement).
- Approved the KBIC Natural Resources Department Summary of 2015 and full Coaster Brook Trout stocking with the additional in Baraga.
- Approved the Lake Trout stocking increase to 85% in MI-4 and 15% in MI-5 management zones.
- Approved to stock Walleye in Lake Superior and inland lakes.
- Approved the Biological Services Subcontract with Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission and KBIC for the adult Sea Lamprey assessment trap and monitoring at the Silver River (\$3,500.00).
- Approved the Biological Services Subcontract with Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission and KBIC for Lake Trout assessments and fish structures (\$77,750.00).
- Approved the Tier III Services Agreement with David Whitman Construction, Inc. for the installation of a head tank tower at the NRD Fish Hatchery (\$28,697.00).
- Approved Resolution KB 020-2016 B.I.A. Roads Maintenance Funds application for three years.
- Approved a donation of \$1,000.00 to the Baraga Area Schools Advantedge Sports Training Program May 11-August 4, 2016, for Grades 7-12 L'Anse and Baraga athletes.
- Approved a donation to Ashtin Pouttu to the Mayo Clinic for medical travel expenses based on the CAP office guidelines to visit her grandmother.
- Approved a donation of \$500.00 for the L'Anse Area Schools Senior Lock-in Party.
- Approved the agreements with Heartland Business Systems, LLC for new switches (hardware and software upgrades) in the server room at the Donald A. LaPointe Health Clinic in the amount of \$14,543.26 and \$52,643.49.
- Approved the Memorandum of Cooperative Agreement between the Inter-Tribal Council of MI and KBIC for implementation of the U.P. Tribal Breast Health Coalition and learning collaborative program (\$27,000.00).
- Approved the UpToDate, Inc. subscription for license material for the management of clinical issues at the Donald A. LaPointe Health Clinic

- for \$8,000.00 per year.
- Approved the Keystone Rental Agreement with Ecolab, Inc. for two dishwashers at the Marquette Casino for one year.
- Approved a donation of \$1,000.00 to Toni Baker who lost her possessions in a house fire at our Marquette Housing.
- Approved the reclassification of the TERO Director/Workforce Coordinator adding the Background Investigator at a Grade 11.

May 4, 2016 Special Council Meeting (approved)

- Approved the April 7, 14, and 21, 2016 Tribal Council meeting minutes.
- Approved the proposal to add two water quality sampling locations on the Middle Branch Escanaba River with the USGS Tribal Cooperative Water Monitoring Program. The locations will be upstream and downstream of the Humboldt waste water discharges.
- Approved the Lucky 7's Restaurant Food Service and Business License renewal for one year with John Gervais.
- Approved the TD Safe Haven Horse Rescue and Therapy new Business License with Crystal Geroux.
- Approved the change from Cigna to Hartford Life and Accident Insurance for the group life insurance for employees.
- Approved the appointment of the Substitute Appellate Justices by the President for both cases coming before the Appellate Court and approved the services agreement with an amendment adding case #16-A-002.
- Approved to pay the State and local Governments the 2% and 8% based on the calculations without the free play from FY 2014 to present
- Approved to uphold the decision of the management in the Government Employee Appeal of Dismissal Hearing case #002-16.

May 19, 2016 Special Council Meeting (approved)

- Approved the April 28, and May 4, 2016 Tribal Council meeting minutes.
- Approved the bid from Data Financial in the amount of \$35,482.00 for the Currency/Ticket Counter/Sorter for the Baraga Casino soft count room
- Approved the Tier III Services Agreement with Mary Hindelang, Ph.D. to update and revise the Integrated Resource Management Plan to integrate climate change resiliency for \$12,000.00.
- Approved the Tier III Services Agreement with WhiteWater Associates, Inc. to develop a Quality Assurance Project Plan, Wetlands Program Plan, and Baseline Data Collection and Analysis specific to wild rice beds.
- Approved Resolution KB 022-2016 Baraga Casino 2% in the amount of \$99,349.95.
- Approved Resolution KB 023-2016 Marquette Casino 2% in the amount of \$125,915.88.
- Approved the May 2016 Donations: \$150.00 Baraga Area School Educational Support Team (BEST), \$1,000.00 Baraga Area High School Softball Team, \$8,000.00 Baraga County Lumberjack Days (Fireworks), \$100.00 HOSA National Leadership Conference, \$500.00 Camp New Day U.P., \$13,321.00 L'Anse American Legion Post #144, \$500.00 Cheryne Clement sponsorship for the 2016 NPC Jr. National Body Building Championship, \$320.00 2016 Chairman's Golf Open at LVD, \$200.00 Baraga County Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament, and \$500.00 Baraga County Relay for Life Team Ohana and all team requests.
- Approved to overturn the CEO's decision regarding the Government Employee Appeal of Dismissal hearing case #003-16 and to reimburse lost wages and annual/sick time and require that EAP services be utilized.
- Approved the Tier IV Services Agreement with Range Telecommunications for the new radio tower at Paradise Road in Houghton for \$314,000.00 and request funding from the Shakopee Nation.

May 26, 2016 Special Council Meeting (unapproved)

- Approved the Cultural Committee's guidelines for the Midewin/ Ceremony Assistance Funding Policy.
- Approved the Waste Management Ordinance 2016-01 as presented (3rd Reading).
- Approved the Title Twenty Hazardous Substances Control Ordinance 2016-02 (3rd Reading).
- Approved the Aristrocrat Technologies, Inc. gaming device order for the addition of six "Lightning Link" for the Baraga Casino.
- Approved the (renewal) Agreement with the Hannahville Indian Community for Registered Dietitian Services for the WIC Program.
- Approved the Memorandum of Agreement with Indian Health Service for the Zeba Pumphouse Improvements for \$86,000.00.
 Approved the Second Amendment to the Casino Restaurant Space
- Lease for the Lucky 7's (John Gervais) for one year.

 Approved a denation request from Alden Conner for a \$150.00 entry
- Approved a donation request from Alden Connor for a \$150.00 entry fee for the 20th Annual Matt Ahonen Memorial Men's Slowpitch Tournament in Wakefield, MI on June 24th.
- Approved to uphold the CEO's decision in the Government Employee Appeal of Dismissal hearing case #004-16.
- Approved the renewal of the Eagle Radio General Manager (Ed Janisse) Employment Agreement with additional terms to Attachment A.

Respectfully Submitted, Susan J. LaFernier



Baraga Graduates



Raistlin Awonohopay is the son of Christine Awonohopay and the late Eric Awonohopay. He has been very active in Baraga High School's music program. He participated in band for football games and pep assemblies. He was a major force in organizing the first Native American Honor Song played at graduation at BHS and this was the first year that Tribal students received an eagle feather at graduation. Raistlin says he learned everything he knows about singing and drumming from his dad. In honor of his dad, he carries on those traditions. His family has a drum called Summercloud, and he also drums with the Woodland Singers. He has been the youth head dancer at many pow-wows throughout the community. His school activities included two years of junior varsity football and one year of varsity football. He is a member of the Baraga County Community Foundation and was elected to that group's Board of Administrators. He enjoys spending time with friends and family and playing his guitar. He and his friends have a rock band, Treading Water. He also enjoys tinkering with cars. He plans on attending Northern Michigan University for Automotive Service Technology. He hopes to open his own business one day.



Troy DeCota is the son of Annette Emery and Ron DeCota. He was involved in the "Littles" program at BHS. He was paired with a fifth grader and they read books together for the semester. He received an award for "Most Improved Student" in his Spanish class.

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Troy was voted best laugh and greatest sneeze in his senior class. He has been the student of the month because of his work habits, personality, and sense of humor. He has received honor roll and attendance awards from the Tribe throughout the years. He has worked for the Summer Youth Program for several years. One year he worked with the forester collecting data and information about the Tribe's forest. Troy's hobbies are playing guitar, watching movies, playing video games, and hanging out with his friends. He also likes to read. He has been accepted at Michigan Technological University and Northern Michigan University and is deciding which route to take.



Skye Loonsfoot is the daughter of Lisa Hutchinson and Greg Loonsfoot. While in high school, she played volleyball for one year. She was in numerous art classes, and her artwork was displayed at the Baraga County Memorial Hospital and the Copper Country Community Arts Center. She received an award for "Most Improved Student" in her writing class. She participated in the "Littles" program, a reading program where upperclassmen were matched up with a fifth

grader. The purpose was to encourage reading and have active involvement in the schools. Her hobbies include spending time with friends, camping, and four-wheeling. She has worked for the Summer Youth Program for the last four years. She worked with the Pre-Primary Program, and last summer you might have seen her smiling face at the front desk at the Tribal Center. Skye's plans after graduation are to attend Northern Michigan University. She is undecided about her major.



Aleah Maskew is the daughter of Jaimee Loonsfoot and Wayne Maskew. high school she played one year of volleyball. She has been on the Honor Roll many times. She recently received the Truman D. Picard Scholarship. She has taken many college prep classes and had an independent art class during her senior year. Aleah has volunteered for the Tribe's annual Kids' Fishing Derby and was Baraga County Memorial Hospital's Artist of the Month for June. She has also had artwork displayed at the Copper Country Community Arts Center. Her hobbies include art and singing. She has performed in the annual BHS Music Boosters Talent Show and with BHS's Choir this past year. Aleah currently works at the Tribe's Natural Resources Department as a Plant Techni-

cian. She has held a job here since her first year with the Summer Youth Program when she was in the 9th grade. Her plans after graduation are to attend Michigan Technological University and major in Biological Sciences.



Annaleese Rasanen is the daughter of Julie and Carl Rasanen. She has been on the Honor Roll every marking period since 4th grade. She also received numerous attendance awards. In high school, she played basketball for three years, ran track for one year, and played volleyball for four years. She was awarded the Copper Country Conference All Conference Honorable Mention for varsity volleyball in 2014, the Copper Country Conference All Conference 1st Team and also All Region, and she was also chosen to be the team captain of the varsity volleyball team in her senior year. She has volunteered at the Copper Country Humane Society, St. Vincent de Paul, Junior High Volleyball Tournament, Baraga Area Schools Blood Drive, and Young Author's Day. Her hobbies in-

clude fishing, camping, being outdoors, and spending time with friends and family. She has been a Summer Youth Worker for many years and currently works as an after-school Tutor/Mentor. She plans to attend Ferris State University majoring in Sonography/Radiology.



Brendan Varline is the son of Kerry and John Varline. He received academic letters for four years and medals for Honor Roll. He received a Chemistry award in 2014 and was Student of the Week in October 2015. He was a member of the Building Technology Advisory Committee which planned for the future construction in the trades industry. He played football for three years and basketball for four years. In sports, he made the Great Western Conference 1st team defense. He was on the 2014-15 All-U.P. Basketball Second Team. He was on the Copper Country Boys All Conference Basketball First Team. In 2015-16, he made the Elite and First Team in the Copper Mountain Conference and Honorable Mention All U.P. He

was invited to the All Star Basketball game to be held on June 19 in Marquette, Michigan. He broke the school record for most tackles in a single game. He was named Viking Athlete of the Week in September 2015. He played in the U.P. All Star Football Game on June 15 in Marquette, Michigan. Brendan was also a member of the Rez Runner basketball team. He has worked for the Summer Youth Program where he helped prepare the campground for the annual pow-wow. His hobbies include any and all types of sports and hanging out with friends. He will be attending Michigan State University this fall majoring in Business with a minor in Marketing.

L'Anse/Baraga Community Schools Graduates



Jacob Arens is the son of Deb and Bob Arens. In high school he played basketball and football. He was on the honor roll and received auto tech certificates. He has been a regular volunteer at the Copper Country Humane Society. His hobbies include fishing, hiking, camping, biking, dog walking, working on vehicles, welding, hunting, and grilling. He has worked for Superior Paving LLC for several years. Jacob has been accepted at Gogebic Community College and will be majoring in Criminal Justice. He would like to pursue a career with the DNR and would also like to manage a small business.

Kassidey Beck is the daughter of Nanette Beck and the late Matthew Beck. While in high school, she participated in volleyball and cheerleading. She received an OSHA certification and received an award for volleyball. Her hobbies are volleyball, softball, basketball, reading, going to the beach, and hanging out with friends. She has worked for the Summer Youth Program and worked at the pow-wow grounds, the Natural Resource Department, and the Senior Citizens' center. Kassidey's plans are to seek employment and then attend college.



David Paquin is the son of Pam Loonsfoot and Tom Paquin. In high school he played football and received an award for his participation in the sport. He has worked in road construction and was a member of the Beartown Firefighters. He received a letter of appreciation from the Governor for his work at the Duck Lake fire in Newberry. He enjoys fishing, hunting, building things for his home, and spending time with his children. His future plans are to seek employment. (No picture available.)



Summer Potts is the daughter of Waynette Potts and Robin Chosa. She attended high school in Arkansas before moving to Baraga County. She volunteered at a Boys and Girls Club in Arkansas. Her hobbies include playing softball and going for walks. She is currently employed at Subway. Her future plans are to attend college.



Tasha Swartz is the daughter of Leslie Swartz. Her hobbies include cooking, baking, and cleaning. She has worked at Copper Country Mental Health as a Child Advocate. She has also worked for the Summer Youth Program. Her plans are to attend culinary school.



Ronald Tilson is the son of Peggy Bittner and Dale Tilson. In high school, he participated in football and track, and he was on the Honor Roll. His hobbies are playing sports and making music. He has worked as a mechanic, a home nurse, a gas station employee, and has done painting and construction. He will be seeking employment to get the right job and wants to join the military, specifically the Marine Corps.



Keweenaw Bay Indian Community **Employment Opportunities**

For current job listings, complete job an-

nouncements, applications, and closing dates contact: KBIC Personnel Department, 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49908-9210 or ext 4176 906-353-6623, or visit:

www.ojibwa.com.

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

- Maintenance Worker, Public Works, (full-time), 7/12/2016
- Physician/Medical Director, DHHS, (full-time), 7/8/2016
- Powwow Workers, Cultural Resources, (temporary) 7/6/2016
 - Three (3) Registration Workers, ten (10) Parking Attendants, four (4) Shuttle Drivers, three (3) Firekeepers, eight (8) Security, two (2) Security Supervisors
- Pharmacist, DHHS, (full-time), 7/4/2016
- Summer College Intern, Education, (full-time, temporary), open until filled
- Law Clerk, Attorney, (full-time, temporary), open until filled
- Billing Clerk, DHHS, (full-time), open until filled
- Teaching Assistant II, Pre-Primary (part-time), open until filled
- Youth Mentor, (youth position), Niiwin Akeaa (part-time), open until filled
- Assistant Tribal Attorney (full-time), Office of the Attorney, open until filled

On-call positions (open continuous): Pharmacy Technician, Facility Attendant, Registered Nurse, Licensed Practical Nurse, Internal Sales Specialist, Pharmacist, Receptionist/Clerical Worker, Fill-in Receptionist, Board Operator, Cashier, Account Executive/Sales, Community Service Supervisor, Unit Manager (Newday), Unit Manager (OVW), Van Driver, Cleaning Person, Natural Resources Technician.

For complete job announcement and application requirements contact: KBIC Personnel Department, 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, Michigan, 49908. (906)353-6623, ext. 4176 or 4140, or visit us at www.kbic-nsn.gov.

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community announces their recent gaming distributions

Since 1993 the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community has been making bi-annual payments from gaming proceeds of their casinos to local units of government and to the State of Michigan. These payments are 2% and 8% respectively and are derived from the net win from all Class III electronic games of chance commonly known as slot machines.

The two-percent (2%) payments are made each May and November. Local units of Government may make requests throughout the year. To receive an award the entity must first make a request in writing.

For the period of October 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016, the total to be distributed to local units of government in Baraga County, which was derived from the Ojibwa Casino Resort-Baraga, was \$99,349.95. The payments approved by Tribal Council for this distribution are as follows:

Baraga County	\$27,334.66	L'Anse School District	\$16,424.47
Baraga School District	\$32,908.09	L'Anse Township	\$ 1,851.35
Baraga Township	\$11,011.19	Village of L'Anse	\$ 1,355.28
Village of Baraga	\$ 8,464.91		

Distributions totaling \$125,915.88 were made to local units of government in Marquette County that were derived from the Ojibwa Casino-Marquette for the same period as follows:

City of Marquette

Superior Watershed Partnership	\$25,000.00
MSU College of Human Medicine	\$ 2,500.00
Great Lakes Recovery Center Housing f	or Women \$13,000.00
YMCA Barriers for Juveniles	\$10,000.00
Lake Superior Hospice Bereavement Pro	ogram \$ 5,415.88
NMU CNAS Conference	\$10,000.00
Charter Township of Chocolay	\$45,000.00
Onota Township U.P. Central Trails	\$15,000.00

Eight percent (8%) payments are made to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. The May 2016 distribution for the Ojibwa Casino Resort—Baraga totaled **\$360,337.82** and **\$519,663.55** for the Ojibwa Casino-Marquette.

The next cycle of awards will be made in November 2016. Local units of government within Baraga or Marquette Counties may apply. Written requests received before September 30, 2016 will be considered.

Respectfully submitted, Doreen G. Blaker, Treasurer

Summer Reading at the Library, by Angela Badke, Library Director

This summer, the Ojibwa Community Library is presenting a Summer Reading Program and Summer Reading Challenge for community members. The theme for this year is "On your mark, get set, READ!" for the kindergarten-8th graders, and "Get in the Game, READ" for the young adult and adult level readers.

While the kindergarten-8th graders have a summer reading program they can participate in, grades 9-12 and adults are encouraged to join the

summer reading challenge who library staff has developed. The reading challenge can be played two ways. One is to read and record the titles of the books on a traditional reading log. The second way is new this year. The staff have developed a reading BINGO card where readers have to complete different book-related challenges. Both the traditional reading log and the BINGO card allow readers to earn free books from the library.



FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON **INDIAN RESERVATIONS (FDPIR)** FY 2016 NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS* (Effective Oct. 1, 2015 to Sept. 30, 2016)

*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
House- hold Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standard		SNAP Standard De- duction		FDPIR Net Monthly In- come Stan- dard
1	\$ 981	+	\$155	=	\$1,136
2	\$1,328	+	\$155	=	\$1,483
3	\$1,675	+	\$155	=	\$1,830
4	\$2,021	+	\$168	=	\$2,189
5	\$2,368	+	\$197	=	\$2,565
6	\$2,715	+	\$226	=	\$2,941
7	\$3,061	+	\$226	=	\$3,287
8	\$3,408	+	\$226	=	\$3,634
Each additional member					+ \$347
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2016 ANN MISEGAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The KBIC Education Department announces the availability of the 2016 Ann Misegan Memorial Scholarship applications. The scholarship amount is \$1,000, twice a year for up to six years, and will be awarded to a new student each fall. Applicants must meet the following

- **Enrolled Tribal member**
- Attending an accredited college/university
- Enrolled as a full-time student
- Pursuing a degree in a Health Care field (nursing or dental program preference given)
- Resident of Baraga or Marquette County

Eligible students must complete an application, submit an essay detailing their interest in their chosen health field, and submit a copy of their official transcripts (high school or college).

For more information and to request an application, contact Amy St. Arnold, Education Director at 906-353-6623, ext. 4117 or at amy@KBICnsn.gov. The application deadline is July 8, 2016, at 4 p.m.



Registration for the Summer Reading Program ended June 28, though you can call to see if there is still room for your child to participate. The Sum-

mer Reading Challenge's registration ends August 1. Once registered, participants will get their Summer Reading packets. For more information, contact Angela Badke at 353-8163 or e-mail her at oclib@up.net. Don't forget to like and follow the Ojibwa Community Library to stay up-todate for all of our announcements and events!

CEO's Report for the months of April and May 2016

During the months of April and May 2016, the CEO's office reported the following:

- The Funeral Task Force, comprised of myself, Rodney Loonsfoot, Jennifer Misegan, Susan LaFernier, Debbi Williamson, and Gary Loonsfoot continued to meet and finalized plans for three community meetings held during the month of April which included cultural teachings on the subject and information sharing by local funeral home directors and the task force. Due to a scheduling conflict, Lee Staples was unable to attend the 4th and final session on May 18. That session has been rescheduled to take place during the week of July 18th, KBIC's annual Pow Wow.
- The bi-monthly department head and manager's meeting was held on May 25. Staff were provided two training sessions related to communication and leadership. The training sessions were conducted by Ceridian, our Employee Assistance Program provider. Following the training sessions, staff were provided with updates and shared information related to their departments.
- A meeting was held with both Ojibwa Casinos Marketing Departments as well as casino management regarding the organizational change approved for the Marketing Department. The change of moving from two Marketing Managers to one Marketing Director is underway as the director position has been posted, closed, and now applicants will be screened and interviews setup.
- Michael Schrader, General Manager of the Ojibwa Casinos, has provided his notice of resignation and 30 days notice under the terms of his employment agreement. His last day of work will be June 14. The position has been advertised for several weeks and a review of the pool of applicants scheduled for your meeting next week - the position is hired by Council.
- Jerry Jondreau, the Tribe's forester, is no longer employed.
 The position will be posted following the ten day hold period per policy. Sarah Maki, Assistant CEO, has taken on oversight and responsibilities of the department in the meantime.
- The Tribe's Pharmacist, Cynthia Garneau, worked her last day the end of May. The position was posted, and two candidates were interviewed. The first pharmacist offered the position declined, and the second one was offered but no formal response received. A temporary appointment of Thomas Brown has been approved to fill the post while the search for a permanent replacement takes place.
- Following the termination for cause of Dr. Peter Benson, a fill-in physician, has been acquired through a Locums Tenens pool. The position is being solicited through networks of Health Director, Carole LaPointe, but hadn't been posted locally. The position will be officially posted next week.
- The Tribe's Social Services Department is currently operating with two fewer employees. Remaining staff have taken on the workload, and I will provide additional details on this topic in closed session today.
- I attended a retirement luncheon for one of the Baraga Casino's long term employees. Elaine "Sam" Blamer worked her last day on May 18. Sam put in nearly 30 years and worked her way through the ranks retiring as one of the casino's Shift Managers.
- The Ojibwa Carwash's automated bay is closed and will remain closed until an analysis is completed on whether an investment into replacing the current equipment makes financial sense.
 The manual bay continues to operate.
- We are continuing to work on the opportunity to manufacture our own tobacco products. Several calls have taken place to discuss the process needed to move forward, and additional details will be reported in the coming months.

- I, along with a number of other Council members and staff, attended the AMERIND Risk/NAIHC Conference in Honolulu, HI, the week of May 8. The combined conference provided networking opportunities as well as informational sessions. I am thankful for the opportunity to have been able to visit HI but do believe hosting a conference there is not financially responsible. Jennifer Misegan did make that fact known during one of the regional meetings we attended and suggested that consideration be given to hosting the events within the continental US due to the cost.
- I, along with eight others, including members of the ICWA Committee and applicable departmental staff, attended a Department of Justice training in Hannahville, MI. The training was titled "Improving the Approach to Child Sexual Abuse Cases in MI's Indian Country" provided valuable information in dealing with the topic. To utilize what was learned at the training, I scheduled an internal follow up meeting with those who attended to digest the information and develop plans to improve our approach in dealing with the subject.
- The Housing Department continues to work on assisting the Harvey Housing tenant whose home was consumed by fire recently. The fire has been linked to a heating lamp that was used in the home to help keep a reptile warm. Our insurance carrier has performed an initial assessment of damages which is under review by the department.
- With final closure of the Bingo hall complete, a comprehensive inventory was conducted and anything that can be utilized within the resort will be transferred. The remaining items will be distributed to other departments of the Tribe. If anything remains after that, a rummage sale, so-to-speak, will be held.
 - The new casino projects workgroup met and discussed options related to creating a resort at the current Marquette casino location. The change in direction comes following a negative response from the State of MI regarding the Tribe's request to give Governor Snyder one last chance to work with Tribe in moving its Marquette casino from Chocolay to the former airport property. The workgroup met with Dan LeVeque of Gundlach Champion to discuss the elements desired in creating a resort for a new Marquette casino. The elements include adding a 100 unit hotel (potentially branded), 400 seat divided conference center, two food outlets including a full service restaurant and grill, 1200 seat entertainment venue, and expanded gaming space to accommodate up 600 slot machines. The Baraga project is slated to change to only include new gaming space while potentially updating and using the current hotel, restaurant, etc. The initial budget by Gundlach will be provided to KBIC by June 17 and ready for review by Council on June 23. Resolutions to conduct a referendum election on the changes would be ready for the 23rd as well which would start the required 45 day period outlined in the Election Ordinance. The actual election would happen around August 5. Community meetings would be held to present the changes and answer any questions - the budget of \$40 million is not proposed to change. We are continuing to work on the formal contract with Gundlach and its anticipated it would finalized prior to the election. Changes to the projects can be easily inserted throughout the process. If the proposed changes are approved, construction for both projects would start immediately following the election with completion dependent upon winter weather conditions.

I have also reached out to the two hotel brands that were being considered for the original Baraga projects and both remain very interested in the opportunity presented at a resort in Marquette.

Respectfully submitted, Larry Denomie III, CEO

Ojibwa Housing Resident Services

Happy Summer Everyone! Following is a list of upcoming events and activities scheduled at the Zeba Community Building for the months of July and August 2016.

- Tribal Council Meeting: Saturday, July 9, 2016, 9 a.m.
- Ojibwa Housing Resident Services: Tuesday, July 12, 2016, 1 p.m.—3 p.m. and Tuesday, July 26, 2016, 1 p.m.—3 p.m., (Zeba Office 524-5500).
- KBIC Medical Clinic/WIC: Wednesday, July 20, 2016, 12:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 24, 2016, 12:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m.
- Native Comedian and Wellness Presentation: Thursday July 21, 2016, 6 p.m. For information contact RD Curtis at 353-8121.
- Craft Group: Sunday's from 1 p.m.—6 p.m.
- Youth Boxing: Saturday and Sunday from 1 p.m.—3 p.m., Mon-

- day, Wednesday, and Friday from 6 p.m.—8 p.m. Contact Justin Gauthier or Alden Connor for more information. (353-6623).
- Stamping Convention: Friday, August 5, 2016, 5 p.m.—10 p.m. and Saturday, August 6, 2016, 8 a.m.—5 p.m. For more information contact Lisa Denomie at 353-7235.

The Community Hall is available to rent for showers, birthday parties, wedding receptions, etc...call Natalie Mleko at 353-7117 ext. 112 to make reservations.







NEWS FROM THE OJIBWA SENIOR CITIZENS

You may now get your blood pressure checked every Thursday at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens Center, 11:00 a.m.

Join us for Tai Chi offered every Wednesday at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens Center, 10:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. or 4:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m.

The Ojibwa Senior Citizens' held their elections on May 11, 2016. The new Ojibwa Senior Citizen's Executive Board is: Debi Williamson, President; Debbie Parrish, Vice President; Debra LaPointe, Treasurer; Virgil Loonsfoot, Assistant Treasurer; Shirley McKasy, Secretary; and Sandra Pittlsey, Assistant





NOW ENROLLING

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT 524-8109

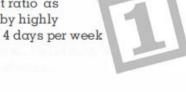


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GREAT START READINESS PROGRAM (GSRP) GSRP PROGRAM QUALIFICATION:

- > Child must be 4 years old before September 1st, 2016
- > Program is free to income-eligible families

GSRP Programs maintain a 1:8 teacher-student ratio as required by the State of Michigan and are run by highly qualified and certified teachers. Classes meet 4 days per week from 8am-3pm at the Wabanung location.







This program is provided through a grant from The Michigan Department of Education



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July:

Secretary.

- No senior meeting this month.
- July 15, Pasty prep starts at 12:15 p.m. for the Aura Jamboree Pasty order
- July 16, baking pasties at 10:00 a.m.
- No Senior Pasty sale in July.

August:

- August 10, 12:15 p.m. Senior Meeting.
- August 24, Pasty prep.
- August 25, Pasty sale. <u>Please mark your calendars with these dates!</u>

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SMALL STEPS TOWARD BEING PREPARED FOR AN EMERGENCY

Family Communication Plan



THE GOAL: Have the ability to communicate with family members during a disaster.

Today we have more ways to speak with one another than ever before. We are used to staying in touch with cell phones, internet, and email, but disasters can change things. These devices may not be available. Cell phone towers quickly become overloaded with people trying to reach friends and family. If the power is out at your home, cordless phones, internet, and email will not work either.

DODGE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING THINGS TO DO THIS MONTH TO BECOME BETTER PREPARED:

☐ Have a phone with a cord and a car charger for your cell phone standing by in case of a power failure.

Phones with cordless handsets won't work in a disaster because they need more electricity than they can get from the phone jack. Old fashioned phones with a cord connecting the handset to the base will work even in a power outage. Make sure you have at least one phone with a cord in your home in case of a power outage.

Keep a car charger for your cell phone in your vehicle. If the power is out in your home, you can still charge your cell phone in your car.

If you don't have a landline and you use a cell phone as your home phone, remember that cell phone towers may be tied up with calls in an emergency. However, a text message from your cell phone may get through when a phone call doesn't. Make sure everyone in your family knows how to send and receive text messages.

Remember, never call 911 to get information about what is going on in an emergency. Only call 911 if you are injured or need help.

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Develop a plan for how your family will stay in touch during a disaster.

Develop a plan so you can stay in touch with your family in a disaster. Include phone numbers for all family members and those who can give you extra help, such as caregivers. Also include all work, school, and daycare phone numbers, if applicable. A wallet-size form you can use to write down this information can be found at www.ready.gov. Be sure each family member has a copy of your communication plan. Post the communication plan by a phone in your home, and include it in your go bag as well.

OUTSIDE THE AREA CONTACT

Local phone calls and long distance calls work on different circuits. When local circuits are overloaded, you may still be able to make long distance calls. Choose someone outside of the local calling area to be your "outside the area" contact. Make sure all family members carry this phone number with them. If something happens when your family is not together and you are not able to reach each other, each family member can call the "outside the area" contact and leave a message for the others.

Safe and Well

The Red Cross Safe and Well program is a way for families to keep in touch when they are separated in a disaster. Visit the website at www.safeandwell.org now and show family members how it works.

Make the website address part of the emergency information every family member carries. If you are separated from each other in a disaster, make sure everyone knows to go to the website to enter information about themselves, and how to find information are others.



Program In Case of Emergency (ICE) numbers into all family cell phones.

If you are hurt and can't talk, first responders and hospital staff may not know how to contact your family right away. If you have a cell phone, you can provide the phone numbers for your emergency contacts to first responders and hospital staff.

- 1. Create a new contact in your cell phone's phone book
- 2. Name the contact ICE.
- Enter all phone numbers for the person you would like to have notified in a medical emergency.

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July 2016 Calendar Events

- July 4 and 5: Gov't Office Closed, 4th of July holiday;
- **July 9:** Reg. Sat. Council Meeting, 9 am, Zeba Community Hall, Zeba;
- July 15: Logo unveiling/ice cream social, 2-4 pm, Donald A LaPointe Health and Human Services Center, Baraga;
- **July 20:** Wiikwedong Ogichidaa Society (KBIC Veterans) meeting, 7 pm, Public Works/Industrial Park, Baraga.;
- July 21: Adult Comedy Show—Mylo Smith, 7 pm, Zeba Community Hall:
- July 22-24: 38th Keweenaw Bay Maawanji'iding, KBIC Powwow Grounds.

~ submitted by newsletter editor

" Loaded Potato Sale"

Friday, July 15, 2016 Ojibwa Senior Citizens Center Baraga, MI

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Toppings include:

Butter
Sour Cream
Cheese
Green Onions

Bacon Chili

Taco Meat



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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:

Monday, July 11, 2016, 8:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m. (No appointment necessary)

1st Floor Conference Room, KBIC Tribal Center

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.

If you have any questions, cannot make it to the clinic but would still like free legal advice, <u>please call MILS at 1-800-968-6877</u>.



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:

newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov.

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





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Attention Veterans! KBIC Veterans Post 1492 is undergoing a transformation to the Wiikwedong Ogichidaa Society. The intent is to expand activities beyond the Honor/Color Guard making the group more active and involved within the community. Regular meetings will continue to be at 7:00 PM the third Wednesday of the month at the Veterans' Building up at Public Works. Ask Commander Virgil Loonsfoot, Vice Commander George DeCota, Secretary Rodney Loonsfoot, Chaplin Joe Dowd, or any member for more information.

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Tie-Dye Fun!

Parent Circle

- Children 0-5 and siblings of all ages welcome!
- · Make & Take t-shirts and onesies
- Family Engagement— children must be supervised
- Snacks will be available!

Second Monday!

Date: July 11, 2016

Time: 4:30-6:00PM

Ojibwa Recreation Area, Pow-Wow grounds pavilion, Baraga.

Please wear clothing that may get stained!



Supplies are limited. Register & tell Dawn your shirt size! 353-4521



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