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8TH ANNUAL CHELSEY LAFERNIER MEMORIAL WALK



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

KBIC held the Eighth Annual Chelsey LaFERNIER Walk on Saturday, October 1, 2016. The schedule of events began with a Water Ceremony at the Sand Pointe Lighthouse at 10 a.m. Walk participants began registering and received purple shirts at the Niiwin Akeaa Facility beginning at 1:30 p.m. After registration they were shuttled to the corner of Lyons and McGillan Street in Baraga, Michigan, to begin the walk; a location near the residence where Chelsey's life was taken by her domestic partner on January 22, 2009. A tobacco ceremony was offered by Debbie Williamson just prior to the participants walking the 1.7 mile journey through the Baraga Housing Projects and up M-38 to the final destination of the Niiwin Akeaa Facility.

Since 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.

President Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. gave a welcome to those present for the events held after the walk. "We (Council) are very serious about protecting our Indian women here on the L'Anse Indian Reservation." Further, Swartz indicated the Council is dedicated to continuing support programs for prevention, assist victims, and will lead to the prosecution of those who commit these crimes.

The Three Sisters' Presentation (Chelsey's three sisters—Lily Marcotte, Amber Sue Weigel, and Betsey Leinonen) followed. Lily spoke about the Office of Violence against Women (OVW) Program located on our reservation: Safety First, and the Crisis Line (906) 353-4599 are available 24/7, 365 days a year. She also did a presentation on Remembering Chelsey's Life, Not Her Death. National statistics say one in every ten women will experience violence in the form of domestic violence, sexual assault, date rape, or stalking. In Native American communities those statistics are one in four women. Domestic violence can be verbal ("you're not worthy") to physical (hitting, strangling, and choking ending in death).

Amber spoke about her personal journey dealing with her sister's murder. She included what she is doing in her own community to fight against Domestic Violence.

Betsey shared the history of violence in our



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Guest speaker, Teri Jendusa Nicolai, has been featured on Oprah, 20/20, and many others.



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Blessing of the food was given by elder, Janice Shalifoe, (center) pictured above with her granddaughter Chalsea Smith (left) and Cherie Dakota, OVW Team Lead (right). Smith and Shalifoe are members of the Women's Advisory Board.

community from orphanages and the taking away of our traditions to how this is passed down from generation to generation.

Chelsey's daughter, Alexus DeCota, released purple balloons to heaven and cited a poem written by Kirsten Preus, "If Roses Grow in Heaven."

If Roses grow in Heaven
Lord, please pick a bunch for me.

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.

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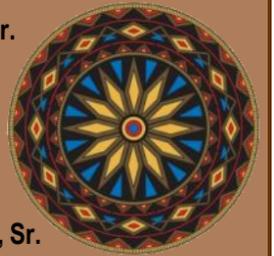
Eddy Edwards

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Michael F. LaFERNIER, Sr.

Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.

Donald Shalifoe, Sr.



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- 8th Annual Chelsey LaFERNIER Walk/Domestic Abuse Awareness Month
- October 8, 2016 Tribal Council Meeting
- Solar Arrays Construction at NewDay
- KBIC To Build Non-motorized Pathway
- KBIC To Build Halfway House
- KBIC Hires Forester

Place them in my Mother's arms
and tell her they're from me.
Tell her that I love her and miss her,
and when she turns to smile,
place a kiss upon her cheek
and hold her for awhile.
Because remembering her is easy,
I do it every day,
but there's an ache within my heart
that will never go away.

October 8, 2016 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Regular Saturday Tribal Council Meeting was held on October 8, 2016, at the Marquette Community Center in Harvey, Michigan. President Warren Swartz, Jr., presided over the meeting with Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, Doreen Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Randall Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., and Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr. present. Not present: Toni J. Minton, Fred Dakota, and Donald Shalifoe, Sr.

Council Secretary Susan J. LaFernier shared numerous *Thank You* and *For Your Information* items addressed to Council.

President Swartz welcomed the Tribal Law and Government class in attendance from Northern Michigan University taught by the Honorable Violet M. Friisvall Ayres from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. Introductions were made.

President Warren Swartz, Jr. gave the President's Report (page three), Vice President Jennifer Misegan gave the Vice President's Report (page four), Susan J. LaFernier gave the Secretary's Report (page five), and Larry Denomie III gave the CEO's Report (page seven). Council passed Department Head Reports for June and July 2016.

Delegations/Individuals: Sandy Carlson introduced her granddaughter, Hanna Hervola, who was named the KBIC Junior Princess this year. Sandy addressed Council on three topics today. 1) Marquette Senior Christmas Party. Council's consensus was to issue Marquette County Seniors gas gift cards in lieu of a party which was the choice indicated by survey last year. 2) Harvey Plowing Concerns. Sandy indicated the people are happy with the man who plows and salts the projects but asked if the access road between the Casino and the Harvey Housing could be salted as a number of elders slipped and were injured last year. She also expressed some concern about early morning plowing for the Casino employees who work at 6 a.m. Sharon Misegan, Marquette Casino Manager, was present and indicated that last year she initiated a maintenance midnight shift, and this problem has been eliminated. 3) Life insurance for members. Sandy inquired who will the plan cover? When will the plan start? What about headstone costs? Vice President Misegan said, "When the Life Insurance Plan starts it will go up to \$5,000 and will cover every Tribal member no matter where they live. We will still continue to assist with headstones. The Tribe will actually be the beneficiary, and then the Tribe will pay the expense up to the \$5,000 for every member. We currently work directly with the funeral home. They send us the bill and a copy of the death certificate, and we then send payment to the funeral home." Sandy thanked Council for doing this for the people. "That is a God send."

Under New Business: Diana Chaudier, Election Board Chairman, presented the list of eligible Tribal Members who have submitted their names to be placed on the Primary Election Ballot: Tribal Council in the Baraga District – Robin Chosa, Alden Connor, Jr.,

Daniel Connor, Ronald Edwards, Hope Laramore, Rodney Loonsfoot, Elizabeth D. Mayo, Donald Messer, Jr., and Donald Shalifoe, Sr. Tribal Council in the L'Anse District – Lyndon Ekdahl, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., and Gary Loonsfoot, Jr. One candidate for Associate Judge: Violet M. Friisvall Ayres. The Election Board met yesterday afternoon and reviewed the candidates listed. The Board recommends approval of all Tribal Council and judicial candidates. A Primary Election is required only in the Baraga District for the position of Tribal Council. Upcoming events are: The deadline date to request an absentee ballot is October 14, 2016. Requests will be reviewed by the Board on October 17, 2016. Absentee Ballots will be mailed to those members who are approved upon receipt of the ballots from Governmental Business Systems (GBS). Jeanne Emery has been selected as the Homebound Election Worker, and she will go to those members' homes in the Baraga District on Friday, November 4, 2016. David Carmody from GBS will be programming the Accu-Vote Machines at the Tribal Center on Tuesday, October 25, 2016. Diana along with a Tribal Police Officer will witness the setting of the machines. One alternate Election Board Member will need to be chosen by Tribal Council from those members who submit for the Election Worker position. The deadline for members to submit their name for an Election Worker position is October 14, 2016. The Primary Election is held on November 5, 2016. Diana explained usually there are two council positions in both the L'Anse and Baraga District. If there are five candidates, we hold a Primary Election as only four candidates can move on to the General Election. Because there are only three candidates running for the two positions in L'Anse and one for the judicial position, we will not require primaries for those positions; they will all move on to the General Election. **Motion by Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. to approve the list candidates for the 2016 Primary Election, supported by Jennifer Misegan. Six supported (Misegan, Blaker, Curtis, Edwards, Haataja, Loonsfoot), 0 opposed, two abstained (S. LaFernier, M. LaFernier), three absent (Minton, Dakota, Shalifoe), motion carried.**

Treasurer Doreen Blaker presented the October 2016 donations requests. **Motion by Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. to approve the October 2016 donations as: \$500.00 to Bay Cliff Health Camp and \$250.00 to Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly for a total of \$750.00, supported by Susan J. LaFernier. Eight supported (Misegan, S. LaFernier, Blaker, Curtis, Edwards, Haataja, M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, three absent (Minton, Dakota, Shalifoe), motion carried.**

Council held a question and answer opportunity for Northern Michigan University's NAS 310 Tribal Law and Government Students prior to adjourning.

~ By Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor

President's Report for September 2016

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

- Recently the Vice President, Tribal Attorney, and I, met with Larry Roberts Assistant Attorney of the Department of Interior. We went to Washington D.C. and discussed our land claims regarding some land in Sault Ste. Marie at the Soo Locks with him and the Solicitor's Office. We informed them that due to their trust responsibility, we feel that the U.S. has an obligation to assist the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. We discussed our claims pursuant to the treaty also known as the Canal Lands Act of the Canal Lands and the Swamp Lands. We asked them to consider making our matter a priority, so an analysis of claims could be done. Hopefully they uphold their trust responsibility, so the state can't claim the 11th Amendment immunity. We are working with them, and hopefully, we will have a positive outcome with them. They assured us that they would look into the matter and make our claim a priority.
- I met with President Obama and his staff at his final meeting with the tribes at the Tribal Leaders' Conference. I took this opportunity to participate in a discussion with cabinet members. Specifically, I talked about education with their education staff, and I assured them that we indeed want our Indian Tuition Waiver, and we appreciate it. I informed them our Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College is now accredited under the Higher Learning Commission, and we should be able to get some funding for the college. I'm hoping there is something they can do from there.
- In addition, I brought to their attention the mascot issues. It is an ongoing effort of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community to address mascot issues and the barriers to education Indian mascots create for our children at Marquette High School and other schools in Michigan. Hopefully we can overcome some of the educational hurdles our children need to deal with when they attend schools where the school district's believe it is their

right to have demeaning mascots as their school symbols. These schools don't want to admit Indian mascots create an atmosphere where Natives are viewed as property instead of individuals, and it creates a negative effect on the learning environment. It is not right to have these mascots demeaning Indian names, beliefs, individuals, and culture. I have met with Rich Rossway, President of the Marquette School Board, on this issue, and I will continue to work on it.

- The Council had an annual meeting with the Department of Justice which was held here at KBIC. The annual meeting is held, so they can update their issues and concerns with us.
 - I informed Patrick Miles, Attorney for the Department of Justice, who has been coming here for five years, that the consultation with Indian Tribes is very important because it was an Executive Order mandated by the President to inform Indians when they are going to change laws or anything else that affects Indian nations. We want to hold the Department of Justice accountable to the President's Memorandum and make sure they know we still want consultation concerning any and all issues.
 - In particular, I talked with them in regards to Dakota Access Pipeline and if there had been consultation at the Dakota Access Pipeline prior to what is occurring there now. I'm confident that a resolution could have been made. I also brought to their attention the issue of Mackinaw Bridge Line 6B in Kalamazoo, Michigan, where there was a lack of consultation with tribes in land site 6B as it pertains to Line 5. Line 5 is the line that goes under the Mackinaw Bridge. There are ongoing issues regarding the impact that a leak may have on treaty resources, not only to the 1842 and 1836 areas, but even below the Mackinaw Bridge. When they heard this, not only from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community but other tribes in the State of Michigan, they decided to open up the public comment period related to Line 6B and Line 5. Hopefully some good things will come from that. I also spoke to them about Free, Prior, and In-

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formed Consent. I explained the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community would appreciate it when they are going to do something if they will do with us a Free, Prior, and Informed Consent with us to let us know what they are doing. Inform us about what is happening.

- We also discussed an issue that the Community is having regarding its responsibility to the health and safety of the community regarding the speed limit in different areas. In recent months, the Community has decided to regulate the speed limits within the boundaries of the L'Anse Indian Reservation. Not only the KBIC, but the villages of Baraga and L'Anse have been trying to reduce the speed limit to protect the health and safety of the public. The villages had not been successful and came to the Community to ask us for our help. They asked us for a letter of support. We did better. We said, we would regulate the speed limit and passed a law to reduce the speed limit to 45 mph. There are ongoing issues with this. We put up the speed limit signs and the State of Michigan takes them down. We brought this matter to the Department of Justice and the Department of Interior's attention. Hopefully these speed limit signs will stay up.
- I brought to the attention of the Department of Justice staff present our concerns about the opiate and prescription drug abuse problems at KBIC. This problem is occurring all over Indian County and it is not only our area that has to deal with it. We want the Department of Justice to make it a priority focus.
- I attended a Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) meeting with the Wisconsin and Michigan Tribes of the 1842 Ceded Territory. This meeting was about the use of the National Forest Land. There are concerns with forest use and the destruction of the roads and the habitat. The National Forest is starting to close these roads down. These are the roads that the tribes reserve treaty rights to use. It is hard for our elderly people to exercise their treaty rights when these roads are being closed. When I was a youngster riding through Prickett Dam, there was never a road closed. Prickett Dam is in an area near the L'Anse Indian Reservation close to Baraga. Now when a tribal member goes to that area, there are all these gates limiting our access to exercising our treaty rights. I wanted to bring this to the attention of the U.S. Forest Service, and I made a request on behalf of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community for them to re-open the roads. Our Tribal members have the right to exercise their treaty rights, and we need consultation. The U.S. Forest Service has informed me that they provide notice when they are going to close the door. I told them that this is not consultation; all they are doing is telling us that the door is closing. They heard not only what we had to say, but they also heard from Lac Vieux Desert elders and other tribes who are participants of the VOIGT Task Force.
- A few weeks back, Council coordinated a Public Meeting with MDEQ in reference to the L'Anse Warden Station Plant permit. This meeting occurred at the L'Anse High School. I, along with a few other Tribal members and staff from the National Resources Department, attended this meeting. Prior to the meeting we were able to sit down with MDEQ officials. We brought up our concerns about the clean water, clean air, and lack of the L'Anse Warden Company taking those issues seriously. We informed MDEQ at this meeting that there are Clean Water Act violations and Clean Air Act violations at the L'Anse Warden Plant. In particular, in regards to the Clean Air Act; they have railroad ties, biomass material, and other stuff that they put through a grinding process. This ground up material is delivered to the L'Anse Warden Electric Plant via an open conveyer belt system. During this open conveyer belt system, these dust particles are spooled into the air, and when the wind picks these particles up, it carries all these sulfuric acid particles outside of the fence. This is a Clean Air Act violation, and we brought it to their attention. Not only did we bring it to their attention, but the residents of L'Anse and Baraga, especially the residents who live near the Plant, did. There are pictures showing this particle matter just lying on top of the snow covering it. We wanted to make sure the MDEQ was aware of this, and it is an ongoing issue, not only to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, but to residents on and near the L'Anse Indian Reservation and more particular to those living close to the L'Anse Warden Plant. There are Clean Water Act violations when the runoff meets the ground. They are storing all these biomass materials on site. When it rains, storm water that runs off, and those dissolved metals on the ground are carried downstream into Lake Superior. Once it hits Lake Superior and the Falls River, it is dispersed into Lake Superior. The concern of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community isn't only a Clean Water Act violation, but also the water intakes for the three local communities are near that facility. The L'Anse Water intake and the Village of Baraga intake are just across the bay, and the Community's water intake project is located in Zeba on the L'Anse side of the reservation.
- As you are probably all aware, there have been two firefighters who have walked on from our Community. A.J. Swartz was my first cousin's son who passed away while traveling to engage in firefighting out west and was involved in an unfortunate accident. Jimmy Shelfoe, the other firefighter who lost his life, was a first cousin to my wife. This was close to my family, and it was a very hectic time. I want to take the opportunity to thank everybody who helped. Benefits and help for the families are ongoing to this day. It is hard, but we are trying to do the best we can with the resources we have. Unfortunately we don't have the resources available immediately, and patience will be the virtue.
- We have a huge project going on here in Marquette and in Baraga with the casino projects. The voters approved these projects recently, and we are moving forward with them in a diligent manner. I signed documents related to the casino projects last week. The faster they are built, the quicker the people will come, and this is what we want. We know that Marquette is one of the fastest growing and best communities in the U.P. We are happy to be in this community, and the community accepts us. We take these responsibilities seriously, and we also give back to the community. It is a win-win situation for us and the local Marquette Community. We want people to come here, enjoy their time here, and also come to Baraga.
- It has come to my attention that one of our Appellate Judge's terms has ended, and I have an obligation to the Council to make a referral to the Council. I will be referring a qualified candidate to the Council for their consideration soon.
- While I was in Washington D.C. during the environmental breakout, I brought to the attention of Gina McCarthy, EPA Administrator, and a few others about the new Eagle East depository regarding Eagle. Eagle has applied for a mining permit for the regular Eagle. Now there are new stories coming out of the Big Bay area that they found a new depository in Eagle East. I told Gina McCarthy and the others at that meeting that the Community feels they're acting outside of the scope of their original permit, and we are opposed to Eagle East's ongoing efforts to continue to meet under the original permit. More importantly, we feel now they are adding more water to their treated water and filtration system with this Eagle East; which is just a big filter where they send the water out and it just filters through 200 feet of sand then it goes out. I just wanted to let the EPA know that they're acting outside of their original permit, and again there was no consultation, and they wonder why the Community is always talking consultation, consultation, consultation. It is because the reservation was reserved for us, and it's not like we can just pick up and move. We've got to live in the environment that we have. This is why the women are so protective of the water, and why we want to leave Mother Earth the way we found her and preserve her for the next seven generations. The way it appears, in my opinion, is the extractive resources and others don't really care about clean water or air, so this is why we are holding them accountable.
- The class visiting with us today, NMU 's NAS 310 Tribal Law and Government class, is trying to change the name of Monday's holiday from Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples' Day. They are holding an event with drumming, singing, and speakers who will speak about why they are trying to change the name. It will be held 2-4 p.m., this Monday, (October 10th), at Northern Michigan University's Academic Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Warren C. Swartz



PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

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

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

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

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

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Baraga, MI 49908
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To place an ad, submit an article, or relate information, ideas, or possible articles contact: Lauri Denomie at (906) 201-0263, or e-mail: newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov.

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



Correction: Fallen Heroes Escorted Home article in October 2016 issue cited the incorrect date of the accident. The correct date was Saturday, August 27, 2016.

Vice President's Report for September 2016

The following briefly summarizes the activities of the Vice President for the month of September 2016. (The Vice President's Report was given orally and transcribed by the editor with final approval of the Vice President.)

Susan LaFerner, Doreen Blaker, and I, traveled to Charlotte, North Carolina, to attend the Native American Finance Officer's Annual Conference. We had never been to a NA-FOA Conference, and I was pleasantly surprised at the quality of the agenda items and the breakout sessions. Three of the most significant issues I thought we learned about were:

- Tribal Premium sponsorship – which would allow tribes to purchase health insurance through the Marketplace for their members with Indian Health Service funding.
- New Overtime rules and thresholds for exempt workers.
- General Welfare Exclusion Act – law that allows Tribes to provide programs to meet the general welfare needs of the members, excluding them from taxable income.

While we were there, we had the opportunity to meet with an attorney we had worked with in the past, Rob Porter. We sat down with Rob and reviewed the General Welfare Exclusion Act. Rob had been the lobbyist for the Lummi Nation when the bill was enacted. He had quite a bit of insight on how tribes can utilize the Act, and he is currently rewriting some of our programs to ensure they meet the IRS Guidelines.

We also sat down with Mary Streitz, another attorney whom we have worked with from Dorsey & Whitney. We worked on a grievance policy which will remove the Tribal Council from the process, eliminating any perception of politics out of that employment decisions.

I have been working on the casino project expansions.

We've had the opportunity to meet with Delta Skye Magazine. Marquette County is going to be featured in their December issue. Delta Skye Magazine is the magazine in the airplane seat pockets with a five million person readership. They will be interviewing our CEO this week and taking pictures. Besides an advertisement we'll be purchasing, they will be actually featuring us in a editorial.

I have been diligently working with Wanda Seppanen, the VOCA Worker who has been assigned to assist the families of A.J. Swartz and Jim Shelifoe to apply for benefits. It has been a trying time, and we've learned things that we hope that we will never have to use again.

While the President was attending foreign issues at the Tribal Nations Conference, we held our annual budget meetings where we heard from every tribal department as they presented their budget proposals. We started with a deficit of approximately 1.4 million dollars. We are still continuing this process, and we now have it down to a \$240,000 deficit. We have traditionally passed a balanced budget, and we will continue to go through the budget to get it to be an acceptable balanced budget.

We have been working on a life insurance policy that will cover each and every tribal member. The CEO will report on this issue in his report.

Last but not least, this month I've had the privilege to speak to NMU's NAS 310 Tribal Law and Government class, as well as the class at KBOCC where we discussed, sovereignty, self-governance, and this Council's efforts on Nation building.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Misegan

CEO's Report for the months of August/September 2016

During the months of August/September 2016, the CEO's office reported the following:

- The Tribe will be providing life insurance coverage for all of its enrolled members regardless of where they live. The policy provides up to a \$5,000 benefit to cover funeral costs and will be administered by the Tribe. There is no cost to the member for the benefit, and it replaces the current coverage provided to members being served locally. The tentative effective date is November 1, 2016, pending approval of the policy plan by Tribal Council. Until the plan is approved, the coverage available to members locally will continue to be provided.
- The Tribal Forester position has been filled, and Jason Collins began Forester duties on September 19th. Jason's office is located in the Tribe's Planning and Development building located on US-41 in Baraga.
- The Tribe's Social Services department is under new leadership. Tyler Larson is serving as the director and comes with well rounded experience. Two new case workers have been hired as well and are participating in training. A third new case worker position has been posted due to Thurza Mathes resignation being tendered the end of September. That position is expected to be hired in the next two weeks.
- The search for a second attorney for the Tribe has ended. Roberto Escobar has been hired as the Assistant Tribal Attorney and is on the job. The Tribe is still down one attorney and the search continues. In the mean time, David Green of the Dorsey and Whitney law firm of Minneapolis, MN, is assisting by providing two weeks of on-site legal services per month.
- Bruce LaPointe, who has served as the Tribe's Project Manager, has resigned. Bruce led the Department of Public Works and provided building inspection services for the Tribe. His position will not be filled. The responsibilities have been absorbed by other positions within the department, and Jason Ayres is handling the BIA Roads administration. A posting for a building inspector is ongoing, and this position will include the inspection responsibilities.
- The former Smoke Shop facility in L'Anse has been leased to KBIC member Angela Kelly. She has opened the Sweet Grass Spa and is providing salon and nail services.
- Members who live in Baraga County, as well as eastern Ontonagon County, southern Houghton County, and western Marquette County, who utilize LaCourt Bottle Gas Co. for their LP heating source will receive a guaranteed rate of \$1.10/gallon during the period of November 1, 2016, through May 31, 2017. The Tribe has contracted with LaCourt to secure the pricing for members.
- An Indian Community Development Block Grant has been awarded to the Tribe in the amount of \$600,000. The grant is slated to construct or purchase a building to provide a half-way

- house for longer term treatment programming. Staff is working on options for locating the facility as well as developing operational plans. The three year grant requires a \$200,000 match by KBIC which will be met through a variety of non-cash methods.
- We are continuing to work on the tobacco manufacturing concept. A number of meetings have taken place with our partnering company to work on the details of the initial agreement. We are at a point where Council will consider whether or not moving forward is in the best interest of the Tribe, and that decision is expected next week.
- Nearly the entire month of September has been consumed with preparing and reviewing the Fiscal Year 2017 budgets. Submissions by each department and business of the Tribe have been gone through, and finalizing is expected within the next two weeks.
- A new casino General Manager has been hired. After interviewing and offering the position to a candidate in August, the individual in the end declined. Council then underwent the process again, and the individual selected will begin working on October 10. Donald Wren has an extensive background in the casino industry and has worked at larger properties in Las Vegas as well as Lower Michigan. Donald will oversee both casinos but will be based in Marquette. His experience will also assist in leading the revised casino projects approved by the membership in August.
- The updated Global Market Advisors (GMP) study was received in mid-September. The study included updated financial information, a Marquette hotel assessment, and a branded hotel recommendation.
 - The updated financials support the debt that will be incurred to complete the two projects with a guaranteed maximum price tag of \$40 million.
 - The hotel assessment indicated that room demand in the market would support the 100 room hotel planned for the revised Marquette casino project. It also provided a recommendation that the Tribe brand with Choice Hotels International based on lower upfront costs as well as long term and ongoing franchise costs. Choice Hotels and Carlson Group were the two brands considered. Tribal Council agreed with the recommendation, and the application to move forward with Choice Hotels has been filed.
- The formal contract with Gundlach Champion Inc. (GCI) was also completed and approved in September. GCI will be leading the project for the Tribe and working within the GMP. Both projects will see work begin yet this year.
 - The Marquette project is slated to have the new townhouses, infrastructure installed, and three housing homes relocated before winter sets in. Work on the casino itself likely won't officially get underway until the spring of 2017. Design and engineering work will take place throughout the winter months.

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- The Baraga project will also see some work this fall. Contractors have already begun working on site assessments, and if winter holds off, ground work may commence. Plans are also being worked on to address numerous infrastructure and structural issues within the current facility. Design and engineering work will also take place for the Baraga property throughout the winter months.
- In a final note, the annual Harvest Feast is schedule to take place on October 22 at the Zeba Hall in L'Anse. The feast will take place from noon until 6 p.m., and everyone is encouraged to bring a dish to pass.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Denomie III, CEO

TRIBE CONSTRUCTS SOLAR ARRAYS AT NEWDAY RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITY

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) has received funding in the amount of \$476,000 from the Indian Health Service (IHS) for renewable energy projects at two of its properties. Construction of solar arrays is currently underway at the Newday Residential Treatment Facility and will begin at the Donald LaPointe Health and Education Center in the coming weeks.



Public Works is providing the labor for the project under the direction of Homeland Builders of Michigan (Ann Arbor, MI) and Blue Terra Energy (Hancock, MI) and thereby gaining valuable experience for future solar installation projects. Photo credit, Jason Ayres.



KBIC Council created the Committee for Alternative & Renewable Energy (CARE) in September of 2008, who created a Strategic Energy Plan with the assistance of the Council for Energy Resources Tribes. This initial planning document established a Practical Vision, Strategic Directions, and Implementation Plan. Increased Self-Sufficiency through Sustainable Energy Development was included under the five key components in the Practical Vision of the KBIC Strategic Energy Plan. In June of 2012, CARE received a completed Energy Audit from Energy3 which included recommendations for each of its buildings to increase energy efficiencies. KBIC incorporated them into its building maintenance and renovation plans at that time. In 2012, CARE also received preliminary information through a wind energy study on the feasibility of solar as an option. Specifically this company provided information for both the Newday Residential Treatment Facility and Commodity Foods Warehouse that showed a return on investment within 12 to 13 years. KBIC began its initial solar deployment through a 20 KW solar array placed at the Commodity Food Warehouse in 2013 and to date has generated nearly 60,000 kWh of its own power and reduced its carbon foot print by reduction of CO₂ by nearly 50 tons (100,000 lbs).

Recently, KBIC formed a partnership with Michigan Technological University's Keweenaw Research Center (KRC) to further explore and assist the tribe with a cost and benefit analysis of installation of solar panels for all governmental offices with the strategy of installing solar systems that would generate 65% of each building's energy consumption. KRC also offered technical expertise to the tribe for optimal installation of a solar system for maximizing energy collection; introducing the new microinverter technology that increase the efficiency of the PV system. The system currently under construction at the Newday Residential Treatment Facility is projected to provide a \$16,590 savings within the first year and a return on investment within 12 years. The Donald LaPointe Health and Education Center is projected to provide a \$8,759 savings within the first year and a return on investment in 18 years. Jason Ayres, Realty/Roads Officer, is the Project Director for KBIC on this endeavor.

~ By Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor

Chelsey LaFerner Walk continued:



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Guest speaker, Teri Jendusa Nicolai spoke on her terrifying experience of domestic violence. In 2004, her ex-husband tried to murder her. She was struck in the head ten times with a baseball bat, stuffed in a garbage can and placed in a storage locker where she was found some 26 hours later. She was hours from death. At the time, Teri had recently remarried and was pregnant. She lost the baby. Teri spoke of signs of his control early in their marriage, how she got out of the abusive marriage, her thoughts throughout the whole terrifying ordeal, and the aftermath and healing process she and her two daughters had to endure. Today, Teri travels from community to community speaking out against domestic violence and trying to help those she can. Teri is a true survivor.

Summer Cloud Drum was present for honor songs, along with the KBIC Honor Guard, and Lisa Denomie carried the Women's Eagle Staff. A feast was held for participants, and a raffle was conducted at the conclusion of the events for a number of wonderful donated prizes.

Cherie Dakota, OVW Lead, organized the event with the help of the Women's Advisory Board. The event was sponsored in part by Grant No. 2014-TW-AX-0004 awarded by the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

~ By Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor

Library News and Notes By: Angela Badke, Librarian

The Ojibwa Community Library would like to share a few announcements and reminders for the community. First of all, we would like to introduce our newest staff member! In October, the library hired Dawn Sineway-Nephler, who joins us from the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. Dawn was the tribal librarian for the LTBB community, and we are very excited to have her join our team! Feel free to stop by the library to meet Dawn, and welcome her to the area.

The library also has plans for the next Healthy Eating group, which will take place on November 17th. Dale Schmeisser, R.D., will discuss Diabetes, and how what you eat can make a difference. Fliers will be posted around the government buildings, and throughout town, as well as advertised on our Facebook page. If you are interested, please feel free to stop by the library, call 353-8163, or e-mail oclib@up.net for more information. Healthy Eating Group sessions are typically held the third Thursday of the month, from 6:00 pm — 7:30 pm. We will not be meeting in December due to the holiday season.

Also beginning in November, the library will have the following hours of operation:

Monday: 9:00 am—4:00 pm
Tuesday — Thursday: 9:00 am — 6:30 pm
Friday: 9:00 am — 4:00 pm
Saturday: 9:00 am — 1:00 pm

We would also like to remind the community of our closure policy as we near winter. The Ojibwa Community Library will close due to inclement weather if Baraga Area Schools and the Tribal Government offices are closed. Additionally, the library is closed if the government offices are closed for holidays, or the staff members of the library are faced with unavoidable circumstances (family emergencies, illnesses, etc.). We try to post changes to our hours as quickly as possible, but there may be times where changes will occur on short notice.

Please like and follow our Facebook Page to stay up-to-date on the all the happenings at the library!



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KBIC Hires Forester

Jason Collins, a KBIC descendant, has joined the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's forces in maintaining Mother Earth for our future generations. Jason began employment as KBIC's Forester on September 19. He is a Michigan Tech Graduate, receiving a Bachelor's in Business in 2003 and a Master's in Forestry in 2005. After graduating from MTU, he enlisted in the United States Army on active duty for three years and was stationed in Fort Hood, Texas. He did one deployment to Iraq from 2006 to 2008. Jason was previously employed at his family's business, Collins Sawmill, as a Procurement Forester. "I scaled and graded saw logs in the yard and worked with selling the lumber. I also looked for and bid on timber sales and was the liaison between the loggers and the sawmill."

When asked why he was interested to be KBIC's Forester, Jason replied, "My position in forestry is that I've always wanted to see it done in a proper manner. There is a lot of bad forestry out there. I want to see it done where the resources are protected, it's sustainable, and it is left for the future to use... And in meaning the future, I mean not just like ten years but one-hundred and two-hundred-years. I think a lot of places say it can be cut in 50 or 70 years, and that's a long time horizon. Where I think you can get a good economic yield off of a piece in the short term. You can protect water, you can protect soils, and you can protect any sites that are culturally relevant all at the same time. So it is really a multi-use."

As the Tribe's Forester, Jason oversees the Tribe's forest (Tribal land and fee land) and makes sure that conditions are able to sustain the natural resource. He sets up Timber Stand Improvements (TSI), marking areas to have certain trees cut where Tribal members go in a do that harvest. All the wood on the ground from the TSI can be used by people for firewood. He does timber sales where he marks the timber to be cut and solicits bids on the sale of the standing trees resulting in a Tribal logger going in and harvesting those trees. The proceeds from that sale go to the land owner being either the tribe or allotment owners. After the Timber Sale is completed, if there is no natural regeneration, planting will be done. Jason indicated, "Normally, we rely on natural regeneration of the forest, but we have a few planting projects coming up in the next year. One is due to climate change, and that one is located on the Bear Town Road. Another one will be a few acres in Ontonagon County where there was a trespassing, and the regeneration is not coming back." Jason also oversees brushing and crop-tree release. Crop tree release is where Tribal members are paid to go in and thin out an area mechanically to get the desired trees that they'd rather have in that site.



Jason said, "I am grateful for this opportunity to work for the Tribe, preserve the resource, and use it for the benefit of the Tribal members." Jason lives in L'Anse with his wife and two children. Jason (left) is the grandson of Elizor (Bucky) Collins, whom he is pictured with above.

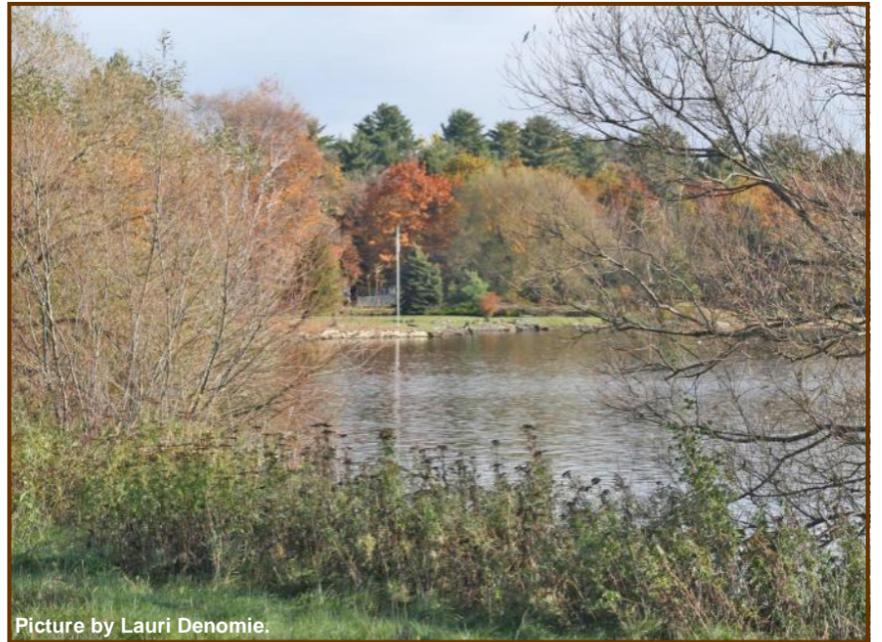
~ by Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor

BUILDING OF NON-MOTORIZED PATHWAY AT KBIC

The 2000 Consent judgment between the State of Michigan and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community included the Tribe agreeing to payments to be made to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) of 8% of the net win of Class III gaming at the Ojibwa Casino II located in Harvey, MI. The MEDC in turn provides grants to Tribal Communities for economic development out of these 8% payments.

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) applied for and received a grant in 2014 from the MEDC to perform a feasibility study for a non-motorized pathway to connect the communities of the Tribe located in Zeba and Baraga. U.P. Engineers & Architects, Inc. (UPEA) was retained by KBIC to assist with the professional

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Picture by Lauri Denomie.

A view from the future non-motorized pathway.

analysis required to complete the feasibility study. The feasibility study was completed in 2015.

KBIC's interest in a non-motorized pathway stems from a desire to connect the communities living on both sides of the Bay, increase recreational opportunities, and promote healthy lifestyles with increased safe walking opportunities for residents and visitors to the area surrounding Keweenaw Bay. The trail will connect numerous areas of interest together and provide a designated safer option for traveling the corridors between them. The purpose of creating this trail is to open up new opportunities for recreation, wildlife viewing, and exercise which will increase the number of visitors to many areas along the trail corridor leading to favorable economic impacts on top of increased recreational appeal and healthy lifestyles of the entire area. The trail is proposed to be built in seven sections.

KBIC applied for a MEDC grant in July of 2016 to build a section of the trail which will be 1.47 miles in length, ten feet wide and paved, running from the Baraga Marina to the Sand Point Recreation Area. This portion of the trail will provide access to the Baraga Marina, and any potential future recreational development along the Baraga waterfront as well as access to the Sand Point Lighthouse and Ojibwa Recreational Area Campground on Sand Point.

Total project costs are estimated to be \$527,192.50. KBIC was awarded the grant in October (FY2017) by MEDC in the amount of \$377,192.50. The Village of Baraga, the Downtown Development Authority, and the Tribe have all committed to a \$50,000 in match, totaling the remaining balance of \$150,000.00, with the Michigan DNR providing a portion of the land. Jim Koskiniemi, P.E. of U.P. Engineers & Architects developed all cost estimates and assured the Tribe that if the funding was secured by December 31, 2016, final surveying, permitting, planning, and specifications would begin immediately, so construction could begin in the spring of 2017 and be completed by fall of 2017.

Sarah Maki, Assistant CEO, said, "The trails were initially started by the Tribe's Natural Resources Department in the 1990's to give the public access to wetland areas, help with wild rice restoration, and provide wetland viewing opportunities. They expanded with the Sand Point restoration project and capping the stamp sands. Many partnerships were formed, including the Earthkeepers' Covenant, USDA NRCS, Baraga County Convention & Visitor's Bureau, and Baraga County Trails in Motion. Michigan DOT has been guiding the Natural Resources Department in expanding the trail between L'Anse and Baraga. There have been many stakeholders at those meetings including Michigan DNR, Village of Baraga, Village of L'Anse, Baraga County Convention & Visitor's Bureau, Baraga County Chamber of Commerce, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Baraga County Road Commission, Baraga County Trails in Motion, Baraga State Park, and numerous volunteers who have assisted with trail development and maintenance." Everyone involved believes when this first section is built, the interest and increased tourist popularity, along with healthy living opportunity, will drive the entire pathway toward completion.

~ By Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor

Notice from the Motor Vehicle Division

Lengthy transactions will not be processed after 4:10 each day, effective immediately.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Happy Thanksgiving

Understanding Addiction and Avoiding Enablement

Free Training

First Monday of the Month

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
409 N. Main Street

Location: Hope Works Counseling
409 N. Main Street L'Anse
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Presented by: Mark Panasiewicz, Hope Works Counseling

Sponsored by: KBIC Tribal Court

This Class is open to all family members and community members who want to learn about addiction and enablement

Enablement Prevention Training

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

This training teaches the difference between helping and enabling. It provides knowledge about alcoholism, addiction, and recovery. It teaches skills for coping with the addiction of someone close and how to best help and support.

- Understand the importance of safe islands of sobriety and how the community can help create them
- Learn the dynamics of enablement
- Learn how enablement can affect a community
- Build and strengthen values
- Increase knowledge and understanding
- Gain understanding of drug abuse and addiction
- Learn how to support recovery



Halloween Party in Marquette County

KBIC Youth Programs brought the goods to Harvey for the Marquette County Tribal Youth's Halloween Party. Witches, monsters, and goblins gathered on Saturday, October 22, 2016, at the Harvey Community Center, located behind the Ojibwa Casino II, for an afternoon of fun. Those present participated in games, won prizes, and enjoyed a meal from Jett's Pizza. A good time was had by all.

~ By Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.



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(left to right) 3rd place \$10 winner —Tiger/Jacob Spade, age 4, 2nd place \$15 winner — Poison Ivy/Hailey Spade, age 6, 1st place \$20 winner — Bonnie/Ana Rose, age 9.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Hoping for the big prize at the Punch Board game.

HARVEST FEAST HELD AT ZEBBA COMMUNITY HALL

The KBIC Annual Harvest Feast was held Saturday, October 22, 2016, at the Zeba Community Hall in Zeba, Michigan.

The event began with a sunrise ceremony at 7:30 a.m., conducted by Debbie Williamson and Tom Williams. Organizer Rodney Loonsfoot said "The fire was lit. It was beautiful and the sky turned red and orange. At noon we offered semaa and gave an explanation of why we hold a feast. After the blessing of the food, the grand feast was held. We had a drum social. We sang a few songs and an honor song for the veterans after the food."

The event was sponsored by the KBIC Community and the Wiikwedong Ogitchidaa Society.



~ By Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor

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DONALD A. LAPOINTE
HEALTH & EDUCATION CENTER



"Our new website went live Friday, September 30th! This is made possible through the BALAC grant we received from GLITC/CDC.

This website was created to share community health events, clinical programming and the latest health news. Please check out the website and feel free to provide us with any compliments, complaints or ideas you would like to see.

The website is also mobile friendly!
Please visit: www.kbichealth.org"



Tribal Council Secretary's Report for the Month of September 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.

Mino-Bimaadizin "Live Well"

The Tribal Council held their Regular Saturday Meeting on September 10, 2016; two Special Council meetings were held on September 15, and 29, 2016; and three Finance/Special Council meetings were held on September 26, 27, and 28, 2016. Approved minutes for September 27, 28, 2016 are available on the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Website. The unapproved motions for September 10, 15, and 26, 2016, follow. Actions taken were:

September 10, 2016 Special Council Meeting (unapproved):

- Approved the Tribal Council Vice President's Report.
- Approved the Tribal Council Secretary's July-August 2016 Report.
- Approved the June-July 2016 Department Head Reports.
- Approved the August 18, 2016 Tribal Council Meeting Minutes.
- Approved the Enterprise Systems Group Support Renewal Agreement for the Health Clinic for \$16,238.00.
- Approved the Greenway Health Mediadent software and training for the Health Clinic for \$3,000.00.
- Approved the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College Memorandum of Agreement for three years with the changes.
- Approved Resolution KB 053-2016 Monique R. Jondreau Residential Lease.
- Approved the Baraga County Convention and Visitors Bureau 2016 Membership Fee in the amount of \$125.00 to be paid from the Ojibwa Casino and that they attend the meetings.
- Approved the September 2016 donations as the following: \$500.00 Special Olympics match, \$250.00 Superior Health Foundation "Paint the Peninsula Pink in Marquette," \$260.00 Mike Hazen, Sr. Memorial Golf Scramble.
- 2nd and 3rd Reading: Approved the proposed amendment to ordinance 2016-05 Title One Provisions of the Tribal Code Section 1.203 Tribal Prosecuting Attorney Qualifications with the typographical change.

September 15, 2016 Special Council Meeting (unapproved):

- Approved the August 25, and September 6, 2016 Tribal Council Minutes.
- Approved the Enterprise Systems Group Support Renewal Agreement for the Health Clinic for the corrected cost of \$17,145.00.
- Approved the "Jimiganish Wadokaged" liquor license renewal October 3, 2016 – October 2, 2017.
- Approved Gerald Jondreau's business license renewal for "Traditional Treasures" August 18, 2016 – August 17, 2016.
- Approved the Natural Resources Department Biological Services Subcontract with Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission for \$44,085.55 August 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016.
- Approved the First Amendment to the Altronex Control Systems Tier III Services Agreement for \$32,906.00 which adds another production well and head tank at the Natural Resources Fish Hatchery.
- Approved the Memorandum of Agreement with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for \$20,000.00 for Wild Rice Beds Establishment.
- Approved Shayn Foucault's donation request for a team sponsorship to the 2nd Annual Mike Hazen, Sr. Memorial (4) Person Golf Scramble.
- Approved the Tier III Services Agreement for SuperiorRX, Inc. with Michael McLucas for fill-in pharmacy services June 6, 2016-July 6, 2017.
- Approved the Assistant Tribal Attorney Employment Agreement with Roberto Escobar, September 19, 2016 – September 20, 2017.
- Approved the KBIC Newsletter Editor Services bid to Lauri Denomie.
- Approved the First Amendment to the MJO Contracting, Inc. Agreement (Ford Farm Road paving).
- Approved to offer the Ojibwa Casinos General Manager position to Don Wren and negotiate the wage.

September 26, 2016 Finance/Special Council Meeting (unapproved):

- Reviewed 16 Budgets.
- Approved Resolution KB 054-2016 Revised Land Acquisition of the Van Straten Property on the Indian Cemetery Road for \$55,000.00.

Report to the Tribal Council regarding the "Beartown Firefighters Relief Fund"

The Relief Account was established for the fundraising efforts and donations received to assist the families of the deceased and injured Beartown Firefighters.

As of October 7, 2016, the total amount donated was \$37,704.96. The Beartown Firefighters, their families, and the Tribal Council express their sincere thank you to everyone who donated and sent well wishes; it is appreciated so much that words cannot express the gratitude felt.

All nine families involved have been given gift cards for gas, food, clothing, and other needs have been paid. We will continue to give out the cards on a weekly basis. A meeting was held with the deceased families and injured firefighters on Friday, October 7, 2016, to explain the funds that are still available for the coming months and to help with the enormous amount of paperwork that still needs to be filed.

Thank you to everyone who has helped in any way since the accident; your help will not be forgotten. Continue to remember our firefighters and their families in your prayers and with your support.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan J. LaFerner

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:				<u>Use this amount</u>
Household Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standard	SNAP Standard Deduction		FDPIR Net Monthly Income Standard
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
Alaska:				<u>Use this amount</u>
Household Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standard	SNAP Standard Deduction		FDPIR Net Monthly Income Standard
1	\$1,227 +	\$265 =		\$1,492
2	\$1,660 +	\$265 =		\$1,925
3	\$2,094 +	\$265 =		\$2,359
4	\$2,527 +	\$265 =		\$2,792
5	\$2,960 +	\$265 =		\$3,225
6	\$3,394 +	\$282 =		\$3,676
7	\$3,827 +	\$282 =		\$4,109
8	\$4,260 +	\$282 =		\$4,542
Each additional member				+ \$434

Deepest Sympathy

Linda A. Messer

(April 25, 1950—October 1, 2016)

Linda A. Messer, age 66, of Baraga, MI, passed away Saturday, October 1, 2016, at Baraga County Memorial Hospital, L'Anse, MI. She was born in L'Anse on April 25, 1950, the daughter of the late Joseph and Grace (Genschow) Mayo. Linda attended school in Baraga. She married Donald B. Messer in Baraga on October 10, 1970. He preceded her in death on June 2, 2010. Linda had worked as a housekeeper for the Ojibwa Casino until her retirement. She was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church and Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. Linda enjoyed gardening, taking care of her birds, spending time with her grandchildren, and having her family together for Sunday dinners.

Linda is survived by her loving sons: Donald Messer (Don Jr.), Jerry Mayo, and Jason Messer all of Baraga; grandchildren: Kayla and Makenzie; brother: Gary Mayo of Baraga; and daughter-in-law: Michelle Messer. Numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins also survive. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband: Donald; grandson: Brendan Mayo; brother: Joe Mayo; and sisters: Janice Beck and Betty Jean Garcia.

Graveside services for Linda were held Tuesday, October 11, 2016, at the Baraga Cemetery with Father Corey Litzner officiating. Following the services at the cemetery, the family invited friends to joined them for a luncheon at Linda's home.

**Veteran's Meeting, November
16, 2016, 7 p.m. at the Veteran's
Building, Industrial Park,
Baraga, MI**

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DONALD A. LAPOINTE HEALTH & EDUCATION CENTER

KBIC Health System offers medical transportation. This service is available to all tribal members and descendants who are registered at the KBIC Health System. Last resort transportation to medical, dental, and special appointments within one hundred miles of our building. Now transporting Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Please call in advance, especially for out of town appointments, this service is provided on a first call first serve basis. For questions or to schedule call Kim LeClaire at 353-4524.

November is National Diabetes Awareness Month

Diabetes is one of the leading causes of disability and death in the United States. One in 11 Americans have diabetes; that's more than 29 million people. Another 86 million adults in the United States are at high risk of developing type 2 diabetes.

To raise awareness about diabetes and healthy living, the KBIC Health System is proudly participating in American Diabetes Month. Locally, nearly 16% of Native Americans live with diabetes, and 30% are at risk of developing diabetes.

If you are overweight, have high blood pressure, use nicotine, or are age 45 or older, you are at higher risk of developing type 2 diabetes. The good news is that making healthy changes can greatly lower your risk.

To help prevent type 2 diabetes:

- Watch your weight
- Eat healthy
- Get more physical activity
- Quit Smoking



To learn more about managing your diabetes, or helping someone you care for control their diabetes join us for our monthly Diabetes Talking Circles. Diabetes Talking Circles are support and education meetings that give you the knowledge and tools to make healthy lifestyle choices.

Submitted by Mindy Lantz, RN, Public Health Nurse

Upcoming Events:

- Community Flu Vaccine Clinic, Tuesdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Car Seat Clinic, November 10th by appointment
- Parent Circle, November 14th 5:30 p.m.
- Diabetic Foot Clinic, November 4th & 18th, by appointment
- Breastfeeding Support Group, November 2nd 1 p.m.
- Healthy Start-Family Spirit Immunization Blizzard, by appointment

For more information on these or other services and programs call Dawn at 353-4521.

Pinto Bean Dip

2 - 15 oz. can pinot beans, drained
 8 slices canned jalapeno 1/4 tsp. paprika
 2 tbs. jalapeno juice 1/4 tsp. garlic powder
 1 tsp. salt 1 tsp. sugar
 1/2 tsp. onion powder 1/4 tsp. cayenne pepper

1. Puree all ingredients in food processor on high speed until smooth.
2. Cover and refrigerate for 1 hour or more.
3. Serve with baked tortilla chips or on tortilla shells with lettuce, tomatoes, and low fat cheese.

Yields 2 1/2 cups, Serving size 1/4 cup

Calories per serving 70

4g protein, 13g carbohydrate, 3g dietary fiber, 13g cholesterol, 641 mg sodium



Great American Smoke Out



Quitting smoking is one of the most important things you can do for your health. The sooner you quit, the sooner your body can start to heal. You will feel better and have more energy to be active with your family and friends.

Smoking hurts almost every part of the body. It's the most preventable cause of death and disease in the United States. Smoking causes lung cancer, many other types of cancers, type 2 diabetes, heart disease, stroke, pregnancy problems, gum disease, lung diseases like chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), vision loss, and rheumatoid arthritis.

For more information or to schedule smoking cessation counseling contact our Public Health Nurse Mindy Lantz, RN at 353-4548.

November 17th is the Great American Smoke Out, commit to joining America in a smoke free day.

Submitted by Mindy Lantz, RN
 Public Health Nurse

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. - American Indian Commercial Tobacco Program: A first of its kind commercial tobacco-cessation program designed specifically to help American Indians.

American Indians who want to quit using commercial tobacco can call the American Indian Commercial Tobacco Program at **1-855-372-0037**. The American Indian Commercial Tobacco Program is a free, newly launched service that intends to support American Indians on their journey to quit using commercial tobacco products including cigarettes, cigars, e-cigarettes, and smokeless tobacco (chewing tobacco). Administered by National Jewish Health, the program was designed by and for American Indians using culturally-sensitive coaching techniques.

Research shows that many American Indians have a strong desire to quit commercial tobacco, but have less success in quitting long-term. Support from a dedicated American Indian success coach and access to medication as needed has been linked to increased success in quitting. To meet this need, the program offers:

- Up to 10 coaching calls with a dedicated coach who is American Indian;
- Eight weeks of nicotine replacement therapy with combination medication as an option;
- Customized quit-plan with telephone counseling, emails, text messaging, and app support;
- Focus on the journey of quitting commercial tobacco, not a specific quit-date.

The American Indian Commercial Tobacco Program will gladly help callers under 18, pregnant women, elders, and members or descendants of any tribal nation. To begin your quitting journey, simply call **1-855-372-0037**. A coach who is American Indian will work with you to answer a few questions and get started. This service is confidential and free of charge. Call today!

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Page submitted by Heather Wood-Paquet,
 Health Promotions Coordinator

KBIC WILL BUILD HALFWAY HOUSE

KBIC applied for an Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) through Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to fund a Halfway House and was awarded the grant in September 2016 in the amount of \$600,000. The total estimation of the Halfway House project is \$800,000 with the remaining \$200,000 coming from the Tribe.

KBIC Substance Abuse Program staff has identified that 95% of inpatient clients within the last seventeen months were low income. This project has been a long term discussion topic of the Tribe's Substance Abuse Program staff, our recovering Tribal members, Tribal Council, Community members, and the Tribal Court, especially since establishing our Substance Abuse Programs and most recently our Healing to Wellness Court. It also fits well with the Tribe's long term goals of providing transitional housing and encouraging a life without alcohol or drugs as outlined in our Strategic Plan.

For many years, the KBIC has experienced problems with alcohol and marijuana; however, over the last few years there has been a significant rise in prescription drug abuse and harder drugs such as cocaine, heroin, and methamphetamine. Tribal Court reports that over 40% of their criminal cases are related to drug and alcohol abuse. This abuse is also responsible for a 40%+ recidivism rate as well.

Income levels of Tribal members suffering from addiction problems in the community are incredibly low, and many live with their families, friends, or as "couch surfers". Unfortunately their addictive behaviors have reaped havoc for themselves, their families, and the community; they have also acquired legal problems along the way. Many have lost their self-esteem, dignity, relationships, jobs, etc. The Halfway House project is movement to combat the substance abuse problem of members within the Tribe.

Drug crimes in our area include two recent undercover operations resulting in multiple arrests relying on the KBIC Tribal Police, local Village Police, Sheriff Departments, DEA, U.S. Marshalls Office, Upper Peninsula Substance Enforcement Team (UPSET), and the Michigan State Police to assist with the investigations and arrests. One of these stings resulted in the largest drug bust in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and occurred within our Reservation boundaries in December 2014. This sting resulted in an arrest of ten Tribal members and seven others. UPSET, the FBI's Upper Peninsula Safe Trails Task Force, and the BIA all were involved in the year-long joint investigation. Federal, state, and tribal warrants totaled 49 counts related to the sale and distribution of various narcotics. In addition, on February 12, 2016, there was another Meth bust, and the individuals were charged with Controlled Substance Operating/Maintaining a Meth Lab and Controlled Substance Delivering/Manufacturing Meth. Unfortunately, one of those arrested was a Tribal Member.

Michigan's Child Protective Services confirmed that, "1,379 infants were born in Michigan exposed to drugs in 2008. That number has risen steadily over the years to - 3,217 infants in 2013." On May 20, 2016, a local television story included that, "Marquette County sees the highest number of drug addicted babies in the state per capita," said D/Lt. Tim Scholander with Michigan State Police UPSET, and "the Upper Peninsula is a destination area for narcotics." The majority of our Tribal member babies are born in Marquette County because our local hospital does not provide childbirth services. In fact, since 2011, our Health Department reports that out of 43 infants enrolled in our Healthy Start Program who reported drug screening at birth, 23 had a negative screen, and 20 had a positive screen. Seventy-five infants were unknown, results not shared, or a screening was not done. Furthermore, among the 31 infants with a reported extended stay in the hospital after birth, 32% were due to drug-related issues (Neonatal Abstinence syndrome).

In 2015, there were 158 Criminal cases heard, and four Protection/Restraining Orders filed. Of the 158 Criminal cases brought before Tribal Court, 70 or 44% of these crimes were related to drug and alcohol abuse, and 63 or 40% of the 158 cases were acts of recidivism. In addition, our Healing to Wellness Court served 11 participants, and New Day residential treatment center for substance abuse served

103 residential clients.

KBIC conducted a survey of adult members living on the Reservation in November of 2013 in which 39% identified themselves as not employed, and 36.7% had annual incomes under federal poverty levels. In fact, for the past five years, Baraga County has continually ranked among the highest unemployment rates in the nation.

In order to deal with these problems, the KBIC's Substance Abuse Program (SAP) provides culturally relevant prevention and intervention programming in terms of both residential and outpatient treatment for alcoholism and chemical dependency. We have also implemented a Healing to Wellness Court to address substance abuse and the rising rate of recidivism and incarcerations. Key components include supervision and providing access to holistic, structured and phased substance abuse treatment, and rehabilitation services. Despite these efforts, the problems are persisting.

Our Tribal members are struggling with substance abuse problems and finding it hard to stay sober even after completing inpatient treatment due to the lack of long term treatment or care available in our area and returning to the same environment that drove them to treatment in the first place. This results in a tremendous burden on the Tribal member and the Tribe as a whole. It is anticipated that the chosen approaches will restore viability to our Tribal families in that Halfway House occupants will experience a renewed sense of pride in themselves and their community and will want to maintain and improve their sobriety.

KBIC's Halfway House will address the two largest barriers to Tribal Members' long term sobriety after they complete an in-patient substance abuse treatment program. The lack of long term treatment currently available in our area and relapse due to immediately returning to the same environment that drove them to treatment in the first place. Living in this type of environment can support sobriety and help residents who are addicted to alcohol and/or drugs adjust to life and transition from inpatient treatment to living independently and becoming productive members of the community. Tribal members who live in KBIC's Halfway House will have to follow certain rules and contribute to the home,

but most importantly they must stay sober throughout their entire stay in the home. These types of homes help residents stay sober by keeping expectations high and giving them support while allowing them to resume normal activities such as working or going to school. Residents can also get support from one another in the home and make new friends who are committed to sobriety. A normal stay will last between three and twelve months. Each Tribal Member resident will sign an agreement with the Tribe stating that they are willing participants in the project, will remain sober while residing in the home, and will help protect the home from damage.

The Halfway House will have eight rooms accommodating twelve persons, six male and six female in six bedrooms, and two offices. Tribal Council has attested by Resolution KB-024-2016 that 100% of all units of the Halfway House will be occupied by Low to Moderate Income (LMI) Tribal members. The Halfway House will be built on land near the New Day Treatment Center located on Brewery Road in L'Anse, Michigan, and it is close to town and services. Construction is hoped to begin in the summer of 2017. The Tribe has until October 2019 to complete the project. Finally, the feasibility of the project will be enhanced by hopefully moving the Tribe's outpatient services from a building that it is currently renting at \$850 a month to a location possibly next to the Halfway House for a total yearly savings on rental fees in the amount of \$10,200 per year. The movement of outpatient services is contingent upon funding. Sarah Maki, Assistant CEO, said, "Right now an environmental review has started. Once this is completed, the Tribe will be hiring a consultant to develop land use for the whole area from the tree line on the west side of New Day Residential Treatment Center to the corner of Vuk and Brewery roads. The land use plan will have to coordinate the current New Day Residential Treatment Center, a new Outpatient building, solar panels, the community garden, Walleye ponds, bee hives, and the orchard. At a recent planning meeting it was decided that a consultant was really needed to look at the infrastructure and what is actually there now in order to determine the best location."

~ By Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor

Bad River Land Buy Back Program

What is the Land Buy Back Program?

The Secretary of the Interior established the Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations (Buy-Back Program) to give individual landowners an opportunity to help address the problem of fractionation, as part of the Cobell Settlement. The Program has \$1.9 billion available to purchase fractional interests in trust or restricted land from willing sellers at fair market value within a 10-year period, which ends in November 2022. Individuals who choose to sell their interests receive payments directly into their Individual Indian Money (IIM) accounts. Consolidated interests are then immediately restored to tribal trust ownership for uses benefiting the reservation community and tribal members.

Landowners should contact the Trust Beneficiary Call Center at 1-888-678-6836 or visit their OST Office to update their contact information, and to provide any special instructions for payment, such as direct deposit. Changes should not be made on the offer package documents themselves, as this can delay or prevent processing. Landowners are encouraged to set up direct deposit, so payment is securely transferred to a bank account and available more quickly.

Please ask about the WAU List:
Whereabouts unknown (WAU) is the term used to describe Individual Indian Money (IIM) account holders without current address information on file with the Office of the Special Trustee (OST). If you need to update the address associated with your IIM account, or know of a landowner whose whereabouts are unknown, please let the staff know.

Trust Beneficiary Call Center
1-888-678-6836



The Land Buy Back Program for Tribal Nations implements the land consolidation component of the Cobell Settlement. The Bad River Tribe is participating in this program and will be conducting a number of outreach events to provide more information to Bad River landowners.



Bad River Land Buy Back Program

55971 Reykdal Rd.
Ashland WI, 54806
715-682-2851

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On behalf of the
Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
and the Ojibwa Casino



Please Join Us for a Luncheon to Honor our Local Veterans

November 11, 2016

Location: Big Bucks Bingo Hall
Time: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
Flag Raising Ceremony: 1:30 p.m. (by Tribal Center)

~ Free for Veterans ~

**\$5.00 for non-veterans would be greatly appreciated with
all proceeds going to the local U.S. Marine Corps "TOYS FOR TOTS"**



Veterans Luncheon

KBIC ELDERS IS YOUR WILL IN PLACE?

Gabrielle Dantzer, Attorney with the Eliason Law Office will be available on Friday, November 4, 2016, for intake appointments of Will and Power of Attorney Documents preparation for Tribal Elders. Please contact Geneva Brennan in the Tribal Attorney's Office to schedule an appointment at (906) 353-4107.



*Last Will
- and -
Testament*

ANNOUNCEMENT: GLIFWC will be sponsoring a HACCP Seafood Safety class in partnership with MSU Sea Grant.

Where: Bay Mills Resort and Casino in Brimley, Michigan.

When: December 13th, 14th, and 15th - 2016

Participants must attend all three days to obtain the HACCP certificate and have their travel costs reimbursed by GLIFWC.

IF INTERESTED TRIBAL MEMBERS MUST CALL BOTH OF THE CONTACT INDIVIDUALS LISTED BELOW:

Registration Deadline: November 30, 2016 – Contact Ron Kinnunen at MSU Sea Grant at 906-226-3687.

Hotel Deadline: Call GLIFWC as soon as possible if you are interested in participating in the HACCP class and obtaining a hotel reservation. You must finalize all travel arrangements with GLIFWC by November 30, 2016. Contact Zoon-gee Leith, GLIFWC Planning/ANA Secretary at 715-682-6619.

November 2016 Calendar Events

- **Nov. 5:** Reg. Sat. Council Meeting, 9 am, Ojibwa Casino Conference Room, Baraga; Primary Election 10 am—6 pm;
- **Nov. 11:** Veteran's Day, Gov't offices closed;
- **Nov. 24:** Happy Thanksgiving, Gov't offices closed;
- **Nov. 25:** Native American Heritage Day, Gov't offices closed.

~ submitted by newsletter editor



KBOCC PRESENTS SEED LENDING LIBRARY

By:

Native Food Pathways Students

November 18, 2016

1:00pm-3:00pm

KBOCC Library
Wabanung Campus

770 N. Main St.
L'Anse, MI



Come Learn About:

- ❖ Seed Saving
- ❖ Seed Library Project

Receive Free Seed
(While Supplies Last)

Refreshments Will Be Provided

For More Information

Email: Melissa Treadeau or
Michelle Moulden
mtreadeau@kbocc.edu or
mmoulden@kbocc.edu

~ NOTICE ~

TO ALL KBIC SENIORS 55 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, AND PERMANENTLY PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED-DISABLED PERSON:

SNOW PLOWING REQUIREMENTS

Head of Household Name: _____

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Member's Enrollment #: _____

Reside on the Reservation (Baraga County):
 _____ Yes _____ No

Physical Address: _____

L'Anse _____ Baraga _____

Telephone Number: (906) _____

Proof of Age — Birth Date: ____/____/____

Sign up at the front desk at the Tribal Center with proof (Enrollment Card, Driver's License, and/or proof of disability) or mail the information to:

KBIC Tribal Center
 ATTN: Front Desk Receptionist
 16429 Bear Town Road
 Baraga, MI 49908

The Tribal Council will consider plowing privileges for those with permanent, physical disabilities within a "five" mile radius off the Reservation. Please submit a request and the above information.

* approved 01-14-2011
 Tribal Council Meeting



Todd Warner Scholarship Award

The *Todd Warner Scholarship Award* recognizes students who have demonstrated an interest in natural resources. The recipient of this award will receive a onetime \$950 scholarship to use towards their college education.

The award is open to ALL college students in the following fields: Biology, Botany, Forestry, Natural Resources, Wildlife, Fisheries, Geology, Climate Studies, Civil/Environmental Engineering, Water, Air, Chemistry or other environmental field.

Deadline for application submission is Friday, Nov. 16th, 2016

Applications must include the following:

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ S.S. #: _____
 Email: _____ Date of Birth: _____
 Current GPA: _____ Departmental GPA: _____

The ideal applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Attending an accredited college for the 2016/2017 academic year
- Must be in pursuit of a Bachelor degree or an Associate Degree
- One (1) letter of support from a teacher or professor
- College planning to attend or currently attending (include copy of acceptance letter/or transcripts)*Must have a 2.0 GPA
- Essay responding to the question in the box below (500 words or less)

Tell us how you get out and enjoy nature and are involved with the natural environment. How do you inspire others to appreciate and enjoy nature as you have in your life? What do you hope to accomplish by pursuing a College degree in one of the fields listed above?

Important: The recipient of the award will be notified by November 23, 2016.

Mail or drop off completed applications with all materials included to:

Lori Ann Sherman
 KBIC Natural Resources Department
 14359 Pequaming Road
 L'Anse, MI 49908

Or email application materials to loriann@kbic-nsn.gov

I certify that the information contained within this application is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that misrepresentation or fraudulent information may be grounds for loss of scholarship funds and repayment.

Signature _____

Date _____

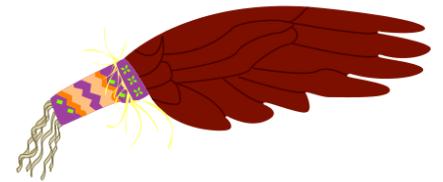
For any questions please contact Lori Ann Sherman, KBIC Natural Resources Department Director at (906) 524-5757 ext. 13 or loriann@kbic-nsn.gov.

This Scholarship is made possible by donations collected by The Superior Watershed Partnership

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Tribal Social Services is seeking volunteers to serve as guardian or conservator to a growing number of community members in need. If you have extra time and skills that could assist people to help manage their financial affairs, or would like to help someone be able to manage their daily living, you could make the difference to someone in the community.

Please contact KBIC Tribal Social Services if you are interested or seek further information about becoming a guardian or conservator at (906) 353-4201.



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Our Community is in need of homes for infants ages 0-2 years. We are also seeking forever homes - families who are willing to be fostering to adopt homes.

Become a Foster Parent



Share Your Home and Heart With a Native Child



Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
 Tribal Social Services
 16429 Bear Town Road
 Baraga, MI 49908
 906-353-4201

KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

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

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

"Your Children...Our Priority"

We provide the following services:

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



Binnakwe Giizis Powwow Held At Michigan Technology University



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Deb Williamson, Jingle Dress



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

The Binnakwe Giizis Powwow (Falling Leaves Moon Powwow) was held at Michigan Technological University's SDC Wood Gym, on Saturday, October 8, 2016, with grand entries at 2 pm and 7 pm. Many Community members attended the event that was funded in part by KBIC. Shown to the left are Head Dancers: James Cohen and Raeanne Madison. Head Veteran Dancer Evonne Allard (current Michigan Tech AISES member) led the KBIC Veteran Honor Guard in the grand entries. KBIC Member Stanley Spruce served as Master of Ceremonies and Darrell Kingbird as the Arena Director. Host drum was KBIC's Four Thunders, and co-host drum was KBIC's Woodland Singers.

~ By Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor