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OJIBWA CASINOS HONOR EMPLOYEES

Ojibwa Casino - Baraga

The Ojibwa Casinos honored employees for their years of service this past month. The Baraga Awards Ceremony was held on Wednesday, March 29, 2017, at the Ojibwa Casino Conference Room,



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Honored for 20 years of service, shown above are: (left to right) back—Judy Dompier, Gary Mills, Jr., Brian Menard, front—Cheryl Hoover and Cindy Isotalo. Also honored for 20 years of service but not present were: Todd Ellenich and Michael Kinnunen.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Honored for 15 years of service, shown above are: (left to right) Gerlinde Curtis, Christopher Roy, Philip Roy, Jamie Kinnunen. Jeffrey Lamson was also honored for 15 years but was not present.

Ojibwa Casino II - Marquette

The Marquette Awards Ceremony was held on Friday, March 31, 2017, at the Casino II Conference Room, located in Harvey, Michigan.



Honored for 20 years of service, shown above are: (left to right) Shawn Seymour, Daryl VanAble, Linda Hough, and Jeffry Skauge.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Pictured above is James Nardi, a dedicated employee with 25 years of service. Also awarded for 25 years of service was Michelle Messer, who was unable to attend the ceremony.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Honored for 10 years of service, shown above are: (left to right) back—Cheryl Moran, Tina Murray, front—Lisa Denomie. Also honored for 10 years of service but not present were: Timothy Clark, Alan Gagnon, Daniel Pesonen, Mary Roth, and Kristie Warwick.



Honored for 15 years of service, shown above are: (left to right) Peggy Heikkinen and Linda Pilto. Also honored for 15 years of service but not present were: Megan Chasteen and William Peranteau.

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



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Ojibwa Casino Honors Employees for Years of Service
- April 1, 2017 Council Meeting
- Constitution Committee Updates
- Earth Day 2017
- KBIC Court Report
- Deepest Sympathy

"Death leaves a heart-ache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal."

Memorial Day



Happy Mother's Day!



Honored for 10 years of service, shown above are: (left to right) Marilyn Hendrickson and Patricia Joyal. Stephan Valenti was also honored for 10 years but was not present.

April 1, 2017 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Regular Saturday Tribal Council Meeting was held on April 1, 2017, at the Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room in Baraga, Michigan. President Warren Swartz, Jr., presided over the meeting with Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, Toni Minton, Doreen Blaker, Fred Dakota, Randall Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot, and Elizabeth D. Mayo present. Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. was absent.

Vice President Misegan shared numerous *Thank You* and *For Your Information* items addressed to Council.

President Warren "Chris" Swartz Jr. gave the President's Report (page four), Vice President Jennifer Misegan gave the Vice President's Report (page five), Susan J. LaFernier gave the Secretary's Report (page eight), and Larry Denomie III gave the CEO's Report (page five). Council approved the February 2017 Department Head Reports and Meeting Minutes for March 16, 2017.

Recognized individual: Shelby J. Bischoff, Fund Development Officer for the Great Lakes Recovery Centers, addressed Council on the Great Lakes Recovery Center's Mental Health First Aid Program. Shelby spoke of the services they offer, thanked the Council for their support, and offered the possibility of collaborating services with KBIC.

Under old business: Don Wren, Ojibwa Casino General Manager brought to Council the Red Circle Agency Tier IV Services Agreement for consideration. They will provide the same services that we are currently utilizing three agencies to perform for us. **Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to approve the services agreement between the Ojibwa Casino and Red Circle Agency, co-supported by Jennifer Misegan and Rodney Loonsfoot. Nine supported (Misegan, Minton, Blaker, Dakota, Haataja, M. LaFernier, G. Loonsfoot, R. Loonsfoot, Mayo), one opposed (S. LaFernier), 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried.**

Under new business: President Warren Chris Swartz, Jr. brought forth Resolution KB-018-2017 on behalf of Debra Parrish, KBOCC President, in which the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Council respectfully requests that President Trump sign a new Executive Order on Tribal Colleges and Universities and reaffirm his commitment to Tribal Sovereignty and Self-Determination. **Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to approve Resolution KB-018-2017, supported by Michael F. LaFernier, Sr. Ten supported (Misegan, S. LaFernier, Minton, Blaker, Dakota, Haataja, M. LaFernier, G. Loonsfoot, R. Loonsfoot, Mayo), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried.**

President Warren Chris Swartz, Jr. also presented on behalf of Debra Parrish, KBOCC President, the candidates for the Board of Regents. They are: Keith Rolof who has a Master's Degree, Chris Chosa who has a Bachelor's Degree, and Clara Corbett who has a Bachelor's Degree. **Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to approve the three candidates to the Board of Regents for consideration, supported by Fred Dakota. Ten supported (Misegan, S. LaFernier, Minton, Blaker, Dakota, Haataja, M. LaFernier, G. Loonsfoot, R. Loonsfoot, Mayo), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried.**

President Warren Chris Swartz, Jr. presented an amended Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and the National Indian Gaming Commission which regards the dissemination of the criminal history record information by the National Indian Gaming Commission. **Motion by Rodney Loonsfoot to approve the amended MOU regarding the dissemination of criminal history record information by the National Indian Gaming Commission, supported by Susan J. LaFernier. Ten supported (Misegan, S. LaFernier, Minton, Blaker, Dakota, Haataja, M. LaFernier, G. Loonsfoot, R. Loonsfoot, Mayo), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried.**

Vice President Jennifer Misegan brought forth a Tribal Economic Growth Alliance for discussion. The recent election of Donald Trump to the American Presidency and the election of Republican majorities in the U.S. House and Senate create an opportunity for Indian Country to expand economic growth through changes in federal law, regulations, and Indian Affairs Administration. A new American Indian and Alaska Native leadership alliance (TEGA) is necessary to focus and intensify the Indian Country political voice to promote tribal economic growth. Attorney Robert Porter has been facilitating the group. He has been holding meetings

which include tax reform; enact federal law to eliminate barriers to tribal economic growth; reform federal regulations to promote tribal resource development, support tribe-to-tribe trade, and eliminate unfair "dual taxation"; restore Indian land title and reduce federal control over tribal land use; expand tribal government self-regulations of tribal lands and waters; create tax incentives to support investment on tribal lands and make permanent existing Indian Country tax credits; support Indian entrepreneurship and Alaska Native enterprises; and protect tribal sovereignty, tribal tax immunities, and existing federal treaty and trust responsibilities. Jennifer sought Council's blessing to become involved in this endeavor in a limited manner. Council consensus was to become involved with the Tribal Economic Growth Alliance.

Elizabeth Mayo brought forth a matter involving our Tribal Veterans' medical needs. She would like to see our Veterans able to utilize their VA Health Care which includes preventative, primary, and specialty care. There are clinics in Houghton and Iron Mountain, and she would like to see the Veterans able to utilize them. The VA covers 80% of their care, and there is a 20% co-pay. Council Member Mayo would like to see our Tribal Health Department pick up that 20% co-pay for them as it is an option offered to them and fill the prescriptions they are issued. Many times it is quite difficult to obtain a medical appointment within a reasonable time frame at the Tribal Medical Clinic. Carole LaPointe, Health Director, was present at the meeting and indicated that we are currently working on a MOU with the VA. In the meantime, we can make requested reimbursements through the 650, Third Party Billing Revenue. **Motion by Jennifer Misegan that we reimburse Tribal Member Veterans' co-pays from their VA Clinic visits, and the process would be that they provide the receipts to the PRC Clerk to be reimbursed out of Third Party Billing Revenue, and a written policy is to be brought back to Council within two weeks, supported Susan J. LaFernier. Nine supported (Misegan, S. LaFernier, Minton, Blaker, Haataja, M. LaFernier, G. Loonsfoot, R. Loonsfoot, Mayo), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, two absent (Curtis, Dakota), motion carried.** Currently, if the Veteran is referred out to a VA clinic, and then returns with a prescription, it can be filled at the pharmacy, but they have to be referred out by our medical clinic. Council will schedule a work session on other health department matters.

President Warren Chris Swartz, Jr., appointed Rodney Loonsfoot as the Tribal Veteran Service Representative. There are a few trainings coming up which he will be required to attend.

Treasurer Doreen Blaker presented the April 2017 donations requests. **Motion by Jennifer Misegan to approve \$500.00 for Camp New Day; \$250.00 for Sonja Welch for a Medlife trip to Lima, Peru; \$500.00 for American Legion Post 444 brass grave markers and flags; \$2,000.00 for the Third Annual Fatherhood Kickball/Lacrosse Game; \$400.00 for "Walking the Red Road" Sobriety Conference pending possibly funding from Newday Treatment Center to fund a registration vendor booth and send someone there; and to assist Dan Alexander, Sr. for employment training travel according to the travel calculation and to verify a TERO denial or potential funding from that source; co-supported by Michael F. LaFernier, Sr. and Toni Minton. Eight supported (Misegan, S. LaFernier, Minton, Blaker, Haataja, M. LaFernier, G. Loonsfoot, R. Loonsfoot), one opposed (Mayo), 0 abstained, two absent (Curtis, Dakota), motion carried.**

CEO Larry Denomie III brought three quotes for Builder Risk Insurance for the Baraga and Marquette Ojibwa Casino Projects. Under our contract with Gunlach, we are required to carry Builder Risk Insurance. Lloyds of London is recommended by our work group. **Motion by Jennifer Misegan to go with the Builder's Risk quote from Lloyds of London for the upcoming Casino Projects, co-supported by Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., and Rodney Loonsfoot. Nine supported (Misegan, S. LaFernier, Minton, Blaker, Haataja, M. LaFernier, G. Loonsfoot, R. Loonsfoot, Mayo), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, two absent (Curtis, Dakota), motion carried.**

Council moved into closed session with updates from the Tribal Attorney and the Vice President on the agenda prior to adjournment.

~ Submitted by Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor

CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEE UPDATES

Boozoo,

Here's an update to all our fellow KBIC members on the Tribe's Constitutional Amendment process. On April 26, 2016, a Secretarial election was completed that amended the Constitution. There were 316 members registered to vote, and 122 cast their ballots for and 86 cast their ballots against adoption of the amendment. Article VI, Section 1(h) now reads:

To appropriate for tribal use any available tribal funds, provided, that any appropriation in excess of \$500,000 at any one time shall be of no effect until approved by referendum vote.

A new amendment to the Tribe's Constitution has been proposed. This is to add in Article IX to establish a separate Judicial Branch. There was a Constitutional Convention formed with Community member input regarding the language for this new Article. Input by Community members took place during 2015 with alternating public meetings taking place at the Ojibwa Senior Center and the Zeba Community Center to finalize this proposed Article. Resolution KB-042-2015 was presented to the Tribal Council and was approved by the Tribal Council at their September 24, 2015 meeting. Subsequent to this meeting, a request for a Secretarial election was submitted to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA).

On January 20, 2017, the BIA sent a letter to Tribe providing an update as of November 18, 2015, to Title 25 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 81 (25 C.F.R. Part 81). The BIA follows these regulations in conducting Secretarial elections for Tribal Constitutional Amendments.

"When conflicting proposals to amend a single provision of a tribal governing document or charter provision are submitted, the proposal first received by the Local Bureau Official, if properly submitted as a complete tribal request, must be voted on before any consideration is given other proposals. *Other proposals must be considered in order of their receipt if they are resubmitted following final agency action on the first submission.* This procedure applies regardless of whether the proposal is a new or revised tribal governing document. (emphasis added)

The BIA asked the Tribe whether or not they still wished to proceed with the request for a Secretarial election to add a new Article IX to the Constitution. President Swartz signed a letter resubmitting the proposal for a separate Judiciary on January 26, 2017, and it is hoped that a Secretarial election will take place this summer or fall. Once again, the BIA will send a registration package to each current voter. Voters will need to register to vote in order to cast a ballot in the Secretarial election.

The committee normally meets the first Monday of the month, and at this past (April 3rd) meeting voted new officers. Committee President - Sarah Maki, Vice President - Michael Cardinal, and Secretary Elizabeth Koski. Other members of the committee are Gretchen Emery, Susan J. LaFernier, and Joseph Eckerberg. There are vacancies on the committee for a regular and alternate committee member. Anyone interested in serving should contact President Swartz.

The committee is very interested in hearing from Tribal members on what, if any, amendments to the constitution they believe the committee should be working on. KB-042-2015 is available upon request. Feel free to drop us an e-mail at const-committee@kbic-nsn.gov.



May 2017 Calendar Events

- **May 6** Reg. Sat. Council Meeting, 9 am, Ojibwa Casino Conference Room, Baraga;
- **May 29:** Gov't Offices closed for Memorial Day

~ submitted by newsletter editor

Wiikwedong Ogichidaa (KBIC Veterans) Meeting

The Wiikwedong Ogichidaa Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 17, 2017, 1900 hours**, at the Wiikwedong Ogichidaa Building, KBIC Industrial Park (off M-38), Baraga, MI 49908.

Future meeting dates: June 21, July 19, August 16, September 20, October 18, November 15, and December 20, 2017.

MICHIGAN INDIAN ELDERS ASSOCIATION 2017 SCHOLARSHIP NOTICE

The Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA) is pleased to announce that it will make available (4) \$1,000 scholarships and (6) \$500 scholarships. The scholarships will be awarded to at least nine qualified students with the \$1,000 scholarships being awarded to top three qualified students, as determined by committee review and lottery, if necessary. Each student must be currently enrolled in a course of study at, or have a letter of acceptance from, a public college or university or technical school and must meet the following qualifications.

QUALIFICATIONS – the student:

- Must be an enrolled member (*copy of Tribal Card*) or be a direct descendant of an enrolled member of one of the MIEA constituent Tribes/Bands (*must be verified in writing by your Tribal Enrollment Department*).
- Must have successfully completed and passed all five General Education Development (G.E.D.) equivalency tests with a minimum score of 40 and an average score of 45 and must possess a G.E.D. certificate; or must have graduated from an accredited high school with a 3.00 grade point average; or if currently enrolled at a college, university or trade school, must have an accumulated grade point average of 3.00.
- Must, except for special and extenuating circumstances, attend college, university, or trade school on a full-time basis.
- Must complete the provided application form and submit it with required supporting documentation, and the mailing must be **RECEIVED BY THE COORDINATOR** postmarked no later than June 15, 2017. (PLEASE NOTE, incomplete or late applications will not be considered).

An application form can be downloaded by visiting <http://michiganindianelders.org/students.php> on the web. The application can also be obtained from the Tribal Education Department of each of the constituent Tribes/Bands (includes Keweenaw Bay Indian Community).

Outpatient — Access To Recovery (ATR)

The KBICSAP Outpatient ATR program is now open to all Natives and Non-Natives 18 and older. ATR consists of Phases:



- Phase I: anyone who has used alcohol/drugs in the past 12 months.
- Phase III: anyone who has been sober/clean from Alcohol/Drugs for over 12 months.

Both phases require you to watch eight hours of Alcohol/Drug Videos at our office, and you will receive gift card incentives. Contact our office at (906) 353-8121 to set up an appointment to enroll.

2017 REACH WALKING CHALLENGE

This year you track your daily exercise, and we will do a monthly BMI!

If you meet all three segment goals at the end of the challenge, you will be entered in the grand prize drawing.

Challenge is for everyone age 18 and older. Encourage friends and family to join!

You will receive one pedometer if you need one.

Registration May 30th and 31st, 9am to 3pm KBIC Health System second floor.



To participate in the challenge, you are to track your steps from June 1st to August 31st.

After each of the three segments, you will be eligible to win prizes! The longer you participate, the better the prize!

Sponsored by REACH Journey to Wellness and KBIC Health System.

For more information contact: Mary Dee 353-4530 or Popcorn 353-4531.

President's Report for the Month of March 2017

The following briefly summarizes the activities in the Office of the President for the month of March 2017.

- Early in the month, I talked with Darren Webb, Commodities Food Director, about the Food Distribution Program on Indian reservations. He informed me that they have been trying to include more traditional foods into the food package for nearly a decade. Darren is involved with a work group that is working with the NFDPIR to discuss this need. I concur with Darren to try to incorporate traditional foods into the food package at Commodities Foods as a priority and to request additional funding to support the increased demands on the infrastructure generated by higher participation in the program. Darren is the Vice President of the National Association of Food Distribution Programs on Indian Reservations. We'd like to see if we can include Lake Superior Trout and Whitefish into the Commodities Foods as part of the traditional foods.
- I signed a commercial lease for the former Tubcraft building for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Tobacco Company LLC. The purpose is to allow manufacturing of tobacco products in addition to any other purpose approved in writing by the parties. The term is for 25 years, and there is a provision within the Resolution which prevents the assignment or sublease without prior written consent of the leaser and sureties.
- I signed a loan agreement for a promissory note between the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and the KBIC Tobacco Company in the amount of \$375,000.00 at 3.5% interest.
- I requested copies of HUD monitoring reports covering the last six years of HUD funded activities.
- On Tuesday, March 7, 2017, the Board of Managers of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Tobacco Manufacturing Company met for the first time. They elected Jennifer Misegan as Chairperson, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr. as Vice Chairperson, Doreen Blaker as Secretary, and myself as Treasurer. The Board consists of five members including Travis Heron. We authorized the purchase of a 100-hinged-lid packing line and continued to work on the TTB application. We informed the Board of the Community's execution on the KBIC Tobacco Company LLC Articles of Incorporation and the LLC's Board of Manager's Operating Agreement. We are working on a consultant agreement with ACE for operating prior to manufacturing.
- I also attended a scheduling conference at the Community's Court in reference to KBIC versus Eddy Edwards, et. al. The Honorable Judge decided to take the issues raised in the motion and the responses under advisement and postponed his decision on the matter pursuant to Michigan Court Rules. Accordingly, this is not a final decision, order, or judgment on the merits of the claims, defenses, and motions in the case.
- I signed a support letter for the Great Lakes Research Center's proposal to begin to bring Real-Time year around monitoring to the Great Lakes. The Community supports expansion of their monitoring capabilities at Stannard Rock in Lake Superior and at the White Shoal in Lake Michigan.
- I participated in a conference status call regarding general updates and discussion of options for dredge spoils disposal for the proposal to dredge Traverse Harbor to Buffalo Reef. Steve Casey of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality informed us of the status of the permit application status for disposal of the tailings pile and funding related to the planning process. We scheduled another conference call in about three weeks once the EPA decides whether or not they are going to fund the project. Some of the concerns we have is that it is just a band-aid; they're not really dealing with the entire migration of the stamp sand. All they are doing is creating a temporary band-aid, and it is going to fill up in three years. The EPA is concerned about this as well. They would like a more long-term fix rather than a short-term fix.
- I attended the Employee Recognition Ceremony for our Casinos. The events were enjoyable, and I had the opportunity to thank our employees and show gratitude for their services. A number of employees were recognized for their years of service ranging from ten to twenty-five years of service.
- I attended an Opiates Training that was held at the former Big Bucks Bingo Hall. More about that in the CEO Report.
- I attended Northern Michigan University's "Native American Critical Issues" Conference. The theme was "Rebuilding Traditional Knowledge Systems," with the keynote speaker being Dr. Malia Villegas. I was asked to give the welcoming speech at the conference. I spoke about some of the critical issues here at the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community related to the protection of treaty rights and a number of other issues that relate to clean air and clean water.
- Later that day we (Council) met with the Lac Vieux Desert Tribal Council. The purpose of the meeting was how we can collaborate together in our efforts to regulate all Indians in Michigan's 1842 treaty area. The meeting went well, and I was asked to organize an Ad Hoc Committee of five individuals.
- I redistributed the draft from Red Cliff in regards to the big lake fishing rights. There was a previous two-year agreement in 1988-89. Red Cliff had dusted off that previous two-year agreement and made some minor adjustments to it and sent it to me. I circulated this to the Council, and the initial concerns are that it needs to be tweaked to how we'd like to regulate those activities in our home territory.

Respectfully submitted,
Warren C. Swartz

"EARTH DAY" 2017



This year "Earth Day" was April 22nd. It is the annual celebration of the environment, and a time to celebrate our gains that we have made and to access the work still needed to protect the natural gifts of our planet. Taking care of our earth is not just a responsibility—it's a privilege. Earth Day is observed around the world, although nowhere is it a national holiday, and YOU can make a big difference. There has been environmental progress because of the efforts

of many.

Let us continue with this progress. We can learn how to create "greener" energy efficient, comfortable, and healthy homes. Pay attention to how water is used; the little things can make a big difference: watch for leaks, turn water faucets off whenever possible, wash clothes in cooler water, and drink tap water instead of bottled water if possible. Remember to bring unused, old prescription drugs to the Tribal Police Department anytime for proper disposal. Leave the car at home (especially with the gas prices). If we can stay off the road just two days a week, we will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by an average of 1,590 pounds per year. Combine errands (post office, grocery store, bank, etc). Walk or ride a bike to work, school, and anywhere you can.

You will reduce greenhouse gases while burning calories and improving your health, or carpool. We can learn how to compost our kitchen and yard waste which will reduce the amount of trash we send to landfills. Compost makes a great natural fertilizer, and it is easy to do. Remember to snip apart the six-pack plastic rings before you throw them away as they can entangle birds, fish, and small animals. Also don't throw out old batteries because they contain mercury that can leak into our groundwater or be burned and released into the air. Try rechargeable batteries. Remember the four R's: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rethink.

There are many things we can do to protect and save our earth. I commend all of you who are already using these tips, and to those who help every year

Vice President's Report for the Month of March 2017

- I am pleased to announce that on March 29, 2017, the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tobacco Company submitted an application to manufacture tobacco products. The application was accepted by the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, and we have been assigned a Specialist in the Bureau to assist us. There was a tremendous amount of work done, and the majority of it was completed by Larry Denomie and Danielle Webb. Much thanks to them for handling it. The process from here will involve the initial evaluation of the application for completeness, background checks of the board members, field investigations, examination of equipment and premises, and a legal analysis of proposed operations. Our outside counsel, Robert Porter, is currently working to assist us in the interview phase which we are hoping will happen in the next few months. Additional equipment including a packing machine has been purchased and is expected to be delivered next week.
- On March 20, the CEO, Treasurer, Realty Officer, and I attended a Chocolay Township Board meeting. The issue of rezoning the area that is not currently in trust at the Casino property was on the agenda. We answered many questions that came up from Board members and concerned residents regarding water issues and land use. In the end the Board approved a motion to rezone the property to Commercial. We will still have to apply for several permits and go before the Board again before we begin building. A town meeting is being planned to answer the questions that the area residents have.
- I have been involved in meetings regarding the budgets of the Casino projects. An article explaining where we are in the process is in the newsletter, and the CEO will elaborate on the progress. We have met with representatives from Superior National Bank and their partners from FifthThird regarding the financing of the projects. We have received a proposal from them, and a meeting is scheduled to go over the details next week.
- Attorney Rob Porter and I continue to work with the Social Security Administration and the State of Michigan Department of Human Services on the General Welfare payment issues. I was able to provide Rob with several accounts from our members who have been denied services and have had to claim these benefits as income. Rob forwarded the information to several federal agencies as well as Senator Stabenow's staff.
- Work continues on our response to the draft monitoring report we have received from HUD regarding the former Ojibwa Housing Authority. We will have many updated policies to the Council for their consideration at next week's meeting to be approved the following week. We have reached out to Dorsey, and attorney Alex Hontros will be compiling our response following a visit here next week.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Misegan

CEO's Report for the Month of March 2017

During the month of March 2017, the CEO's office reported the following:

- Last month, I reported that the former Big Bucks Bingo Hall would begin being used for our attorneys' offices. Because the cost of setting it up for that purpose would be somewhat significant, a change in location of our grant writer, Jean Jokinen, is planned. Her office is currently located within the Tribal Center and will be used to accommodate the new incoming attorney. Jean will be relocated to the Planning and Development building in Baraga effective this coming Monday and will utilize the office formerly used by our economic developer, Gregg Nominelli.
- Our bi-monthly department head meeting was joined with training provided by our Tribal Police department. Chief Misegan had arranged for US Department of Justice staff to come to KBIC to provide valuable information regarding the Opioid epidemic taking place across the country. The interactive presentation lasted for approximately three hours, and the information that was shared will be very useful in planning and developing ways to address the problem locally. Several grant opportunities were shared as well and are being worked on by our grant writer and staff.
- In the upcoming edition of the Tribe's newsletter will be an article related to the status of the new casino projects. The article is an effort to keep the Community informed on the progress and the process of the projects as they move forward. We are continuing to work on options to reduce the budgets to come in line with what has been approved.
- Gundlach Champion, General Contractor for the projects, is slated to present updated budgets at the Tribal Council meeting next week.
- As I reported last month, Cherie Dakota, OVW Team Lead, had provided her resignation, and her last day was yesterday, March 31. We weren't able to fill the position through the initial posting, so the job description was revised and will be posted for another week. During the interim, our office will be taking on oversight of the department.
- The Funeral Task Force began meeting again. Deacon John Cadeau attended the meeting and provided information related to the Assinins Cemetery. Rodney Loonsfoot is working on rescheduling the community session that was cancelled in May of last year. The session was to include Lee Staples, Author of Changing Worlds. The tentative date for the session is April 29, at the Zeba Hall. Notices will be posted regarding the session once the details are confirmed.
- Ojibwa Casinos recognized their employees for years of service this past week. In Baraga, nine employees were recognized for having 10 years of service, five for 15, seven for 20, and two for 25 years - Michelle Messer and Jim Nardi. In Marquette, two reached 10 years of service, four reached 15 years, and four reached 20 years. A luncheon was provided, and President Swartz presented the employees with their gifts. Their loyal service to the casinos and Tribe are greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Denomie III, CEO

Earth Day continued:

with our spring cleanups of our homes, roads, and cemeteries. You can also help by not littering. Be watching for the spring clean up dates in our areas. I also thank our many, many volunteers in our communities. Let us continue to do our part, so that our beautiful land and water remain free of contamination for us to continue to enjoy. There are also many great ideas on the internet.

"Save The Earth"

People everywhere, breathe the same air, share the same seas, live together on the land. People everywhere who learn, plan, work, care... can save the Earth. - Betty Miles

~Susan J. LaFornier
Member-Keweenaw Bay Indian Community

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

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

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

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

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



16429 Bear Town, Rd.
Baraga, MI 49908
(906) 353-4222



Staying Healthy For Men, Part 1



Many men in this time and age are not monitoring their health in the ways they should. In general, men tend to put off regular checkups and medical care. Because of this hands off approach to health, men are experiencing many health problems. When starting to encounter health problems of any kind, it becomes very evident that one health problem can, and often does, lead to another. Maintaining a healthy weight is important for men in lowering their risk for health problems. There are many health risks associated with being overweight.

Men who are overweight or obese, compared to those with a normal or healthy weight, are at increased risk for many serious diseases and health conditions, including; increased mortality at younger age; high blood pressure (Hypertension); high LDL cholesterol; low HDL cholesterol; or high levels of triglycerides (Dyslipidemia); type 2 diabetes; coronary heart disease; stroke; gallbladder disease; osteoarthritis (a breakdown of cartilage and bone within a joint); sleep apnea and breathing problems; some cancers (colon, kidney, gallbladder, and liver); low quality of life; mental illness such as clinical depression, anxiety, and other mental disorders; body pain; and difficulty with physical functioning.

Staying at a healthy weight can eliminate many of these problems in the long run. Balancing the calories eaten with the calories burned (use up) is key to maintaining a healthy weight. Calories are a measure of the energy in the foods eaten. To lose weight one needs to burn more calories than eaten. A healthy diet and being physically active can help control weight. People burn more calories with physical activity. When one moves more and eats healthy foods, one can lower blood pressure and blood sugar, raise "good" cholesterol, lower "bad" cholesterol, and have more energy during the day. People may start to see these health benefits by losing just five to ten percent of their body weight. For example, if someone weighs 200 pounds, this would mean losing 10 to 20 pounds.

Men, it is time for a life-style change. Being healthy takes effort, so we can no longer have the hands off attitude when dealing with our health. Just by working on losing some weight, eating better, and becoming more active, we can improve our health by leaps and bounds.

Submitted by: Jim Chapin, RN, Community Health Nurse
Sources: <https://www.cdc.gov/healthyweight/effects> and <https://healthfinder.gov/HealthTopics/Category/health-conditions-and-diseases/diabetes/watch-your-weight>

Upcoming Events:

- Parent Circle, May 8th 5 p.m.
- Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group, June 6th 5:30 p.m.
- Car Seat Clinic, May 11th by appointment
- Diabetic Foot Clinic, May 10th & 24th, by appointment
- Breastfeeding Support Group, June 7th 5-7 p.m.
- MSU Farmer Series, May 9th 4 p.m.

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

Attention KBIC Health System Patients:

Look for your REACH survey in the mail. If you have not already done so, be sure to fill it out and send it back in the provided self addressed stamped envelope. You will be entered to win an iPad.



Planting Gardens = Raising Children

As the long cold dark begins to recede, those of us with old bones welcome the sun and warmth of spring back into our lives. Spring is of the East and the Sun and is the time of new beginnings, new life, babies, and children. For myself, I cannot wait to go barefoot and play in the dirt again. I am an avid gardener, and spring is the best season for gardens. The beauty and bounty to come is all imagined, not yet reality. In my mind, all my plants will be healthy and perfect producing an abundance of good things. In my zeal, I frequently over seed not quite able to believe those tiny seeds will blossom into fully formed and crowded rows.

Planting gardens are like raising children. Our babies and children are the spring gardens, we must plant wise seeds, so they can grow and blossom into the strong capable people we wish them to be. Start early, seed with a generous hand, weed and nurture with care, so the babies will grow strong and straight. The seeds we plant are based on the teachings that provide direction and root them in the cultural values needed to grow up strong and resilient. Plant these seeds:

- ◆ Truth and Honesty – be honest, true to yourself and family.
- ◆ Wisdom – value the wisdom of your elders.
- ◆ Respect - for yourself, your family, the Earth.
- ◆ Humility – do not forget to be balanced.
- ◆ Bravery – have courage, even in the hard times.
- ◆ Love – giving and sharing it is the best way to get it back.

Young parents today need all the help they can get to raise good, strong children. We should all be helping them. Our future depends on the seeds we plant today, and the care we provide in their early years. Go outside! Enjoy the sun and warm weather with your kids! Plant a garden.

Submitted by: Cindy Miller, RN, Maternal Child Health Nurse
Based on Best Start Resource Center publication "A Child Becomes Strong : Journeying Through Each Stage of the Life Cycle"

The KBIC Health System Maternal Child Health Team would like to thank Rodney Loonsfoot, KBIC Youth staff, KBIC Child Support Office, KBOCC Infant Health, Safety, Nutrition students, and all our participants for helping make the 2017 Family Spirit and Healthy Start Family Gatherings a huge success.



Show Us Your Moves! #mamaajii

Ojibwe Word= MAMAAJII: S/He moves, is in motion (ma-ma-gee)



SUBMIT PHOTOS AT
KBICHEALTH.ORG/CONTEST

1. GET MOVING! Find your favorite activity and bonus points if you bring a friend. Where do you go if you want to start to get active! You may enjoy walking, running, dancing, going to the gym, swimming, hiking, fishing, hunting, hooping it up or a number of other activities. Being active helps you to stay healthy, happy and fit.
#mamaajii

2. GET PICTURES! Use any camera, but capture the energy and excitement in our community. Pro Tip: Don't get anyone in the shot that doesn't want to be there. Represent your health, home, and culture.

3. GET REWARDS! Not only will you feel great, but if we feature your picture, you'll get an exclusive T-Shirt, and you'll be entered to win one of THREE Grand Rewards between NOW AND JUNE 1ST.

Supported by GHWIC & KBIC Health

KBIC PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING

U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
Community Development Block Grant
Program for Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages

For our proposed Solar Project Grant

A discussion with:
Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Members

The meeting will run from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, May 3rd—Tribal Center Conference Room

We will obtain the views of Tribal Member attendees on community development and housing needs. We will also be accepting public comments and input for the planning process and development of the grant application. The grant guidelines and a questionnaire will be discussed and available for all participants to fill out. The Tribe is eligible to apply for up to \$600,000.

We will also be accepting public comments and have copies of the questionnaire available for those that are unable to attend by:

CALLING: Jean Jokinen at the Grants Office 906-353-4205

E-MAILING: jjokinen@kbic-nsn.gov

MAILING: Grants Office, 16429 Beartown Road, Baraga, MI 49908

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STATEMENT: When the final draft of the application is complete, all KBIC Tribal Members are afforded the opportunity to examine its contents and submit comments to Jean Jokinen using the same contact information provided above. Tribal Members can also review and comment on the Tribe's performance under any active Community Development Block Grant.

Multi-Agency Training on Mussel Survey and Identification Techniques Leads to Opportunity for KBOCC Student Research and Collaboration

An intensive training held last summer on freshwater mussels, their decline world-wide, and how resource management agencies are actively developing protocols to gather baseline data for mussels, was attended by KBIC-NRD, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), Ottawa National Forest (ONF), Michigan Department of Natural Resources



KBIC-NRD Staff engaged at a multi-agency mussel training session, Marquette, August 2016.

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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
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"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



(7) Niizhaaswi

Who can participate?

Open to All of Baraga County Residents and KBIC Tribal Members. Represent your health, home, and culture. Photo must be from the past year and be from the Baraga County Area. It's whatever you enjoy; a walk, workout at the gym, swim, fish, hunt, gather, run, or a number of other activities.

For more information visit kbichealth.org/contest or email temery@kbic-nsn.gov

☰ Parent Circle

The Three Sisters

Second Monday!

May 8, 2017

5-6:30PM

Niiwin Akeaa Center, Baraga, Commons Area

- Happy Mother's Day! Mother figures are encouraged to attend! Photo portraits included.
- A free, public, and consistent monthly event promoting family engagement—children must be supervised
- Focus group is ages 0-5 and their siblings
- Make-and-Take activity: Plant the three sisters!
- Sensory Play
- Snacks will be provided
- Books for each family

Supplies are limited. Reminder calls included.
Please register with Dawn! 353-4521

Sponsored by KBIC Family Spirit and Healthy Start Programs

Tribal Council Secretary's Report for the Month of March 2017 to the Council/Community

**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.

Remember to continue to pray for each other, our police officers, military, firefighters, and all emergency personnel. Also remember those who are ill, those with economic struggles, and all those who have lost loved ones.

*Happy Easter and spring time to everyone!
Mino-Bimaadizin "Live Well"*

During March, the Tribal Council held the Regular Saturday Meeting on March 4, 2017, and four Special Council meetings. Following are the March 4, and 9, (approved and March 16, 23, and 24, 2017 (unapproved) minutes. This report will be published in the KBIC "Wiikwedong Dazhi-Ojibwe" newsletter and the approved minutes can also be found on the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Website.

March 4, 2017 Regular Council Meeting:

- Approved the Tribal Council President's Report for February 2017 (Warren C. Swartz, Jr.).
- Approved the Tribal Council Vice President's Report for February 2017 (Jennifer Misegan).
- Approved the Tribal Council Secretary's Report and (Beartown Firefighters Relief Fund Report) for February 2017 (Susan J. LaFernier).
- Approved the CEO's Report for January-February 2017 (Larry J. Denomie III).
- Approved the January 2017 Department Head Reports.
- Approved the February 4, 9, and 21, 2017 Tribal Council Meeting Minutes.
- Approved to participate and support KB Ojibwa Community College's proposal for a grant to conduct extensive study on well water quality across the Reservation.
- Approved the loan agreement between KBIC and the KBIC Tobacco Company, LLC, and to have Toni Minton, Assistant Secretary, sign the documents as the President and Vice President are both Tobacco Company board members.
- Approved \$30.00 an hour for Council Member's wage during travel and work for Council business effective since this year's Council Session - January 7, 2017.
- Approved Resolution KB 010-2017 KBIC Tobacco Company, LLC Commercial/Business Lease of Tribal owned trust land on the L'Anse Indian Reservation to manufacture tobacco products at the North Tubcraft Building-Ojibwa Industrial Park Road.
- Approved Amendment number one to the U.S. Oil Retailer Supply Agreement.
- Approved the Second Amendment to the Bridge Loan Agreement and Promissory Note between KBIC and Aanikoosing, Inc. for \$25,000.00.
- Approved the Verizon bid in the amount of \$54,236.16 for the Tribe's cell phone service.
- Approved the March 2017 Donations: \$500.00 for Neebin Ashbrook-Pietila's class trip to Hawaii; \$800.00 for the Taylor Havican Spaghetti Dinner Benefit; \$200.00 full page ad in the L'Anse Yearbook and to include the KBIC High School Senior names; \$5,000.00 for the Northern Michigan University Native American Student Association Annual Pow-wow as an advance of 2% funds.

March 9, 2017 Special Council Meeting:

- Approved the February 23, 2017 Tribal Council Meeting Minutes.
- Approved the Multi-Year Funding Agreement, Buyback/Withhold Agreement for FY 2016 (Self-Governance Compact October 2015-September 2019) between Indian Health Service and KBIC programs, functions, and activities.
- Approved the MOU regarding the 2017 Native American Behavior Risk Factor Survey which will begin Spring 2017 regarding health and health behaviors of adults in Michigan.
- Approved the Registered Dietitian Tier III Services Agreement with Dale Schmeisser, R.D., Ph.D. for the Community's diabetes program April 2017-December 2017.
- Approved Resolution KB 012-2017 grants Jade E. Chaudier a residential lease on Johnson Road in L'Anse and cancels the residential lease with Michael G. Jokinen (deceased) and Jean L. Jokinen.
- Approved Resolution KB 013-2017 grants Jean L. Jokinen a residential lease on Marksman Road in L'Anse and cancels the residential lease with Betsy C. Robillard Ross.
- Approved Resolution KB 011-2017 designating June as Men's Health Month to help educate the importance of healthy lifestyles, positive health attitudes, and preventive health practices.
- Defeated a motion to approve Policy 22.0 Drug Free Work Place (to include Schedules 2-5 prescribed medications and

other changes).

- Approved the Point of Sale System upgrade for the Pines Convenience Center and the POS replacement system for the Rez Stop with Northwest Petroleum Service, Inc.
- Approved to allow the employee Case #001-17 to resign from his position (Government Employee Appeal of Dismissal Hearing).
- Approved the Marketing Director Employment Agreement for the Casino's with James Orr (Cortez, CO) for one year.
- Approved the Red Circle (Ad) Agency for the Casino's to replace Advertising, Inc. for advertising, printing, and direct mail needs for \$23,500.00 per month

March 16, 2017 Special Council Meeting (on the 4-1-17 agenda for approval):

- Approved the amended Commercial/Business Lease for the KBIC Tobacco Company, LLC. The lease will not have to be approved by the Secretary of Interior.
- Approved gifting the tobacco manufacturing equipment to the KBIC Tobacco Company, LLC which was purchased prior.
- Approved Resolution KB 015-2017 Multi-year Funding Agreement with Indian Health Service (Self-Governance Compact) October 2015-September 2019 and authorizes the President to sign.
- Approved the Drug Task Force appointments by position (9): Council Representative; Police Department; Tribal Court; Substance Abuse Programs; Housing Department; Health Clinic; Social Services; Youth Program; and Cultural Committee.
- Approved Resolution KB 014-2017 New Day Treatment Center and KBIC Outpatient Facility status change to a "Tribal Health Center" from a "Federally Qualified Health Center".
- Approved a Memorandum of Agreement between KBIC and the Federal Bureau of Investigations regarding the submission of fingerprints for non-criminal justice purposes and access to criminal history record information.
- Approved the Tier III Services Agreement with Luis M. Verissimo for Geospatial/GIS Services up to \$25,000.00.
- Approved the 2017 Commercial Fishing License applicants (15), but must have any outstanding fines paid and boat safety inspections completed. A notice will be distributed next year informing all commercial fishermen that no late license applications will be considered.
- Approved the new license plate (final) design.
- Approved the Chief Executive Officer Employment Agreement (Larry J. Denomie III) January 8, 2017-January 7, 2018.

March 23, 2017 Special Council Meeting (unapproved):

- Approved the March 4, and 9, 2017 Tribal Council Meeting Minutes.
- Approved, after the President broke the tie, to raise the Tribal Council member's stipend to \$350.00 if they stay the entire day and \$250.00 for a half day, and if they are employees of the Tribe, they will still deduct their wage.
- Approved a donation up to \$2,000.00 for medical travel expenses to the Mayo Clinic for Amanda Bloxton-Kippola.
- Approved a donation up to \$2,000.00 for medical emergency travel expenses to Ann Arbor for Sharon McDaniel (for her sister Bonnie).
- Approved the Tier III Services Agreements with Brad Worthley International for the Ojibwa Casinos to create a service culture (84 employees) for \$119,185.00 and for the Government (55+ employees) for \$108,085.00 and \$335.00 for additional persons.
- Approved Resolution KB 016-2017 FY 2017 Referenced Funding Agreement and Retained Services Addendum (Tribal Transportation Program).
- Approved Resolution KB 017-2017 to correct the property description (scrivener's error) in the residential lease for Jade E. Chaudier on Johnson Road in L'Anse and rescinds KB 012-2017.
- Approved the CARE Committee's recommendation to have an ICDBG application submitted for the installation of solar array panels at the KB Natural Resources Department.
- Approved the One-Time Non-Recurring Forestry and Forest Development Projects FY 2017 Section 108 Model Contract (for forest stand exam and mechanical brushing).
- Approved the Dentist's Employment Agreement (renewal) with R. Brent Johnson, DDS at the KBIC Health System pending his signature.
- Approved to overturn the termination of employee case #002-17, and they will be on one year probation (Government Employee Appeal of Dismissal Hearing).

March 24, 2017 Special Council Meeting (unapproved):

- The Council met with the Lac Vieux Desert Tribal Council and members at Lac Vieux Desert in regards to KBIC Tribal Code 10.101 Title Ten Hunting, Fishing, Trapping, and Gathering-Home Territory.

Respectfully Submitted, Susan J. LaFernier

American Indian Science Scholars Program

July 23—August 2, 2017



A FREE educational event held at the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee for Native American high-school students

***Hands-on sessions**

(Past activities included looking at blood cells of infection, blood typing, DNA necklaces, learn the physics of medical imaging, visiting a field station, and more!)

- *Educational field trips to multiple campuses
- *Room and board at UW-Milwaukee dorm provided
- *Cultural activities
- *Milwaukee Brewers game

For more information:

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Apply at: <http://www.glitc.org/programs/narch-studentoptions>



Full circle learning

Our Goals:

- To get youth excited and strengthen their connection to the outdoors
- To educate on the importance of traditional ecological knowledge and cultural traditions
- To encourage natural resource careers
- To build confidence, leadership, and self-reliance
- To promote and protect treaty rights
- To honor all our relations
- To deepen understanding of traditional ways



For more information, please contact:

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Sponsored by GLIFWC and USFS



Onji-Akiing (From the Earth)



Natural Resource
Cultural Summer Camp

July 17-21, 2017

Camp Nesbit, Sidnaw, Michigan
in the Ottawa National Forest

Onji-Akiing Cultural Youth Camp

2017 Programs

- Environmental Sciences (e.g., aquatic ecology, bird life, forestry, terrestrial ecology, wildlife, technology, Career Fair, etc.)
- Ropes course/team building
- Birch bark basket making
- Service learning
- Cultural exploration
- Hunting, fishing, archery
- Fireside programs
- Canoeing/Manoomin safe harvest
- Brain tanning
- Traditional fish smoking



Students will be expected to participate fully in all activities of the camp. It is important to the success of the students that they take part in all group and individual activities for service, leadership, recreation, and cultural awareness to the best of their abilities. Students will stay in the camp cabins and eat meals in the dining commons.

Sample daily schedule

- 7:00 – Rise and shine
- 7:15 – Spirit Run
- 8:00 – Breakfast
- 9:00 – Team building activity
- 12:00 – Lunch
- 1:00 – Problem solving activity
- 3:30 – Leadership development
- 5:00 – Dinner
- 6:00 – Clan time
- 7:00 – Warrior games
- 9:00 – Snack
- 9:30 – Talking Circle fireside
- 10:00 – In cabins
- 10:30 – Lights out

Camp Onji-Akiing (From the Earth) is a cooperative effort between the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC) and the Ottawa National Forest to explore opportunities for connecting children with their natural world. Hosted at the Lake Nesbit Environmental Center near Sidnaw, Michigan, the camp centers around the Medicine Wheel, addressing not only the physical but also the emotional, mental, and spiritual aspects of adventure-based learning workshops. Children explore natural resource careers and Native American treaty rights, while building leadership skills and environmental stewardship. Onji-Akiing is open to 5th-8th graders.

Deepest Sympathy

JoAnne Renee Racette

(—April 9, 2017)

JoAnne Renee Racette (Makade-Gaagaagiw'ikwe), age 64 of L'Anse, MI, began her new journey while surrounded by her children on Sunday, April 9, 2017. She was the daughter of Ferdinand "Charles" and Elizabeth "Liz" Genschow; sister of Robert (Gladys) Genschow, Debra Parrish, Darlene Genschow, Garen (Rob) Waterbury, and Kent Kruse. JoAnne was a member of Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. In her youth, she enjoyed playing baseball and bowling. She graduated from L'Anse High School in 1970 and went on to study at various colleges for graphic design, photography, and later received her teaching certificate.

She married Patrick J. Racette on June 29, 1974, in Zeba, MI. They had four loving children: David, Elizabeth (Brian Rantanen), Patrick, and Catherine (Dave Laux). JoAnne enjoyed crafting, bead work, gardening, being by the water, as well as, spending time with grandchildren: Keegan, Lucas, Nizhoni, and Zoongide'.

Beginning at a very early age, inspired by her mother, grandmother Florence, and Great Aunt Lizzie, JoAnne dedicated her journey to sharing her knowledge of Ojibwe language, culture, and crafts in numerous capacities throughout her lifetime. She was currently working for Michigan Department of Health and Human Services as an Indian Outreach Worker and as a Native Studies Instructor at Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College. She was also an active member of the Ojibwa Senior Citizens.

Walking on before her were her parents; husband, Patrick; son, David; and sister, Sharon Genschow.

Also assisting her on her journey are numerous in-laws, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Burial was held on Thursday, April 13, 2017, at the L'Anse Evergreen Cemetery, followed by a feast at the Zeba Hall celebrating her life. The Jacobson Funeral Home assisted the family.

Georgia M. Bourdage

(February 22, 1950—April 18, 2017)

Georgia M. Bourdage, 67, passed away at her home surrounded by her loving family in Hawesville, Kentucky, on Tuesday, April 18, 2017, after a lengthy illness. She was born in L'Anse, Michigan, on February 22, 1950, the daughter of the late Wilbur and Lois La Fernier. She was a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. She was a loving mother and grandmother. Georgia enjoyed cooking, painting, fishing, camping, yard sales, swimming, and keeping her loving husband out of trouble.

She was preceded in death by her first husband Ed Bourdage; a granddaughter, Skyelah Dowell; sisters: Arlene (Peter) Wessman, and Sybil La Fernier; brothers: Earl La Fernier, John La Fernier, and Patrick La Fernier.

She is survived by her husband Robert (Bob) Douglas; daughters: Melissa La Fernier of L'Anse, Michigan, and Heather (Justin) Dowell of Hawesville, Kentucky; a son: Edward (Tanker) Bourdage of L'Anse, Michigan; step son: Rob Douglas; Grandchildren: Carisa, Cale, Aliyah, Colton, Kayden, and Branson; brothers: Michael (Susan) La Fernier, Sr., L'Anse, Michigan, and Harry La Fernier; sisters: Marcia (Dennis) Wentland, Holdingford, Minnesota, Margaret (John) Vanover, Hawesville, Kentucky, Rebecca (Ralph) Decker, Hawesville, Kentucky, Cosie La Fernier L'Anse, Michigan, Angela (Gerald) Friisvall, L'Anse, Michigan, and Rose (Chris) Landreaux, La Place, Louisiana; and several nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of life was held on Friday, April 21, 2017, at Gibson & Son Funeral Home, Hawesville. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Western Kentucky. The Gibson and Son Funeral Home of Hawesville, Kentucky, assisted the family.



TRIBAL COURT CRIMINAL SENTENCES

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

April Dowd, case #16-244, §3.1706, Controlled substance – 5th offense

Sentencing on 03/20/2017, #16-244, §3.1706:

1. Fine \$300.00.
2. One-hundred-eighty (180) days jail, credit for 86 days served, 94 days jail to be served.
3. The Defendant will be placed on payment probation with a minimum payment of \$50.00 per month for fines and costs or \$100.00 towards fines in the form of community service.

Jeffrey Degenaer, case #16-187, §3.1308, Disobedience of lawful court order – 2nd offense

Sentencing on 03/27/2017, 16-187, §3.1308:

1. Fine \$200.00.
2. Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening within 30 days and follow all the recommendations until successfully completed. Defendant is to sign a release of information to allow the Court to monitor compliance. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of this screening.
3. Thirty (30) days jail, credit for 21 days jail served, nine days jail suspended pending successful completion of all terms of probation. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
4. Six to nine months standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with the \$10.00 monthly fee. Defendant is financially responsible for the cost of drug and PBT testing, if any. Defendant is to report at least one time per month in person and as directed by the Probation Office and Sentry system.
5. The Defendant shall attend two AA meeting weekly.

Georgina Earring, case #16-233, §3.1308, Disobedience of lawful court order – 2nd offense

Sentencing on 03/27/2017, 16-233, §3.1308:

1. Fine \$200.00.
2. Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and follow all the recommendations until successfully completed. Defendant is to sign a release of information to allow the Court to monitor compliance. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of this screening.
3. Thirty (30) days jail, 30 days jail suspended pending successful completion of all terms of probation. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
4. Six to nine months standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with the \$10.00 monthly fee. Defendant is financially responsible for the cost of drug and PBT testing, if any. Defendant is to report at least one time per month in person and as directed by the Probation Office and Sentry system.
5. Defendant is to continue with her mental health evaluation and follow all recommendations until successfully completed. Defendant is to sign a release of information to allow the Court to monitor compliance.
6. The Defendant shall attend two AA meeting weekly which can be reduced at the discretion of the Probation Office.

Michael Denomie, case #17-002, §3.1706, Controlled substance – 1st offense

Sentencing on 03/30/2017, 17-002, §3.1706:

1. Fine \$500.00.
2. Thirty (30) days jail, credit for one day served, 29 days jail suspended pending successful completion of all terms of probation. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and follow all the recommendations until successfully completed. Defendant is to sign a release of information to allow the Court to monitor compliance. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of this screening.
4. Six to twelve months standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with the \$10.00 monthly fee. Defendant is financially responsible for the cost of drug and PBT testing, if any. Defendant is to report at least one time per month in person at a minimum and as directed by the Probation Office and Sentry system.
5. The Defendant shall provide a copy of all valid prescriptions, medical marijuana card, and also provide proof of residency of living arrangements off the lands of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Indian Reservation.

Bradley Berry, case #17-037, §3.208, Offer of force or violence to a police officer – 1st offense

Sentencing on 04/03/2017, 17-037, §3.208:

1. Fine \$500.00.
2. One-hundred-eighty (180) days jail, credit for 81 days jail served, 90 days jail to be served, nine days jail suspended pending successful completion of all terms of probation. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated. (Jail time is

- concurrent for case #17-014, #17-037, #17-039).
3. Defendant is to report to the Probation Office within 48 hours of being released from jail to sign probation orders.
4. Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and follow all the recommendations until successfully completed. Defendant is to sign a release of information to allow the Court to monitor compliance. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of this screening.
5. Defendant is to obtain an anger management assessment and follow the recommendations from that assessment until successfully completed. Defendant is to sign a release of information to allow the Court to monitor compliance.
6. Six to twelve months standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with the \$10.00 monthly fee. Defendant is financially responsible for the cost of drug and PBT testing, if any. Defendant is to report at least one time per month in person at a minimum and as directed by the Probation Office and Sentry system.
7. Defendant's Tribal General Welfare Benefit Distribution Check is to be garnished in full each year until all Court obligations are paid in full.

Bradley Berry, case #17-039, §3.201, Assault – 1st offense

Sentencing on 04/03/2017, 17-039, §3.201:

1. Fine \$200.00.
2. Forty-five (45) days jail, 45 days jail suspended pending successful completion of all terms of probation. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated. (Jail time is concurrent for case #17-014, #17-037, #17-039).
3. Defendant is to report to the Probation Office within 48 hours of being released from jail to sign probation orders.
4. Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and follow all the recommendations until successfully completed. Defendant is to sign a release of information to allow the Court to monitor compliance. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of this screening.
5. Defendant is to obtain an anger management assessment and follow the recommendations from that assessment until successfully completed. Defendant is to sign a release of information to allow the Court to monitor compliance.
6. Six to twelve months standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with the \$10.00 monthly fee. Defendant is financially responsible for the cost of drug and PBT testing, if any. Defendant is to report at least one time per month in person at a minimum and as directed by the Probation Office and Sentry system.
7. Defendant's Tribal General Welfare Benefit Distribution Check is to be garnished in full each year until all Court obligations are paid in full.

Bradley Berry, case #17-014, §3.206, Resisting arrest – 1st offense

Sentencing on 04/03/2017, 17-014, §3.206:

1. Fine \$500.00.
2. Ninety (90) days jail, 45 days jail to be served, 45 days jail suspended pending successful completion of all terms of probation. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated. (Jail time is concurrent for case #17-014, #17-037, #17-039).
3. Defendant is to report to the Probation Office within 48 hours of being released from jail to sign probation orders.
4. Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and follow all the recommendations until successfully completed. Defendant is to sign a release of information to allow the Court to monitor compliance. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of this screening.
5. Defendant is to obtain an anger management assessment and follow the recommendations from that assessment until successfully completed. Defendant is to sign a release of information to allow the Court to monitor compliance.
6. Six to twelve months standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with the \$10.00 monthly fee. Defendant is financially responsible for the cost of drug and PBT testing, if any. Defendant is to report at least one time per month in person at a minimum and as directed by the Probation Office and Sentry system.
7. Defendant's Tribal General Welfare Benefit Distribution Check is to be garnished in full each year until all Court obligations are paid in full.

Bradley Berry, case #17-007, §8.901, Contempt of court – 1st offense

Sentencing on 04/03/2017, 17-007, §8.901:

1. Fine \$500.00.
2. Ten (10) days jail, 10 days to be served. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Payment probation.

Bradley Berry, case #16-277, §3.1308, Disobedience of lawful court order – 4th offense

Sentencing on 04/03/2017, 16-277, §3.1308:

1. Fine \$300.00.
2. Ninety (90) days jail, 45 days jail to be served, 45 days jail suspended pending successful completion of all terms of probation. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated. (Jail time is

- concurrent for case #17-014, #17-037, #17-039).
3. Defendant is to report to the Probation Office within 48 hours of being released from jail to sign probation orders.
4. Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and follow all the recommendations until successfully completed. Defendant is to sign a release of information to allow the Court to monitor compliance. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of this screening.
5. Defendant is to obtain an anger management assessment and follow the recommendations from that assessment until successfully completed. Defendant is to sign a release of information to allow the Court to monitor compliance.
6. Six to twelve months standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with the \$10.00 monthly fee. Defendant is financially responsible for the cost of drug and PBT testing, if any. Defendant is to report at least one time per month in person at a minimum and as directed by the Probation Office and Sentry system.
7. Defendant's Tribal General Welfare Benefit Distribution Check is to be garnished in full each year until all Court obligations are paid in full.
8. Defendant is to write a letter of apology individually to each Law Enforcement Officer involved regarding his behavior. This is to be submitted to the Probation Office for approval.

Joseph Jossens, case #16-238, §5.61, Driver's license required – 1st offense

Sentencing on 04/03/2017, 16-238, §5.61:

1. Fine \$100.00.
2. Forty (40) days jail, credit for 40 days served. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Defendant is to perform 40 hours of community service.
4. Payment probation.

Clay Overmyer, case #14-148, §3.1414, Possession, use, transport of alcoholic beverages by person under 21 years of age – 1st offense

Sentencing on 04/03/2017, 14-148, §3.1414:

1. Fine \$100.00.
2. Ten (10) days jail, 10 days suspended pending successful completion of all terms of probation. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Three to six months standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with the \$10.00 monthly fee. Defendant is financially responsible for the cost of drug and PBT testing, if any. Defendant is to report at least one time per month in person at a minimum and as directed by the Probation Office and Sentry system which is to be a minimum of three days a week for the first month then it will be at the discretion of the Probation Office.
4. Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and follow all the recommendations until successfully completed. Defendant is to sign a release of information to allow the Court to monitor compliance. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of this screening.

David Varline, case #16-210, §5.15(b)(1), Impaired driving – 1st offense

Sentencing on 04/03/2017, 16-210, §5.15(b)(1):

1. Fine \$750.00.
2. Forty-five (45) days jail, credit for 45 days served. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Defendant is to report to the Probation Office within 48 hours of being released from jail.
4. The Defendant shall be placed on payment probation and is to make a minimum payment of \$40.00 per week or four hours of community service towards his fines.
5. Defendant's Tribal General Welfare Benefit Distribution Check is to be garnished in full each year until all Court obligations are paid in full.

David Varline, case #17-054, §3.1308, Disobedience of lawful court order – 5th offense

Sentencing on 04/03/2017, 17-054, §3.1308:

1. Fine \$800.00.
2. Forty-five (45) days jail, credit for 32 days served, 13 days jail to be served. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Defendant is to report to the Probation Office within 48 hours of being released from jail.
4. The Defendant shall be placed on payment probation and is to make a minimum payment of \$40.00 per week or four hours of community service towards his fines.
5. Defendant's Tribal General Welfare Benefit Distribution Check is to be garnished in full each year until all Court obligations are paid in full.

Brandon Cote, case #15-132, §5.61, Driver's license required – 3rd offense

Sentencing on 04/12/2017, 15-132, §5.61:

1. Fine \$200.00.
2. Thirty (30) days jail, credit for 30 days served. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Payment probation. Must perform 10 hours of community service or pay \$100.00 monthly until all Court obligations are paid in full.

4. Defendant's Tribal General Welfare Benefit Distribution Check is to be garnished in full each year until all Court obligations are paid in full.

Brandon Cote, case #15-165, \$3,202, Assault and battery (domestic) – 1st offense

Sentencing on 04/12/2017, 15-165, \$3,202:

1. Fine \$500.00.
2. One-hundred-eighty (180) days jail, serve 90 days, 90 days suspended pending successful completion of all terms of probation. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Restitution to be determined by the Prosecuting Attorney. Restitution is to be paid to the Tribal Court to be processed.
4. Defendant is to write an apology letter to the victim. This is to be submitted to the Probation Office for approval.
5. Defendant is to obtain a DAIP or an equivalent anger management screening and follow the recommendation of the screening until successfully discharged.
6. Nine to twelve months standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with the \$10.00 monthly fee. Defendant is financially responsible for the cost of drug and PBT testing, if any. Defendant is to report at least one time per month in person at a minimum and as directed by the Probation Office and Sentry system.

Brandon Cote, case #15-199, \$3,1706, Controlled substance – 1st offense

Sentencing on 04/12/2017, 15-199, \$3,1706:

1. Fine \$150.00.
2. Ninety (90) days jail, serve 45 days, 45 days suspended pending successful completion of all terms of probation. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated. Defendant can be released to an inpatient treatment center after serving the 45 days.
3. Nine to twelve months standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with the \$10.00 monthly fee. Defendant is financially responsible for the cost of drug and PBT testing, if any. Defendant is to report at least one time per month in person at a minimum and as directed by the Probation Office and Sentry system.

Brandon Cote, case #17-033, \$8,901, Contempt of court – 1st offense

Sentencing on 04/12/2017, 17-033, \$8,901:

1. Fine \$100.00.
2. Ninety (90) days jail, credit for 90 days served. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Payment probation. Must perform 10 hours of community service or pay \$100.00 monthly until all Court obligations are paid in full.
4. Defendant's Tribal General Welfare Benefit Distribution Check is to be garnished in full each year until all Court obligations are paid in full.

Brandon Cote, case #17-066, \$3,413, Forcible entry of detainer – 1st offense

Sentencing on 04/12/2017, 17-066, \$3,413:

1. Fine \$300.00.
2. Ninety (90) days jail, credit for 54 days served, 36 days to be served. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Defendant is to write an apology letter to Ojibwa Housing. This is to be submitted to the Probation Office for approval.
4. Payment probation. Must perform 10 hours of community service or pay \$100.00 monthly until all Court obligations are paid in full.
5. Defendant's Tribal General Welfare Benefit Distribution Check is to be garnished in full each year until all Court obligations are paid in full.

Haylee Martin, case #17-059, \$8,901, Contempt of court – 1st offense

Sentencing on 04/13/2017, 17-059, \$8,901:

1. Thirty (30) days jail, credit for nine days served, 21 days jail suspended pending successful completion of all terms of probation. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
2. Six months standard alcohol and drug restricted probation. Defendant is financially responsible for the cost of drug and PBT testing, if any. Defendant is to report at least one time per month in person at a minimum and as directed by the Probation Office and Sentry system.
3. Defendant is to comply with the terms and conditions of the Order in case #16-004J.

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2	\$1,335	+	\$157	=	\$1,492
3	\$1,680	+	\$157	=	\$1,837
4	\$2,025	+	\$168	=	\$2,193
5	\$2,370	+	\$197	=	\$2,567
6	\$2,715	+	\$226	=	\$2,941
7	\$3,061	+	\$226	=	\$3,287
8	\$3,408	+	\$226	=	\$3,634
Each additional member					+ \$347
Alaska:					Use this amount
Household Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standard	SNAP Standard Deduction	=	FDPIR Net Monthly Income Standard	
1	\$1,237	+	\$268	=	\$1,505
2	\$1,669	+	\$268	=	\$1,937
3	\$2,100	+	\$268	=	\$2,368
4	\$2,532	+	\$268	=	\$2,800
5	\$2,964	+	\$268	=	\$3,232
6	\$3,395	+	\$282	=	\$3,677
7	\$3,827	+	\$282	=	\$4,109
8	\$4,260	+	\$282	=	\$4,542
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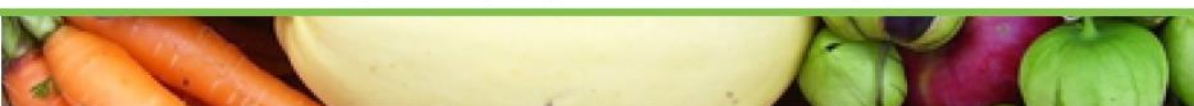


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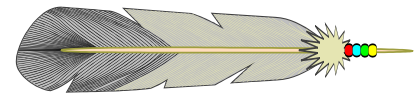
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Multi-Agency Training on Mussel Survey continued:

sources (MDNR), and other agencies. This training provided insight on how mussels can be a useful tool in assessing ecosystem changes through time. The Ojibwa Community College (KBOCC) and KBIC-NRD have been working together to experimentally survey for mussel absence/presence, with student support coming from KBOCC.



KBOCC student Kat Toler working with shells from various discovered mussels.

While performing various other routine surveys throughout the 1842 Ceded Territory (i.e Stream Brook Trout surveys, AIS surveys at boat launch sites, etc.), we have gained student support in conducting observational surveys for mussel absence/presence. Over 50 boat access sites throughout the 1842 Ceded Territory were visited to document AIS signage presence or absence, and over 30 of these sites were rapidly surveyed for mussel presence or absence. This baseline data collection was analyzed over the winter with intent to conduct more mussel survey work on the Portage and Torch Lake systems, spring 2017.

It is felt that as more agencies make mussel surveying an important and complimentary component of their management and research efforts, KBIC-NRD can be at the forefront of this work. We are already coordinating mussel survey efforts in the Ottawa National Forest with U.S. Forest Service Staff. KBOCC has been an instrumental part of this pilot project, and it is hoped future student work opportunities will develop as the project evolves.

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