

# WIKWEDONG DAZHI-OJIBWE

The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwe

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## Niimigiimiwan “Dancing in the Rain”

9th Annual Domestic Violence Awareness Event Held



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

The opening event to kick-off October—National Domestic Violence Awareness Month was held the morning of Saturday, September 30, 2017. The Niimigiimiwan “Dancing in the Rain” event registration opened at 10 a.m. where participants received an event tee-shirt, appreciation gifts, and informational pamphlets. A tobacco ceremony was offered by Debbie Williamson just prior to the two-mile Domestic Violence Awareness Walk. Walkers began their journey at the Niiwin Akeaa Recreational Facility, went down Beartown Road, through Makwa Miikana to McGillian Street, up M-38, returning to the Niiwin Akeaa Recreational Facility. Balloons were released to heaven to reach those victims of Domestic Violence.

President Warren “Chris” Swartz, Jr. welcomed the group as they returned for the remainder of activities being held that afternoon. Red River Singers provided the Welcome and Traveling song. Participants enjoyed a grand feast and were able to participate in a number of raffles. The highlight of the event was guest speaker, Star Nayeaa, a Native Grammy Recording Artist. She shared an awe-inspiring

life story that depicts sheer will to live and utter survival. Her inspiring message included music which she composes.

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

~ By Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor



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Guest Speaker, Star Nayeaa.



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Miss Jr. Keweenaw Bay, Starr Dunleavy, proudly participated in the Domestic Violence Awareness Walk sharing her message.

Tribal Council Members:

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Susan J. LaFernier, Secretary  
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Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.  
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Elizabeth D. Mayo



### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- 9th Annual Domestic Violence Awareness—Niimigiimiwan
- Updates on Tobacco, Budgets, and Casino Projects
- Foster Parent Recognition Dinner Held
- The Great Debate: Medical Marijuana
- Harvest Feast Held
- KBIC Court Report

### — NOTICE —

Council approved a services agreement with LaCourt Gas for LP gas for the upcoming heating season.

The following are details of the program:

- Tribal members who meet LaCourt’s credit program will be provided a guaranteed maximum price of \$1.40 per gallon.
- The price is locked in for the period of 11/1/17-5/31/17.
- Members may need to provide LaCourt with a copy of their enrollment card.
- The program only extends to members’ main residences located within LaCourt’s service area. (Second residences, camps, commercial buildings are not eligible.)
- Members can contact LaCourt Bottle Gas to see if they are eligible.

### November 2017 Calendar

- Nov. 3: Council Meeting at Harvey Community Center, 2 p.m.;
- Nov. 10: Veteran’s Day, Gov’t offices closed;
- Nov. 23: Thanksgiving, Gov’t offices closed;
- Nov. 24: Native American Heritage Day, Gov’t offices closed.

## October 7, 2017 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Regular Saturday Tribal Council Meeting was held on October 7, 2017, at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens Center in Baraga, Michigan. President Warren Swartz, Jr., presided over the meeting with Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, Toni Minton, Doreen Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Randall Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot, and Elizabeth D. Mayo present.

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

Vice President Jennifer Misegan gave the Vice President's Report (page five), and Susan J. LaFernier gave the Secretary's Report (page five). Council approved the July and August Department Head Reports, and the August 24, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes.

Under new business: Diana Chaudier, Election Board Chairman, informed Tribal Council that the Election Board met on Friday afternoon to screen the letters of intent submitted for Tribal Council candidacy. Due to immediate family member relations between Election Board members and those members submitting their names for candidacy, the Election Board could not conduct the screening due to the lack of a quorum. The Election Board currently has two members eligible to serve for the 2017 Tribal Elections. Diana has provided the screening information the Election Board will use to determine if a member is qualified to serve in the packet. The screening will need to be conducted by Tribal Council in order to insure that supplies are delivered in time for the Primary Election. The deadline to request an absentee ballot is Friday, October 13, 2017. Requests are scheduled to be reviewed by the Board on October 16, 2017. Absentee ballots will be mailed to those members who are approved to vote absentee upon receipt of the ballots from Governmental Business Systems – GBS. Next, Diana, along with an Election Board Alternate, will travel to the Marquette Trust Lands to conduct Absentee Voting on Thursday, November 2, 2017. Jeanne Emery has been selected as the Homebound Election Worker. She will go to those members' homes in the Baraga District on Friday, November 3, 2017. Kurt Knowles from GBS will be programming the Accu-Vote Machines at the Tribal Police Department on a date to be determined. Diana, along with a Tribal Police Officer, will witness the setting of the machines by Kurt. Five alternate Election Board Members will need to be chosen by Tribal Council from those members who submitted for the Election Worker positions. The deadline for members to submit their name for Election Worker positions is October 13, 2017. The following page describes the screening Diana spoke about. Jeanne Emery and Diana have both reviewed this list. Listed by number is Baraga District one through eight and L'Anse District one through five. If someone has a question regarding this, it is preferred they refer to the number in the district rather than by name. Diana Chaudier noted this is the first time something like this has happened. Typically the Election Board does this, but there are not enough Board Members left to form a quorum. Coun-

cil would normally certify them from the Election Board's recommendation. Diana further explained under the procedures and determination for candidacy, within 28 days prior to the Primary Election, the Election Board meets to review qualifications of candidates for office which was done. The Election Board shall make the recommendation concerning the qualifications of candidates to Tribal Council. Unfortunately without the quorum this could not be done. So Tribal Council shall meet in public session and make their final determination based on the Election Board's recommendation on the qualifications of all candidates. The two Board Members did review the candidates, and it is their recommendation to move forward with this list. It is noted that the Council Members who are seeking re-election do not have any of this in their packets. **Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to certify the Baraga District Candidates one through eight, Doreen Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Kim Klopstein, Michael Lahti, Jerry Magnant Mayo, Robert Rodney Mayo, Don Messer, Jr., and Debbie Parrish; in the L'Anse District one through five, Lyndon Ekdahl, Randy Haataja, Jean Jokinen, Toni Minton, and Chris C. Voakes, supported by Jennifer Misegan. Seven supported (Misegan, S. LaFernier, Dakota, M. LaFernier, G. Loonsfoot, R. Loonsfoot, Mayo), 0 opposed, four abstained (Minton, Blaker, Curtis, Haataja), motion carried.** Diana Chaudier further informed Council that they need to appoint five alternate Election Board members. She provided Council with a list of Community members who have applied as Election Workers. It was noted on the list who has had previous Election Board experience, and who has previously worked as an Election Worker. Most of the time the workers have witnessed what goes on during the Election Day. **Motion by Jennifer Misegan to appoint Brenda Brunk, Emily Evans, Clayton Ekdahl, Melissa LaFernier, and Nancy Pawlowski to the Election Board for the 2017 Primary and General Election, supported by Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. Five supported (Misegan, S. LaFernier, Curtis, Haataja, M. LaFernier), four opposed (Dakota, G. Loonsfoot, R. Loonsfoot, Mayo), two abstained (Minton, Blaker), motion carried.**

Treasurer Doreen Blaker presented the October 2017 donations requests. **Motion by Jennifer Misegan to approve October 2017 donations as: \$250.00 for the Sacred Heart School Bike-a-Thon; \$500.00 Special Olympics; \$300.00 Baraga Area School Band Department for a purchase of a piano; \$500.00 Bay Cliff Health Camp; \$500.00 Salvation Army to feed a hungry neighbor at Thanksgiving; \$250.00 Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly for firewood for a total of \$2,300.00, supported by Rodney Loonsfoot. Eleven supported (Misegan, S. LaFernier, Minton, Blaker, Curtis, Dakota, Haataja, M. LaFernier, G. Loonsfoot, R. Loonsfoot, Mayo), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 0 absent, motion carried.**

Council moved into a Community Update presentation prior to adjournment.

~ Submitted by Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor

## COUNCIL HOLDS UPDATE MEETING ON TOBACCO, BUDGET, AND CASINO PROJECTS

Tribal Council held a Community Meeting for updating the Community on a number of the Tribe's endeavors. The meeting was held at the closing of the regularly scheduled Saturday meeting on October 7, 2017, at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens' Center, in Baraga, Michigan.

### Tobacco Update

Vice President Jennifer Misegan, President Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr., and CEO Larry Denomie III gave an update on Tobacco manufacturing. Following is a summary.

The Tribe purchased a cigarette making machine back in 2010 or 2011. As KBIC was getting a steady supply of cigarettes, the machine wasn't actually needed to be operational at that time. In the recent years there have been some problems, and there have been some seizures, so we needed to move to Plan B. The Council chose a Tobacco Company Board, and it is actually an LLC, which was organized under Tribal Law. The four individuals chosen for this Board, who happen to be Council members, to start working on this project are: Jennifer Misegan, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Doreen Blaker, and Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. KBIC has had a relationship with Seneca Manufacturing Company for over ten years, and they are now a partner in our Tobacco Manufacturing. In developing our Tobacco Company, Travis Herron, one of their owners, is on the Board to assist us.

Members of the Board travelled to New York last February. Michael Lahti traveled with the Board as he has been involved with Seneca Tobacco Company, and the manufacturing, and he is assisting the Board. Mr. Lahti is employed at KBIC's Convenience Stores as Assistant Manager. The Board signed an agreement with Seneca Tobacco Company for them to assist in the process. Seneca actually developed another company called Allegany Capitol Enterprises. Allegany will be working with us on the manage-

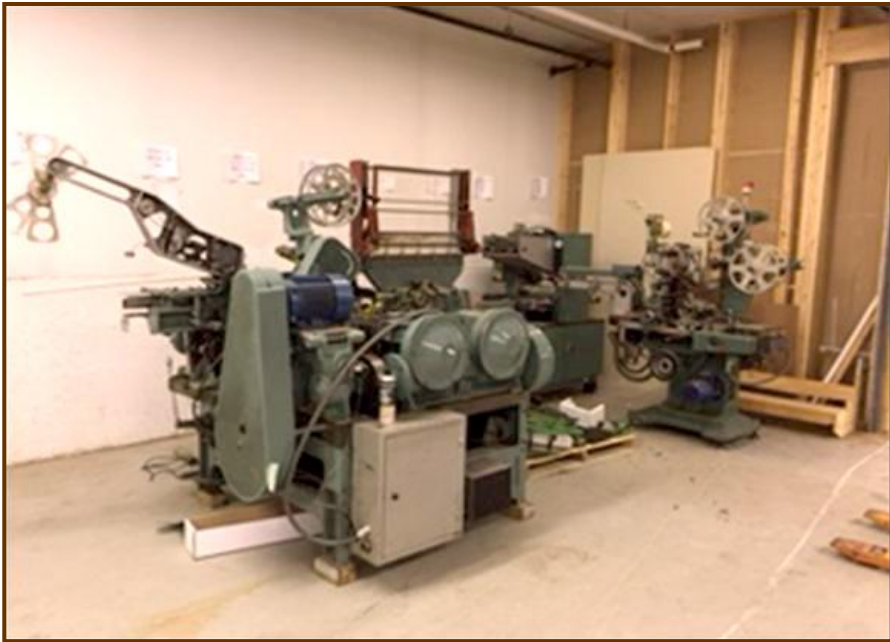


Picture by Lauri Denomie.

ment of our Tobacco Company. Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tobacco Company, LLC, (KBICTC) intentions will be to manufacture cigarettes and in the future, bag tobacco and cigars. The machine we have, currently produces 100's. This partnership will work since they will produce what we can't produce, Kings, and we will produce the 100's. The FDA has changed some regulations, so we couldn't develop our own brand. Seneca has that.

The facility is located at the former Tubcraft Building. The machines are installed and ready to go. The facility is two-part. One side will house where the actual cigarettes will be made, and the other section will store them until they are wholesaled to the Tribe's retail outlets. The Board is required to have a Tobacco License issued by the Federal Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) which was applied for in March of 2017. An agency visit by the Board was held with the TTB in Cincinnati, Ohio, in May 2017. They were very receptive and eager to assist the Board with the process of obtaining the required license. In August 2017, the Board participated in a required telephone interview with the TTB. The next step will be a site inspection on the facility and warehouse. KBICTC is unable to

manufacture tobacco products until they receive their license. Once the inspection has been completed, the permit from the TTB can be issued. When the license is issued, and after the ordering of the supplies to make the cigarettes takes place, it will be six to eight weeks to receive the supplies. The Seneca Manufacturing Company will be manufacturing the Kings line under KBICTC's license and will be bringing that product here. The 100's will be manufactured here at the KBICTC facility. This process is moving along, not nearly as quickly as the Board would like, but it is certainly further than it has ever been before.



This cigarette machine makes about 1200 cigarettes per minute and will only run when it needs to, about three or four times a year at this point until marketing starts to work, and the sales pick up. Once sales pick up, the machine will be firing up more often. KBICTC is confident that at 1200 cigarettes a minute, they will be able to produce a quality product and be able to account for the waste.

KBICTC will manufacture the cigarettes and sell them to a wholesale company which the Tribe will fully own as well. The name of that wholesale company will be Asema Wholesale and Distribution, and this company will sell to the Tribe's convenience stores and hopefully other markets after that. The profit from tobacco sales by the wholesale company, as the Tobacco Ordinance assures, will go to support the General Welfare Support Program which was formally known as the Sovereignty Check or Christmas Gift Check. The Board has purchased their own stamping machine to affix the Tribe's tobacco stamp on all the cigarettes being sold.

The startup costs were: the donation of the machine from the Tribe, a \$100,000 gift approved by the Tribe to the company, and there is a loan of \$375,000 that the Tribe granted to the new Tobacco Company. The payments back to the Tribe for the loan will start once manufacturing begins, and the revenue flow starts. The money that has been acquired from the Tribe has been invested into new machinery and setting up of the facility. There will be another loan that will be requested from the Tribe for start-up and operational costs. To get the ordering of the manufacturing supplies going, KBICTC will need to have the start-up capital to get the manufacturing supplies. The quantities needed to get the supplies at a lower price, and a decent profit margin are significant. Our partners provide the ability to buy through them using their buying power because they are manufacturing a lot more for themselves than what will be manufactured here. We will enjoy their cost saving on the purchasing side of the products that are needed to manufacture our cigarettes.

You might think, what's in it for our partners? The KBICTC Board is working diligently on three separate agreements. There is a licensing agreement that will allow our partners to sell their products to us because they are the owners of these brands: Herron, Sands, Blacks, and Crimson. The Board is also working on a manufacturing and supply agreement which allows us to get supplies from our partner at a cost savings and to help us with meeting our manufacturing needs. The Board is also working on a management agreement. For up to the first six years, our partners will be helping us with managing the business and training our people to eventually fully manage independently. There is a \$2.15 cost per carton that will go back to them for this and is a licensing fee not related to the management agreement.

### Fiscal Year 2018 Budget

Treasurer Doreen Blaker discussed the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Process.

The CEO's office begins working on this in June. They meet with the Council to get directives on such things as raises. From there, they give directives to the department directors, and they are offered budget training at the College. Sarah Maki, Assistant CEO, has put together a template to help the directors out. Council then schedules dates for every director to attend a session of Council where they give a brief synopsis of what their goals are, what they are planning on doing for that year, what their expenses are, how many employees they have, how much revenue is needed, and where the revenue is coming from. These presentations to Council

were done at five day long sessions during September. After the initial round of reviews, the combined total was a little more than over two-million over budget. It is not unusual to be over-budget. Council then gives directives to the directors to begin looking at their budgets again, or Council starts making decisions on cuts to the budgets. Council met again and KBIC is now actually in the black by \$5,000. Revenue for the Tribe comes from grants, fees, and casino revenue. When we talk about cutting things down, it mainly consists of Tribal support to the grant which is approximately 13-million dollars right now. Fees and revenues are at approximately 9-million dollars, and grants are just over 15-million dollars. So there is a lot of money that is being worked with to bring services to the Tribe. Council is at the verge of passing the budgets. The casinos were told, because of the casino construction process that is going on, that table games percentages have to be changed a bit. Instead of passing the budget without those figures being adjusted, Council will wait until a date to be determined to pass the budget. The Council budget meetings have been open to Tribal members.

The General Welfare Support Program payment will be \$1800.00 this year. We were short of revenue on the cigarettes for the payment, however, the CFO, Frances LaPointe, Jr., did find some extra sources of revenue that weren't casino related, so the amount could be \$1800.00. The annual employee raise this year will be 2%.

### Fiscal Year 2018 Budgets

- General Welfare Support Program Payment  
✓ \$1,800
- Annual Employee Raise  
✓ 2%
- Finalizing Budgets

Vice President Jennifer Misegan answered a question in regards to education.

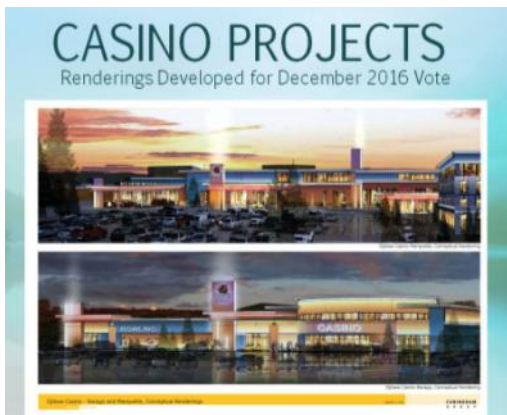
"Last year and this year will be pretty similar; we gave approximately \$644,000 of Tribal Support Funds to our Education Department to utilize. There are several different funds. One is the Higher Ed. Fund which is the BIA Fund. We get \$58,000 from the BIA for scholarships and must use their guidelines to distribute them. We have a Tribal Ed. Fund. This is where we pay for the two full-time tutors in the high schools and two part-time tutors for elementary students. We offer the incentives for the children and for High School Graduates, and we pay cost of the banquet. We also have some additional scholarship funds, and the Sovereign Student Fund where students in Baraga and Marquette counties can utilize money to help with purchasing supplies. Right now it is set at \$800 for full-time, \$400 for a half-time, and \$200 for less than that. This money is actually in the 511 Larry Asher Community Service Fund and Council budgeted \$190,000 in that fund. There are also other scholarships we fund. We have the Ann Misegan Memorial Scholarship. This year and next year we are financing \$20,000 for a Merit Scholarship for students in Michigan, I believe. It is to encourage our students to get higher grade point averages, 3.0 GPA or above. Last year that money was in the Higher Ed budget, and it was given out to those through the BIA guidelines. We also have a Forestry Scholarship which is funded through the Forestry Funds we get from our properties when there is a timber sale. That isn't in the \$644,000 Tribal Support that the Tribe gives for education.

The Education Department assisted 322 students last year, averaging out to be approximately \$2,000 per student per year for students K-College. Last year we budgeted \$500,000 to the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College (KBOCC). That money goes right into their General Fund. The Education Department served 43 KBOCC students. The College indicated that they served 75 KBIC students. If you take the \$500,000 and divide it by 75, that amount is \$6,666 we give to KBIC students at KBOCC. The Tribal Support total in last year's budget was 14-million dollars, we spent 1.2 million dollar on education. I believe this shows that Council is very supportive of education."

### Casinos Update

CEO Larry Denomie III, gave the update on the casino projects.

There has been a group working on this project. Don Wren, General Manager, came on board about a year ago and has been involved in this process since the second vote which took place in December of 2016, where 40-million dollars was approved for the casino projects. The process has been exciting, frustrating, disappointing, and exciting again.



When looking back on the budget process, we just went through, we have to do this. If we don't make a change to our facilities, the trend that we are seeing in the revenues from the casinos will likely continue to decline. All other area casinos have been upgraded, basically everyone but us. Before we can

## Council Updates continues:

do the project, we need to see that the funds which were approved for the projects equal what the general contractor, Gundlach Champion, who was hired to do the projects can provide the Tribe with a Guarantee Maximum Price that doesn't go beyond the dollar amount approved. At the beginning of the project plans we started out at 40-million dollars, and now we are at nearly 45-million dollars at the end of September. There are many factors which brought us to this dollar level. We had to deal with some issues in March 2017. It became apparent there were issues that were not in the original scope. There are problems with the water system, the electrical system, sewer system, and things that have to be fixed. The original plan was to add on to the Baraga casino and remodel the existing casino space, update the hotel, the restaurant, and the Pressbox. Tribal Council also approved an additional two-million dollars to add to the project in Baraga to address additional issues identified through the review process. The approved two-million dollars was to be done in segments, and nothing was over the \$500,000 threshold. To date we have spent about four-million dollars with Gundlach Champion since the start in preconstruction payments required by the contract. All of what has been done to date, the design work, and engineer work, KBIC owns.

The original project and budget in Marquette showed we needed to replace the current drain field and put in a much larger drain field. After our contractor found the drain field wasn't adequate, they explored the option to put in a lagoon system. The Tribe purchased some property on the south side of the housing units to be able to put in a lagoon system to service this large project. Gundlach Champion looked into the requirements for putting in a lagoon system, and it became apparent that this would not work. The new water system has to be a certain distance from the lagoon system. The test well they did wasn't producing the quality of water that was adequate to service the facility there. They then moved over to the property we had purchased, tested the water there, and it produced the water quality we needed. So for the distance needed for the lagoon system, it was decided to move the lagoon system to the north side of the facility near M28. This was not good for two reasons. It would be in view of everyone who was driving into the facility and the prevailing winds would take the smell into the casino area and the residential area east of the casino. The last option explored was a forced main distribution system from the casino over to Chocolay Township which is about six miles down the road. The costs of the lagoon system actually increased as well because of additional requirement costs. The costs of the forced main system were similar in cost to the lagoon system. It became the preferred alternative for the waste water system.

When we found that we needed to spend a few more million dollars at the Marquette Casino, we had to look at the Baraga Casino for options to get the funds needed. The decision was made to take the addition at the Baraga project off the plan and put that money toward the Marquette project. Everyone agreed that Marquette was where the money was. The population is there, and the ability to recover the investment was in Marquette. Everyone wants a much nicer casino here in Baraga and that was the plan, but obviously it is not feasible to do all the things we wanted to.

We looked at the Baraga project and wanted to take care of the deficiencies we have there. There is the smoking environment; the remodeling of the interior, so it is updated and looks nice; and work on the Pressbox, hotel, and restaurant. We would be doing a lot of what was in the original plan, but we wouldn't be able to do the casino addition. However, we weren't going to gain any gaming devices with this addition. In March, Gundlach Champion had about 20% of the design plan complete. We were told over time, and actually when the subcontractor bids came in is when the real numbers started coming. In May, the design plan was 30% complete, and the total went up to 42.9-million. That was when the Marquette Casino costs started to increase. The hotel, which was to be a branded hotel, started at 7.25-million dollars. This was based on other hotels built in that market area. We started with a 100-room hotel. In July 2017, when Gundlach Champion sent the first Guarantee Maximum Price proposal, there was approximately a 2.5-million dollar increase. The reason for this increase was subcontractor bids came in resulting in the increase. This also factored in the reduction of hotel rooms from 100 to 76.

In the contract, Gundlach Champion was required to provide the Guarantee Maximum Price in September. When they came in with a 47-million price, we gave them a little more time as they had some ideas of how they could get that number down. During that time, they did manage to work on the number and bring it down a little bit, but it obviously was not to the point where the Tribe could afford it.

Today, we are at 46.7-million dollars. Gundlach Champion is working diligently to find ways to get that number down even more through modifying the design some and opting for less pricey materials. They will also assess the impact of not having a branded hotel.

The Tribe has worked on ways to address some of the increased costs as well. We worked with Chocolay Township on possibly being a pass-through for 2% funds for the water tower

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system that has to be located down there. They agreed to accept approximately \$650,000 in 2% funding to offset the cost for the tower. We are working diligently with the BIA for our Roads Funding, and we believe about two-million dollars from that fund can be utilized in areas of the project in Marquette. President Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr., Vice President Jennifer Misegan, and Treasurer Doreen Blaker have made some contacts with individuals on new market tax credits which is a program where big industries are able to use tax write offs to funnel money into new market tax credits. Those dollars can then be used by entities to do things within commercial operations. Unfortunately there are other requirements that come along with that, and they can't be used to fund a casino project. We tried to be creative with using the hotel and infrastructure, but it just didn't work out. We are still continuing to work with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) for grant funds to help with the infrastructure costs. As there is a casino project attached to the project, the application we are submitting for these grant funds may not be considered either. However, they are still willing to look at it. There is also another MEDC possibility related to the State of Michigan MDOT who would be applying for funding for road work to be done on M28 to keep that area safe and allow for better mobility of traffic. President Swartz has been working on applying for grant funding through the Shakopee Tribe of Minnesota (Mystic Lake). They have helped us with projects in the past. Recently they provided a quarter-million dollars for the Tribe to erect a new radio tower in Dodgeville for our radio stations. We have looked at adjusting the Marquette design in areas that won't affect the marketability. We are looking at the possibility of allowing the subcontractors to purchase materials through our Ojibwa Building Supply at cost as we are the ones spending the money on this project which would decrease our costs.

When the casino project began for Baraga, it was projected to be at 6.5 million dollars. After modifying we are now at 3.1-million dollars. In the original Baraga project, we were going to get a new casino face, a complete re-do of the existing casino, a new HVAC system, and re-do of the exterior front and parking. What we now will be getting is: an upgrade of the water system, new electrical service, new generator, and HVAC system which is at least an 80% air return or more so we can get the smoke cleaned up, new casino carpeting, new ceiling tiles, roof insulation, and the west side of the Pressbox will get new drain tile. It is disappointing that Baraga's casino is not getting a whole lot of work and only getting work that has to be done.

When the casino project began for Marquette, it was projected to be at 33.5 million dollars. After the Guarantee Maximum Price came in, it is now 43.6-million dollars. We started out with 100-room branded hotel, the capability to have 700 slot machines on the floor, new wastewater drain field, minor upgrades to the electrical system, and three new townhouses. After the modifications, we will have: a 76-room motel, the capability of 500 slot machines on the floor, a forced main wastewater system to Chocolay, a major upgrade to the electrical feed to the casino, and a costly upgrade to natural gas. There will be no new townhouses, but we will still be relocating three of the housing units to accommodate for the construction project.

It has been just one thing after another. Council remains focused on making this happen. We know this is something we have to do. Gundlach Champion has been offered the opportunity of two more weeks to work on these numbers to see what they can do to get these numbers back in line.

There is a lot of frustration with Gundlach Champion. Obviously they came in and told us that they thought they could do these projects for the 40-million dollars that we had approval for. As time went by they presented the first Guarantee Maximum Price Proposal in July, we were speechless. How do you get so far out of control? To be 7-million dollars away from where it is supposed to be is unheard of. Gundlach Champion has full responsibility for this issue, and we have been nothing but helpful to try to get the numbers to come in line. There are still decisions to be made in regards to Gundlach Champion about whether we want to contract with them, and there has to be a decision made of how we are going to move forward with these projects utilizing the money available.

~ By Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor

### **ATTENTION KBIC MEMBERS:**

The following Board/Committee has vacant seats:

Health Board (2) seats

Youth (6) seats

***Must be able to obtain a satisfactory clearance in accordance with the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act Background Investigations Policy to apply for these committees.***

Please submit an application (located at the Tribal Center in Kim Klopstein's or in Peggy Loonsfoot's office) by 4:00 p.m. on November 8, 2017, to:

Warren C. Swartz, Jr. – President  
16429 Beartown Rd.  
Baraga, MI 49908

## Vice President September 2017 Monthly Report

The Vice President gave a brief update as to the Tribal General Welfare Support Payment Benefits Excluded as Income. This report was given orally and was transcribed by the Newsletter Editor with the Vice President's approval.

- Doreen Blaker and I travelled to Washington D.C. where we met with various members of Congress and their staff over our concerns of the treatment of the Tribal General Welfare payments, and the purposes of the benefit eligibility, and possibility for a legislative fix. We met with staff from Representative Ron Kind's Office from Wisconsin. He was a co-sponsor of the bill. The staff asked if we'd consider a rule change at the Executive level, so while we were there, we reached out to some contacts we have at the White House Office of Inter-government Affairs. We were able to discuss our concerns with them the next day.
- We went on to meet with staff from Representative Jack Bergman's Office. We also updated them on our land to trust issues, as well as our need to work with the State of Michigan to acquire the National Guard if possible. We have a very good relationship with Representative Bergman and his staff.
- We met with Nick Wyatt from the Senate Finance Committee. Nick was with the Committee when the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act was enacted. He agreed that the treatment of benefits was not intended to be used as income for the purpose of eligibility for benefit programs and noted he would take that to the Joint Committee on Taxation to see if there is an opportunity to change it or the possibly of a technical correction. He did make some other suggestions to us and encouraged us to get with our senator or someone to sponsor some change in the legislation. He also suggested that with tax reform being the big push right now, the tribe should be prepared to attach our issue to any vehicle which might move this year.
- We then went on to meet with Senator Stabenow's office. Staff member, Sarah Shive, was present, and she believed the benefits were excluded as well. She asked us to talk with Nick Wyatt, whom we had talked with earlier in the day. She had concerns about the CBO and JCT scores the bill might receive with the budget office.
- We met with Senator Peter's office, and we briefed his staff on the issues. They were receptive. They obviously weren't there at the time, so they were looking to Senator Stabenow's office.
- The only real negative meeting we had came later that afternoon when we met with Tiffany Smith from the Senate Finance Committee. She did not recall the benefits being part of the discussion because there was not much legislative history as the bill was actually passed on the floor, and there wasn't markup to it. She suggested that we meet with Representative Devin Nunes and his staff because he was a sponsor of the bill.
- We were able to meet with Representative Devin Nunes' staff the following day. It was very important since he was the sponsor of the original bill. His staff member was going to do research which she has done, and she believes we need an amendment. We are hoping to do that.
- President Swartz will be at a United Tribes Meeting this week, and he will be seeking a Resolution of support for a legislative fix. With the upcoming payments forthcoming, we have had several members coming in who are being denied their SSI or Medicare, especially for the month of November. We've had some contentious phone calls with State of Michigan workers. We are still pushing forward and trying to get the issue fixed. It is definitely an issue affecting our most vulnerable members who need those payments.
- Representative Bergman will be here today, and I intend to talk with him about the possibility of him sponsoring legislation to amend TGWE. Hopefully it will be something that can be attached to the tax reform.
- We also attended the Impact Days of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). We had the opportunity to see 15 Congressman and Senators who were very receptive to Indian County issues on both sides of the aisle.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Misegan

### 17th Annual First Nations Food Taster

The Native American Student Association (NASA) is hosting the 17th Annual First Nations Food Taster on November 10, 2017, 5 pm—7 pm. at the D.J. Jacobetti Complex Commons, Northern University Michigan, Marquette, MI. Tickets available by cash or check only at the door: \$7 NMU student w/ID, Elder, Veteran, or Children ages 5-11, \$15 General Admission.

## Tribal Council Secretary's Report for the Month of August 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, with economic struggles, who have lost loved ones, and for our world.

*The wonderful fall season is upon us and  
the full moon was spectacular in October!  
Mino-Bimaadizin "Live Well"*

During August, the Tribal Council held the Regular Saturday Meeting on August 5, 2017, and three Special Council meetings. Following are the August 5, 10, and 17, 2017 (approved) minutes, and the (unapproved) minutes of August 24, 2017. This report will be published in the KBIC "Wiikwedong Dazhi-Ojibwe" newsletter, and the approved minutes may also be found on the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Website.

### **August 5, 2017 Special Council Meeting (approved):**

- Approved June/July 2017 President's Report (Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr.);
- Approved the July/July 2017 Vice President's Report (Jennifer Misegan);
- Approved the June/July 2017 Secretary's Report (Susan J. LaFernier);
- Approved the June/July 2017 CEO's Report (Larry J. Denomie III);
- Approved the May/June 2017 Department Head Reports;
- Approved Resolution KB 042-2017 FY 2017 Serving Native Survivors Circle Pilot Project Support Grant developing future Victim Specialists for Indian Country to create an Associate Degree in Native American Social Work at Northern Michigan University;
- Approved to offer free use of the Tribe's fitness facility for KBIC members;
- Approved the following donations: \$500.00 Salvation Army to purchase back packs and school supplies, \$1,786.36 for KBIC Head Start/Early Head Start to purchase two smart board projectors, hotel and airfare for up to four firefighter family members from the Shelifoe and Swartz families to attend the Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Gettysburg in October 2017.

### **August 10, 2017 Special Council Meeting (approved):**

- Approved the July 13, July 20, and July 27, 2017 Tribal Council meeting minutes;
- Approved the KBIC Housing Department Conflict of Interest Policy and Public Disclosure Notice;
- Approved Amendment #2 to the Memorandum of Agreement for I.H.S. Project Zeba Infiltration and Inflow Study and Sewer Improvements \$383,000.00;
- Approved Amendment #1 to the Memorandum of Agreement for I.H.S. Project Zeba Pumphouse Control Improvements System \$124,000.00;
- Ten applicants and three alternates were selected for the Timber Stand Improvement Project;
- Approved Resolution KB 043-2017 USDA Proposed lease revisions for office space for 10 years at the Ojibwa Industrial Park road in Baraga, MI;
- Approved Resolution KB 044-2017 Alger Delta Cooperative Electric Association "Right of Way Utility Easement" on the Chocoy Township properties to provide electricity for the future expanded casino facilities;
- Approved the bid from Windsor Solutions for \$47,252.00 to provide an environmental management database for the Natural Resources Department for collection and storage of data;
- Tabled a request from the Baraga Area Schools for more information to provide continued funding for the Great Explorations After School Program because their grant ended;
- Approved to rephrase: 20.4 Rehire Policy
  2. Change progressive discipline to corrective action process.
  3. It is the policy of the KBIC to allow the rehiring of an individual who was dismissed for an act of theft, as defined in the Zero-Tolerance-for theft policy, one year following the date of the termination and after all court ordered requirement have been completed if a conviction resulted due to act of theft, effective August 10, 2017, and change 24.1 Zero-Tolerance-For Theft;
- Approved the Assistant Tribal Attorney Employment Agreement with Roberto (Bobby) Escobar, September 21, 2017-September 20, 2018.



## Great American Smoke Out November 16, 2017

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. Smoking is the most preventable cause of death and disease in the United States.

Smoking causes:

- Lung cancer and many other types of cancer
- Heart disease
- Stroke
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and other lung diseases
- Pregnancy problems
- Gum disease
- Vision loss
- Type 2 diabetes
- Rheumatoid arthritis

Addiction. Nicotine from cigarettes is as addictive as heroin. Nicotine addiction is hard to beat because it changes your brain. The brain develops extra nicotine receptors to accommodate the large doses of nicotine from tobacco. When the brain stops getting the nicotine it's used to receiving the result is nicotine withdrawal. You may feel anxious, irritable, and have strong cravings for nicotine.

Smoking Cessation Classes will be offered starting October 26th and run on Thursdays 3:30-4:30 pm in the upstairs conference room of the KBIC Health System through Nov. 16th.

## Take Steps to Prevent Type 2 Diabetes



The Basics: Overview

Diabetes ("dy-ah-BEE-teez") is a leading cause of disability and death in the United States. Diabetes increases the risk of serious health problems like:

- Blindness
- Nerve damage
- Kidney disease
- Heart disease
- Stroke

The good news is that you can do a lot to prevent or delay getting type 2 diabetes, including:

Watching your weight    Eating healthy    Staying active

What are the symptoms of type 2 diabetes?

Symptoms of type 2 diabetes often develop over several years. Many people with type 2 diabetes have symptoms for a long time without noticing them. Some people may never notice any symptoms. Symptoms of diabetes include:

- Being very thirsty or hungry
- Feeling tired for no reason
- Urinating (going to the bathroom) more than usual
- Losing weight for no reason
- Having cuts or bruises that are slow to heal
- Having trouble seeing (blurry vision)
- Losing feeling or tingling in your hands or feet

Because symptoms of type 2 diabetes can be hard to spot, it's important to talk with your doctor about your risk for type 2 diabetes. If you notice any symptoms, ask your doctor about getting tested.

Both articles in this column submitted by: Mindy Lantz, RN  
Public Health Nurse

Source: healthfinder.org

## Family Health History

Health care professionals have known for a long time that common diseases like diabetes and heart disease, and rare diseases like sickle cell anemia can run in families. If one family generation has high blood pressure, it is not unusual for the next generation to have high blood pressure. Tracing the illnesses suffered by your parents, grandparents, and other blood relatives can help your doctor predict the disorders to which you may be at risk and take action to keep you and your family healthy.

To help focus attention on the importance of family history, the Surgeon General, in cooperation with other agencies with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, has launched a national public health campaign, called the Surgeon General's Family History Initiative, to encourage all American families to learn more about their family health history.

Each year since 2004, the Surgeon General has declared Thanksgiving to be National Family History Day. Over the holiday or at other times when families gather, the Surgeon General encourages Americans to talk about and write down the health problems that seem to run in their family. Learning about their family's health history may help ensure a longer, healthier future together. [www.surgeongeneral.gov](http://www.surgeongeneral.gov).

Some questions to ask when gathering your family health history are:

- What traits seem to run in our family?
- Did my family member have any health problems?
- How old were my family members when their health problem started or was diagnosed?
- How old were my family members when they died?
- What were the reasons they died?
- Were there any pregnancy losses or babies born with birth defects?
- What lifestyle habits did my family members have that could have effected their health?
- What type of allergies did my family members have?

Family health history is a powerful screening tool. The Surgeon General has created a computerized tool to help make it fun and easy for anyone to create a sophisticated portrait of their family's health. The "My Family Health Portrait" tool helps organize family history information and allows you to print it out for presentation to your family doctor. In addition, the tool helps users save their family history information to their own computer and even share family history information with other family members. Access the tool at <https://familyhistory.hhs.gov/>.

Submitted by: Heather Wood-Paquet, BS  
Health Promotions Coordinator

Source: Office of the Surgeon General

## Upcoming Events:

- Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group, Nov. 7th ,5:30 p.m.
- Diabetic Foot Clinic, Nov. 1st, 8th, & 29th, by appointment
- Feel Good Look Good for Cancer Patients, Nov. 8th
- Car Seat Clinic, November 9th, by appointment
- Parent Circle, November 13th, 5:30 p.m., please register
- Dining with Diabetes, Mondays in November, 10 a.m. - 12 noon
- Walk-in Flu Shot Clinic, Tuesdays in Nov., 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Smoke Out Class, call for details
- Breastfeeding Support Group, December 6th, 5 - 7 p.m.

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

## Foster Parent Recognition Dinner Held

Tribal Social Services hosted a dinner to honor foster parents on Monday, September 25, 2017, at the Ojibwa Casino Conference Rooms, Ojibwa Casino Resort in Baraga, Michigan.

Tyler Larson, Tribal Social Services Director, addressed the group, "This is an important night for us to be able to show our gratitude to the families who have been so kind to open up their homes to the children who need it the most. You all take on a very difficult responsibility, and our appreciation goes well beyond this event tonight."

Tyler Larson and Vice President Jennifer Misegan presented foster parents who have cared for a child who had been placed into foster care this past year with an appreciation gift card and blanket from the Department."

Tyler Larson also acknowledged families present who are in the process of being licensed to provide foster care.

Mr. Larson introduced and acknowledged the dedication of the staff at Tribal Social Services who are: Jacqui Gorczewicz, Holley Makela, Alex Mayo, Nancy Pawlowski, and Corey Pietila. The ICWA Committee were introduced and acknowledged for their dedication as well: Terri Denomie, Vicki Dompier, Michael Lahti, Jake Misegan, and Jennifer Misegan, Wanda Seppanen, and Amy St. Arnold.

Wabanungoquay Alakayak was the evening's guest speaker. Waba is a KBIC Member and grew up in various foster homes throughout Minnesota, Michigan, and Alaska. Waba has one child, Aidan, and another child, Anson, who is in the spirit world. She currently cares for her nephew, Johnny, who has gone through a lot in his short life.

Waba spoke of her life throughout childhood in foster homes, the rough times, and those who stood strong to help her through it. "I was angry when I was a youth, and now that I am older and with lots of counseling, I finally appreciate everything that has happened to me. It has made me stronger and more resilient to the changes that could come any time in my life.

Waba is currently employed at KBIC as the Niiwin Akeaa Programs Director, is a full-time college student, and is in the process of becoming a foster parent.

~ By Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Guest Speaker, Wabanungoquay Alakayak

## News from the Ojibwa Community Library

By Angela Badke, Librarian

The upcoming year is going to be full of exciting new things at the Library! If you haven't been to the library in awhile, you may notice a few changes, including a new staff member. We are also very happy to announce that we were awarded a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services for two years of funded projects. We have also added several new books and are adding more every week!

In October, we hired Zachary Evans as our new Library Assistant. Zach is from L'Anse, and you may recognize him from the L'Anse library where he sometimes volunteers. If you've not met Zach yet, please feel free to stop in and say hello!

This fall, we will be starting two of the grant funded projects — Building Adult Skills in Computing (B.A.S.I.C.) and career and higher education themed presentations and workshops. During the B.A.S.I.C. sessions, adults and elders in the community can learn how to use computers, smart phones, tablets, or iPads. Attendees will pair up with a volunteer from Michigan Tech to ask questions about their devices. The Library will have a few desktop computers and tablets for attendees to use; however, folks are strongly encouraged to bring their own laptops, tablets, iPads, or smart phones with them to learn on the devices they already use every day. During the career and higher education presentations and workshops, we hope to provide information about using computer-based and online resources to graduating seniors from both high school and college, as well as to other adults in the community who are looking to find work or apply for school. Both series are scheduled to begin in November, so look for fliers advertising these events.

The Ojibwa Community Library is also working on developing a coding club for upper elementary and middle school students with Michigan Tech that will start in the spring, along with circulating STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) kits for community youth.

There are always new books at the library, and in October we added these great titles:

*Enigma* by Catherine Coulter  
*The Right Time* by Danielle Steel  
*The Killing School* by Brandon Webb  
*The Summer House* by Hannah McKinnon  
*Refugee* by Alan Gratz

We would also like to thank everybody who participated and presented this year during our Summer Reading Program. There were 10 weeks of programming, with our first ever adult Summer Reading Program event. Plus, the Library had over 60 combined reading challenge and reading BINGO forms turned in over the course of the summer. That's over 500 books read! We hope that the Summer Reading Program continues to grow in years to come, and we cannot wait for next summer's theme—Libraries Rock!

If you'd like more information about any of the Library's upcoming programs, please contact Angela Badke at 353-8163 or e-mail her at [angelab@kbic-nsn.gov](mailto:angelab@kbic-nsn.gov).

### Parent Circle

2nd Monday!

November 13, 2017

5:00-6:30PM

Niiwin Akeaa Center  
 Commons Area  
 Baraga



This month's make-and-take activities will be sensory based. Imagine bottles, slime, and edible play-doh!



- A free, public, and consistent event promoting family engagement—children must be supervised
- Focus group is ages 0-5 and their siblings
- Sensory play stations
- Snacks will be provided
- Book for each family
- Wear clothes that can get dirty

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



Sponsored by KBIC Family Spirit & Healthy Start Programs



## Secretary Report continues:

### August 17, 2017 Special Council Meeting (approved):

- Approved the amendment to the CNAP Section 2: Medical Travel/Service Assistance policy to add Level I, II, and III to the tiers of funding and changes to the verification documentation process;
- Approved the Legal Services Agreement with Short, Cressman, and Burgess, PLLC to assist in the completion of an amendment to the Treatment As A State application for water quality standards not to exceed \$10,000.00;
- Approved the new business license for Sue Ellen Elmsblad "Back Road Organic Supply";
- Approved the Memorandum of Agreement with I.H.S. project: Replacement Project to serve existing category homes onsite wastewater treatment systems throughout KBIC \$166,000.00;
- Approved the I.T. Departments sole source bid for a Dell PowerEdge server and equal-logix storage array for the Tribal Center \$34,237.00;
- Tabled amending the Health Board By-laws until the Board provides their input for changing the membership to consist of nine regular members, adding one council representative and one DHHS employee;
- Approved to update the Tribal Center front desk with a credit card reading machine with the customer paying the associated fees required and have the CFO establish a reasonable fee effective October 1, 2017, (a motion prior died for lack of support to approve a card machine with no fees);
- Approved to appoint Kevin Carlisle, Tribal Attorney, as the Special Prosecutor while Danielle Webb is on maternity leave or in conflict.

### August 24, 2017 Special Council Meeting (unapproved):

- Approved the August 5, 2017 Tribal Council meeting minutes;
- Approved the Tier III Services Agreement with McGrath (Roofing) Inc. for the Ojibwa Community Library Roof Project \$25,400.00;
- Approved the Agreement Between Owner and Contractor for Construction Contract with Visu-Sewer, Inc. for the I.H.S. partial award of the Zeba Sewer Repair Project \$129,830.50 by June 1, 2018;
- Approved the bid from Steve Lloyd Construction for the Isolation Building/Well Building at the Hatchery \$13,400.00;
- Approved to comply with KBIC Housing Department's request #002-17 regarding the conditional ban at his request.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susan J. LaFerner

works like an inhaler. Now, on Medical Marijuana, she experiences auras once a month at most and has not had a seizure in over two years.

Tribal member M.L. suffered from inflammation from an underlying internal problem. After many medical procedures to correct the problem, she was left on prescribed medication. "I had no life. I was so tired and messed up from the prescribed pills that all I did was sleep. I was missing out on special family times with my children. Mayo Clinic suggested I give Cannabis - Medical Marijuana, a try." She now lives a productive life, has a full time job, and is nearly pain free. "The dose isn't for a high; it's low in THC (tetrahydrocannabinol) and high in CBD (cannabidiol), which helps with inflammation."

THC can reduce nausea, increase appetite, decrease pain and inflammation, control muscle problems, and seizures. Tribal member D.R. suffers from arthritis. "After being prescribed a number of different medicines, and being pillled up, I got no relief. I got a Medical Marijuana Card, and I now use Medical Marijuana which helps me manage the inflammation and pain. It's helped tremendously."

Tribal employee G.L. comments, "I have been in a number of auto accidents and have some true chronic pain as I age. As I am an employee, I can not take Medical Marijuana which I have been told to try as I won't take those strong pills. Alcohol helps with the pain, but it isn't good for my body. The doctor told me not to drink because of my internal problems."

So when did the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Work Place Drug Policy begin? Human Resource Director, Jim Nardi, said, "The first policy is dated April 1, 2000, and was developed by Chris Kannock, who was the Employee Assistant Manager at the time. Sometime after that, a 24-hour EAP was initiated. Currently the Tribe's Drug-Free Work Place Policy does not require random testing, and the tribe, over the years, has fluctuated from requiring it, to not requiring it. Workmans' claims average around 25 per year with a small amount of them being drug related."

James Byykkonen challenged the Casino's random drug testing regime in 2006. He filed in the KBIC Tribal Court, bringing suit against Tribal Council Members individually in their official capacities where both the Plaintiff and the Defendant cited the Indian Civil Rights Act of 1968 25 U.S. C.A. section 1302(2) as the governing principle to be interpreted in the context of the action. The question before the Court was whether the Defendants' random search requirement contained in the KBIC Drug-Free Workplace Policy was "reasonable" in light of an individual employee's right to privacy under the Indian Civil Rights Act.

After the review of facts and circumstances and analysis of the most recent Supreme Court decisions, on June 22, 2007, the Court declared the Defendant's "random testing" provision of the KBIC Drug-Free Work Place Policy to be unconstitutional. It violated the search and seizure provision of the Indian Civil Rights Act. The Court's decision indicated it was limited to "random testing" provision only, and the policy applies to employees of the Ojibwa Casinos as the Court's analysis only dealt with the Casino positions. On June 2, 2008, Defendants filed a Motion to Vacate the Judgment for Recusal of Judge and to Reassign the Case. On June 27, 2008, the Court denied this Motion. The Defendants appealed the Court's ruling and Order. The KBIC Appellate Court upheld the Order denying Defendants' Motion for Recusal. The Trial Court then reviewed affidavits submitted by the Defendants in connection with the underlying Motion; this caused the Court to reconsider the Declaratory Judgment entered a year earlier and ordered that KBIC Ojibwa Casino was no longer enjoined from conducting and enforcing the random drug testing provisions of the KBIC Drug-Free Work Place Policy.

At the KBIC General Election held on December 13, 2014, voters approved proposal two - Do you support allowing the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community to manufacture and/or sell marijuana for adults 21 and over, and the possession of marijuana by these adults all subject to tribal licensing, taxation, and regulation? At the January 9, 2016 Tribal Council Meeting, Councilor Doreen Blaker introduced Proposed Ordinance 2015-03, an Amendment to Title Three of the Tribal Code to provide an exception to §3.1706, Controlled Substances Medical Marijuana Exception. Any person who is a qualifying patient or a primary caregiver under the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act and possesses on his or her person a valid registry identification shall not be subject to arrest, prosecution, or penalty for possession of marijuana if that possession is in compliance with the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act. Tribal Council approved an amendment to the Proposed Ordinance at their February 6, 2016 meeting.

So why is the Medical Marijuana Card not legally recognized on the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community when the people have clearly voted to approve recreational marijuana in the December 2014 Election, and the Council approved the Medical Marijuana Card in February 2016? On April 8, 2016, President Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. signed the Ordinance for an amendment to Title Three which provides an exception to §3.1706, Controlled Substances, entitled, Medical Marijuana Exception. President Swartz indicated that the next process in legislative law is for the Ordinance to be reviewed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Danielle Webb, Tribal Attorney, said, "The Constitutional provision which requires Secretarial review of the Medical Marijuana Ordinance is Article VI, Section 1(I). Pursuant to Section 2 of the same Article, the Superintendent of the Michigan Agency of the BIA, Jason Oberle, has to approve or disapprove within ten (10) days. If the Superintendent approves, then the Ordinance will be effective. However, the Superintendent must then forward the approved Ordinance to the Secretary of the Interior who has ninety (90) days following approval to rescind the Ordinance."

The United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, declined the approval of Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Ordinance 2015-03 "Medical Marijuana." The Ordinance, which essentially adopts the State of Michigan's Medical Marijuana law, was enacted by Tribal Council in April of 2016, following processing through their legislative process. The enactment came after reviewing their options in moving the legalization forward. In a letter to President Swartz dated June 10, 2016, Diane Rosen, BIA Regional Director, noted that Marijuana, a Schedule 1 controlled substance, remains illegal under Federal Law. The BIA concluded that they lacked the authority to approve Ordinances that violate Federal Law. Based on KBIC's Constitution and By-laws, Article VI, Section 2, Ordinances require review by the Secretary of the Interior through

## The Great Debate: Medical Marijuana

**Tribal Council Debates the Drug-Free Work Place Policy. "Should We Say Yes To Medical Marijuana?"**

By: Lauri Denomie



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

The question before the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's (KBIC) Tribal Council regarding the Drug-Free Work Place Policy is whether or not to recognize employees' valid Medical Marijuana Cards when processing drug tests. Hannah Beesley, KBIC's Personnel Director, said, "The KBIC Drug-Free Work Place Policy has a zero tolerance, and marijuana is classified as a Schedule 1 drug." The removal of Cannabis from Schedule 1 of the Controlled Substances Act, the most tightly restricted category reserved for drugs that have "no currently accepted medical use," has been proposed repeatedly since 1972. Today, doctors assist patients to be eligible for Medical Marijuana Cards when they strongly believe Medical Marijuana will help their patients. There are numerous affidavits from individuals where marijuana has improved their health and lessened the pain they have suffered.

One case that may assist the federal legalization of Medical Marijuana is that of 12-year-old Alexis Bortell. Alexis used to live in Texas with her parents and suffered from a debilitating form of epilepsy that caused her to suffer from daily seizures. Her doctors prescribed her medicine which helped to lessen the seizures to every three days, however, there were awful side effects with this medicine. Due to her medical condition, she missed a tremendous amount of school, and her education suffered. Her doctors suggested that she have an experimental lobotomy (brain surgery) for the possibility of some relief. The family said "no," packed up, and moved to Colorado to pursue a different approach - Medical Marijuana. She now takes Haleigh's Hop Cannabis Oil orally twice a day and carries an oral THC spray which she self administers when she experiences an aura, a warning sign that she may have a seizure. The spray



submission to the Superintendent. The Tribal Council had the right to appeal the decision, and they continued to review the process considering all of their options.

So, the legality of Medical Marijuana on the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community came to a halt. The next strategy was to eliminate the need to have the Secretary of Interior dominate over our laws. A Referendum Election was held on August 13, 2016, with just that thought in mind. Proposal two – Do you support limiting the Secretary of Interior review process within the constitution including the approval of tribal ordinances? The proposal was defeated, as was the avenue for the legality of Medical Marijuana on the Keweenaw Bay Indian Reservation.

In a recent survey conducted with 100 Keweenaw Bay Indian Community members who are not employees of KBIC, 72% agreed that KBIC should recognize an employee's Medical Marijuana Card as allowable when submitting to a drug test. When the same question was presented to employees of KBIC, 65% agreed to recognize the Medical Marijuana Card. Tribal employee J.A. commented, "The people of KBIC have already answered these questions with a resounding YES. I'm not sure why certain representatives choose to ignore that fact. I would bet, if I was a gambling man, that most of our drug problems are not with marijuana."

Today in KBIC Tribal Court there are 183 individuals who are either on Probation, Healing To Wellness Court clients, or on bench warrant status. Of these 183 individuals, 10 were employees of KBIC at the time of their arrest. One of the 10 cases was related to drug use and involved alcohol; three were alcohol related only. The other six related to either: assault, domestic animals, theft, trespass, or traffic. These statistics clearly show there is not a drug problem within the employee population, 10 out of 183, 5.46% are involved in some sort of criminal matter, with 1 of 10 (10%) being drug related versus 40% alcohol related.

President Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. commented, "I think we should move forward and accept the Medical Marijuana Card in our Drug-Free Work Place Policy." Secretary Susan J. LaFerner commented, "Council will be further discussing the Drug-Free Work Place Policy. Marijuana is an illegal substance under our code, and its use, sale, and possession is an illegal act within our reservation and trust lands. The use of illegal substances is prohibited in the work place. For discussion, I realize that in extreme cases and diagnoses such as end of life and pain, Medical Marijuana may be a help, but our clinic doctors are not authorized to prescribe Medical Marijuana. We must also consider and remember that we are all dealing with a drug crisis which claims lives every day."

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## Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Harvest Feast



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

This year's Annual Harvest Feast was held Saturday, October 7, 2017, at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens Center in Baraga, Michigan.

This event occurs every fall for as far back as our elder's can remember. Family, friends, and members of the Community gathered to celebrate the year's harvest and enjoy a grand feast. A friend of the Community, Congressman Jack Bergman, stopped by to visit and enjoy a traditional meal with our Community.

The event was sponsored by the Wiikwedong Ogitchidaa Society (KBIC Veterans) with the assistance of many community members and community service helpers.

~ By Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Congressman Jack Bergman (left) with President Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. (right).

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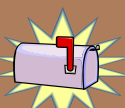
## BARAGA COUNTY GO BLUE Diabetes Awareness Month

- 1** Baraga County Go Blue 5K  
 Saturday, November 4th, 2017  
 RUN OR RUNWALK  
 8:00AM - 9:00AM  
 Starting at 111 Bear Town Road of Baraga, MI US 49908  
 \$20 Registration Opens October 1, 2017  
 2017 Diabetes Awareness Month. Proceeds will be donated to diabetes research. [runsignup.com/Race/MI/Baraga/BaragaCountyGoBlue5K](https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/Baraga/BaragaCountyGoBlue5K)
- 2** Dining with Diabetes  
 Mondays, Oct. 30th, Nov. 6th, Nov. 13th, & Nov. 20th, 2017  
 10 am - 12 pm,  
 Taste Testing and Diabetic Recipes with MSU Extension, Dining with Diabetes is a fun and interactive course series targeting individuals with prediabetes, type 1 or type 2 diabetes, members of their support system and/or anyone interested in learning more. To register contact: Erin Carter, [ecarter@msu.edu](mailto:ecarter@msu.edu) or 906.369.4572 or Dawn at 353-4521
- 3** World Diabetes Day 2017  
 OUR RIGHT TO A HEALTHY FUTURE  
 Tuesday, November 14th, 2017  
 The blue circle is the global symbol for diabetes awareness and the logo of World Diabetes Day. Help promote symbol by: Wearing blue for diabetes, Wearing the blue circle pin, Forming a human blue circle, Promoting the blue circle selfie app, Pinning a Member of Parliament. The official hashtag of the campaign is #WDD
- 4** Food is Prevention Community Feast  
 Saturday, November 18th, 2017  
 Noon - 2:00PM  
 Nilwin Akeaa Community Center  
 Celebrate with a health focused Traditional meal and educational presentations on Diabetes Awareness from families and health professionals.



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](mailto:newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov).

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## Financial Aid

\$\$\$ Day \$\$\$

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 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Keweenaw Bay Tribal Center  
 16429 Beartown Rd. Baraga

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# TRIBAL COURT CRIMINAL SENTENCES



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

## **Ava Picard, case #17-154, §5.62a, License restrictions (suspended) – 1st offense**

### **Sentencing on 09/18/2017, #17-154, §5.62a:**

1. Fine \$100.00.
2. Ten (10) days jail, credit for ten days jail served. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Defendant shall be placed on payment probation.
4. Defendant's Tribal General Welfare Benefit Distribution Check shall be garnished in full each year until all Court obligations are paid in full.

## **Ava Picard, case #17-172, §8.901, Contempt – 1st offense**

### **Sentencing on 09/18/2017, #17-172, §8.901:**

1. Fine \$100.00.
2. Defendant shall be placed on payment probation.
3. Defendant's Tribal General Welfare Benefit Distribution Check shall be garnished in full each year until all Court obligations are paid in full.

## **Dave Varline, case #17-126, §3.608, Obstruction of process – 1st offense**

### **Sentencing on 09/18/2017, 17-126, §3.608:**

1. Fine \$500.00.
2. One-hundred-eighty (180) days jail, credit for twenty-eight days jail served, 152 days jail to be served. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Defendant shall be placed on payment probation upon release from jail and shall pay \$40 per week or four hours toward fines in the form of community service.
4. Defendant must report within 48 hours of being discharged from jail to sign his payment probation order.
5. Defendant's Tribal General Welfare Benefit Distribution Check shall be garnished in full each year until all Court obligations are paid in full.

## **Dave Varline, case #17-127, §3.206, Resisting arrest – 1st offense**

### **Sentencing on 09/18/2017, 17-127, §3.206:**

1. Fine \$500.00.
2. One-hundred-eighty (180) days jail, credit for twenty-nine days jail served, 151 days jail to be served. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Defendant shall be placed on payment probation upon release from jail and shall pay \$40 per week or four hours toward fines in the form of community service.
4. Defendant must report within 48 hours of being discharged from jail to sign his payment probation order.
5. Defendant's Tribal General Welfare Benefit Distribution Check shall be garnished in full each year until all Court obligations are paid in full.

## **Sean Spruce, case #17-078, §3.1414, Possession, use, transport of alcohol beverages by persons under 21 years of age – 1st offense**

### **Sentencing on 09/18/2017, 17-078, §3.1414:**

1. Fine \$100.00.
2. Twenty (20) days jail, 20 days jail suspended pending successful discharge from probation. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Three to six months of alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10.00 monthly fee. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT tests, if any.
4. Defendant shall obtain a substance abuse screening within 14 days and follow all the recommendations until successfully completed, and sign a release of information for the Court to monitor compliance. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of the screening.
5. Defendant shall report in person each Monday and Thursday between 8:00 – 8:15 a.m. until the Probation Office deems otherwise.

## **Gary Magnant, case #17-104, §3.901, Cruelty to animals – 1st offense**

### **Sentencing on 09/25/2017, 17-104, §3.901:**

1. Fine \$150.00.
2. Twenty (20) days jail, 20 days jail suspended pending successful discharge from probation. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Three to six months of alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10.00 monthly fee. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT tests, if any.
4. Defendant shall perform twenty-four hours of Community Service at an animal shelter.
5. Defendant shall submit current shot records or health assessment for each currently owned animal before the completion or end of the probation term.
6. An officer of the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Police Department or the Court Officer shall visit the Defendant's household to conduct a face-to-face well animal check.

## **Thomas Denomie, case #17-141, §5.61, Driver's license required – 6th offense**

### **Sentencing on 09/25/2017, 17-141, §5.61:**

1. Fine \$250.00.
2. Thirty (30) days jail to be served when medically approved to do so.
3. Defendant shall provide an opinion from his doctor as to when he will be able to serve his jail sentence.
4. Ninety (90) days probation will automatically extend if the jail time is not served within that time period.
5. Defendant shall sign a release of information to allow the Probation Office to speak with the physician.

## **Justin Dunleavy, case #17-069, §3.1408, Interfering with legal custody as ordered by the court – 1st offense**

### **Sentencing on 09/25/2017, for 17-069, §3.1408:**

1. Fine \$200.00.
2. Sixty (60) days jail, 20 days jail to be served on weekends for employment purposes, 40 days jail suspended pending successful discharge from probation. If at any time it is found that the Defendant is not employed, this order may be amended requiring the Defendant to serve all remaining jail time. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Six months of standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10.00 monthly fee. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT tests, if any. Defendant is required to report to the Probation Office one time weekly.
4. Defendant shall obtain a substance abuse screening within fourteen days from sentencing and is to follow the recommendations until successfully completed. Defendant shall sign release of information to allow the Probation Office to monitor compliance.

## **Gavin Loonsfoot, case #16-222, §16.515, Improper use of license plates – 1st offense**

### **Sentencing on 09/26/2017, for 16-222, §16.515:**

1. Fine \$125.00.
2. Twenty-five (25) days jail with remedial payment probation to begin once released from his current sentence. (Consecutive with #16-223 and #16-225). 1<sup>st</sup> violation – three days jail to be served or until the non-refundable bond amount indicated on the warrant is paid; 2<sup>nd</sup> violation – five days jail to be served or until the non-refundable bond amount indicated on the warrant is paid; 3<sup>rd</sup> violation – eight days jail to be served or until the non-refundable bond amount indicated on the warrant is paid; 4<sup>th</sup> violation – 10 days jail to be served or until the non-refundable bond amount indicated on the warrant is paid; 5<sup>th</sup> violation – 15 days jail to be served or until the non-refundable bond amount indicated on the warrant is paid; 6<sup>th</sup> violation – 20 days jail to be served or until the non-refundable bond amount indicated on the warrant is paid; after the 6<sup>th</sup> violation the Court shall assess time served and impose remaining days for max.

## **Gavin Loonsfoot, case #16-223, §16.513, Operation of improperly registered vehicle – 1st offense**

### **Sentencing on 09/26/2017, for 16-223, §16.513:**

1. Fine \$125.00.
2. Twenty-five (25) days jail with remedial payment probation to begin once released from his current sentence. (Consecutive with #16-222 and #16-225).

## **Gavin Loonsfoot, case #16-225, §5.61, Driver's license required – 2nd offense**

### **Sentencing on 09/26/2017, for 16-225, §5.61:**

1. Fine \$125.00.
2. Twenty-five (25) days jail with remedial payment probation to begin once released from his current sentence. (Consecutive with #16-222 and #16-223).

## **Cissley Lofquist, case #17-168, §8.901, Contempt of court – 1st offense**

### **Sentencing on 10/04/2017, for 17-168, §8.901:**

1. Fine \$100.00.

## **Brett Degenauer, case #17-188, §5.15, OUIL – 2nd offense**

### **Sentencing on 10/04/2017, for 17-188, §5.15:**

1. Fine \$500.00.
2. Ninety (90) days jail, credit of three days served, 87 days jail to be served. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.

## **Jacob Smith, case #17-153, §3.412, Illegal entry upon lands – 1st offense**

### **Sentencing on 10/04/2017, for 17-153, §3.412:**

1. Fine \$150.00.
2. Twenty (20) days jail, 20 days jail suspended pending successful discharge from probation. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Three to six months of standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10.00 monthly fee. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT tests, if any.
4. Defendant shall continue with his mental health counseling until successful completion of probation. Defendant is to sign a release of information for the

5. Probation Office to monitor compliance.
6. Defendant shall report one time per month to the Probation Office unless directed otherwise by Probation Office.
7. Defendant must report progress regarding mental health and must take medications as prescribed.
8. Defendant shall have no contact with the Ollila family or the residence located at 17546 Ford Farm Road, L'Anse, MI.

## **Chelsea Brunk, case #17-136, §3.1308, Disobedience of a lawful court order – 4th offense**

### **Sentencing on 10/09/2017, for 17-136, §3.1308:**

1. Fine \$500.00.
2. Forty-five (45) days jail, credit for 33 days jail served, 12 days jail suspended pending successful discharge from probation. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Nine to twelve months of standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10.00 monthly fee. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT tests, if any.
4. Defendant shall obtain a substance abuse screening, and follow all the recommendations until successfully completed, and sign a release of information for the Court to monitor compliance. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of the screening.
5. Restitution is to be determined.
6. Defendant is to write an apology to the victim which is to be submitted to the Probation Office for processing.
7. Defendant is to not be within 500 feet of 112 Pine Street, Baraga, MI 49908.
8. Defendant's Tribal General Welfare Benefit Distribution Check shall be garnished in full each year until all Court obligations are paid in full.

## **Chelsea Brunk, case #17-138, §3.1706, Controlled substances – 2nd offense**

### **Sentencing on 10/09/2017, for 17-138, §3.1706:**

1. Fine \$500.00.
2. Ninety (90) days jail, credit for 33 days jail served, 57 days jail suspended pending successful discharge from probation. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Nine to twelve months of standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10.00 monthly fee. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT tests, if any. (Concurrent to #17-136).
4. Defendant shall obtain a substance abuse screening, and follow all the recommendations until successfully completed, and sign a release of information for the Court to monitor compliance. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of the screening.
5. Restitution is to be determined.
6. Defendant is to write an apology to the victim which is to be submitted to the Probation Office for processing. (Concurrent to #17-136).
7. Defendant is to not be within 500 feet of 112 Pine Street, Baraga, MI 49908. (Concurrent to #17-136).
8. Defendant's Tribal General Welfare Benefit Distribution Check shall be garnished in full each year until all Court obligations are paid in full.

## **Chelsea Brunk, case #17-143, §3.403, Malicious injury to a structure – 1st offense**

### **Sentencing on 10/09/2017, for 17-143, §3.403:**

1. Fine \$100.00.
2. Ninety (90) days jail, credit for 44 days jail served, 46 days jail suspended pending successful discharge from probation. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. This case is transferred to the Healing To Wellness Court.
4. Defendant shall obtain a substance abuse screening, and follow all the recommendations until successfully completed, and sign a release of information for the Court to monitor compliance. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of the screening.
5. Restitution is to be determined.
6. Defendant is to write an apology to the victim which is to be submitted to the Probation Office for processing. (Concurrent to #17-136 and #17-138).
7. Defendant is to not be within 500 feet of 112 Pine Street, Baraga, MI 49908. (Concurrent to #17-136 and 17-138).
8. Defendant's Tribal General Welfare Benefit Distribution Check shall be garnished in full each year until all Court obligations are paid in full.

## **Chelsea Brunk, case #17-146, §8.901, Contempt of court – 1st offense**

### **Sentencing on 10/09/2017, for 17-146, §8.901:**

1. Thirty days jail, 30 days jail suspended pending successful discharge from probation. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
2. This case is transferred to the Healing To Wellness Court.



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**Date:** Mondays  
January 15 – February 26<sup>th</sup>  
\*No Class February 12

**Time:** 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM

**Location:** KBIC Health System Conference Room

Call Dawn Kempainen at 353-4521 to register

Powerful Tools for Caregivers

An educational program designed to help informal family caregivers (no professional caregivers please). This program will help you take care of yourself while caring for a relative or friend. You will benefit from the class whether you are helping a parent, spouse, friend or someone who lives at home, in a nursing home, or across the country.

- This class will give **YOU, the family caregiver**, tools to:
- » Help you reduce stress
  - » Communicate effectively with other family members, your doctor, paid help
  - » Take care of yourself
  - » Reduce guilt, anger, and depression
  - » Help you relax
  - » Make tough decisions
  - » Set goals and problem-solve

Participants will use workbooks to guide them during class, which cover the following:

- Hiring in-home help
- Understanding depression
- Helping memory-impaired elders
- Making decisions about driving
- Making legal and financial decisions
- Making decisions about care facility placement

Please note that this class will not focus on specific diseases or hands-on caregiving for the care receiver. Your participation will make a difference! We are interested in how the class will benefit you and other caregivers. To evaluate the program, we will ask you to complete an evaluation.

For more information contact:  
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48 Contiguous United States:				Use this amount	
Household Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standard	SNAP Standard Deduction		FDPIR Net Monthly Income Standard	
1	\$1,005	+	\$160	=	\$1,165
2	\$1,354	+	\$160	=	\$1,514
3	\$1,702	+	\$160	=	\$1,862
4	\$2,050	+	\$170	=	\$2,220
5	\$2,399	+	\$199	=	\$2,598
6	\$2,747	+	\$228	=	\$2,975
7	\$3,095	+	\$228	=	\$3,323
8	\$3,444	+	\$228	=	\$3,672
Each additional member					+ \$349
Alaska:				Use this amount	
Household Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standard	SNAP Standard Deduction		FDPIR Net Monthly Income Standard	
1	\$1,255	+	\$273	=	\$1,528
2	\$1,691	+	\$273	=	\$1,964
3	\$2,127	+	\$273	=	\$2,400
4	\$2,563	+	\$273	=	\$2,836
5	\$2,999	+	\$273	=	\$3,272
6	\$3,435	+	\$285	=	\$3,720
7	\$3,870	+	\$285	=	\$4,155
8	\$4,306	+	\$285	=	\$4,591
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**ANNOUNCEMENT:** GLIFWC will be sponsoring a HACCP Seafood Safety class in partnership with MSU Sea Grant.

**Where:** Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Casino and Resort – 16449 Michigan Ave. (M-38) Baraga, Michigan  
**When:** December 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> – 2017

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

**Registration Deadline:** November 27, 2017 - Contact Ron Kinnunen at MSU Sea Grant at 906-226-3687

**Hotel Deadline:** 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 20<sup>th</sup> 2017. Contact Zoongee Leith, GLIFWC Planning/ANA Secretary at 715-682-6619.

**Lake Superior Tribal Commercial Fishermen:** GLIFWC will provide hotel rooms and pay the \$115 HACCP Registration fee (i.e. book and copy costs) for any Lake Superior commercial fisherman licensed by Red Cliff, Bad River, Keweenaw Bay or Bay Mills. GLIFWC will also cover the costs of any enrolled member of any GLIFWC tribe that is active in harvesting and processing fish and wishes to complete the course. After participants complete the three day class, they will sign a GLIFWC travel form for food and mileage reimbursement based on Federal GSA rates. Food and mileage reimbursements will be mailed to participants after processing by the GLIFWC's accounting office.

**Family members of tribal fishermen currently working in family fish shops:** GLIFWC will provide hotel rooms and pay the \$115 HACCP Registration fee (i.e. book and copy costs) for adult family members of any Red Cliff, Bad River, Keweenaw Bay or Bay Mills licensed fisherman currently working at a family's fish shop. After participants complete the three day class, they will sign a GLIFWC travel form for food and mileage reimbursement based on GSA rates. Food and mileage reimbursements will be mailed to participants after processing by the GLIFWC's accounting office.

**Enrolled members of GLIFWC tribes:** GLIFWC will provide hotel rooms and pay the \$115 HACCP Registration fee (i.e. book and copy costs) for any enrolled member from any GLIFWC member tribe willing to complete the three days of Seafood safety training (i.e. enrolled members of Fond du Lac, Mille Lacs, Red Cliff, Bad River, St. Croix, Lac Courte Oreilles, Lac du Flambeau, Sokaogon Chippewa, Lac Vieux Desert, Keweenaw Bay or Bay Mills). This includes subsistence fishermen interested in learning how to safely handle, process and preserve fish water fish including freezing and smoking techniques.

**Tribal fisheries and conservation enforcement staff:** GLIFWC will also cover the cost of registration for tribal fisheries and conservation staff of GLIFWC member tribes wishing to attend this workshop. If monies are left unspent in the budget after reimbursement of tribal fishermen and members, tribal employee staff costs will be covered.

Michigan Tech University, AISES Holds Fall Powwow



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Michigan Technological University (MTU) American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) held their Annual Fall Powwow on Saturday, October 14, 2017, at the Michigan Tech SDC, Houghton, Michigan. Grand Entries were at 1:40 p.m. (Indian Time for 1:00 p.m.) and 7:00 p.m. A feast was held during the break for dancers, singers, and participants. Shown above are: Glenn Bressette, Sr., Head Veteran Dancer; Demery Jackson, Head Female Dancer; Shane Mitchell, Head Male Dancer; and Starr Dunleavy, Miss Jr. Keweenaw Bay. Wiikwedong Ogichidaa Society (KBIC Honor Guard) presented the colors. Glen Bressette, Jr. served as Arena Director, Joe Medicine as the Emcee, Woodland Singers served as Host Drum, and Four Thunders were Co-Host Drum.

~ Submitted by Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

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### WIKKWEDONG OGICHIDAA SOCIETY

#### VISION STATEMENT

Provide exemplary support and assistance to our Tribal Veterans.

#### MISSION STATEMENT

Assist KBIC Tribal Veterans and navigate all Veteran Affairs programs and services.

#### GOALS

Establish KBIC Tribal Veterans Affairs Office and services.

#### OBJECTIVES

Establish KBIC Veterans Affairs office location.	12/17
Schedule open house and present services to Tribal Veterans.	12/17
Establish Veterans/VBMS and security measures.	12/17
Schedule weekly office hours and home visits.	12/17
Network with all Veterans Administration, state and county Veteran resources.	10/17
Establish Veterans trust fund board.	01/18
Solicit Tribal Veterans need for services.	01/18
Assist Veterans with compensation, health, burial education, and all other Veterans Affairs claims.	ongoing
Attend monthly local service officer meetings.	monthly
Create PTSD group using traditional practices.	06/18
Integrate Tribal Veterans in community functions and gatherings.	01/18
Recruit Tribal Veterans not being served.	ongoing
Establish and coordinate protocol for ceremonies.	01/18
Maintain Tribal flag poles and appropriate lights.	01/18
Coordinate all Wiikwedong Ogichidaa activities.	ongoing

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#### KBIC TRIBAL VETERANS WIKKWEDONG OGICHIDAA SOCIETY

##### MISSION

RECOGNIZE, HONOR and SUPPORT OUR TRIBAL VETERANS.

##### GOALS:

Develop the KBIC Veterans Program.  
Create Veterans Services for Tribal Veterans.  
Create fundraising opportunities.  
Serve our KBIC Community at local events.

##### OBJECTIVES

Establish Veterans Memorial.  
Establish Veterans Building.  
Serve our ACTIVE duty Veterans.  
Meet the community Veterans' needs for support and direction.  
Establish regular meetings and recruit more Tribal Veterans.  
Identify, recognize ALL KBIC Tribal Veterans.  
Participate in community Veteran events and programs.  
Assist in the burial services.  
Host Veterans Eagle Staff Gathering.  
Build capacity to provide fundraising services.  
Develop auxiliary volunteer group.

The Wiikwedong Ogichidaa Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, November 14, 2017, 1900 hours**, at the Wiikwedong Ogichidaa Building, KBIC Industrial Park (off M-38), Baraga, MI.

For more information contact: Rodney Loonsfoot, KBIC Veteran Service Officer, at (906) 201-4448 or e-mail veteran@kbic-nsn.gov. Rodney Loonsfoot is the only Michigan Tribal Veteran appointed Service Officer in the State of Michigan.

#### 2017 Bay Mills Eagle Staff Gathering

The Wiikwedong Ogichidaa Society (KBIC Honor Guard) participated in the Eagle Staff Gathering Sept 22-24, 2017, in Bay Mills, Michigan. Vice Commander George DeCota, Chaplain Joe Dowd, Rodney Loonsfoot, Jerry Mayo, Glenn Bressette, Sr., and Dan Garceau represented our Wiikwedong Ogichidaa Society. Joe Dowd shared his Vietnam Veterans Eagle Staff. George DeCota shared the Healing Staff he was gifted with. Rodney Loonsfoot shared the story about the KBIC Eagle Staff. Traditional teachings and stories were shared over two days by the 43 eagle staffs present.

