

WIKWEDONG DAZHI-OJIBWE

The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwe

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13th Mid-Winter Traditional Powwow Held — KBIC Natural Resources Department Honored



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

(Left to Right) kneeling: Lyndon Ekdahl, System and Facilities Coordinator; Karen Anderson, Aquatic Invasive Species Specialist; standing front row: Erin Johnston, Wildlife Biologist; Deanna Hadden, Habitat Specialist; Stephanie Kozich, Water Resource Specialist; back row: Dylan Friisvall, Water Resource Technician; Patrick LaPointe, Jr., Fisheries Field Technician; Lori Sherman, Natural Resources Director; Shannon DesRochers, Lake Superior Program Coordinator; David Seppanen, Natural Resources Technician; Kyle Seppanen, Wildlife Technician; Justin Woodruff, Response Program Coordinator; and Mike Duschene, Operations and Compliance Specialist. Missing from photo: Evelyn Ravindran, Hatchery and Nursery Manager; Gene Mensch, Fisheries and Wildlife Biologist; Katie Kruse, Environmental Specialist; David Kauppila, Natural Resources Technician; Tim Dombrowski, Great Lakes Resource Specialist. Photo compliments of KBNRD.

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's (KBIC) Cultural Committee hosted the 13th Annual Winter Powwow on Saturday, January 28, 2017. The event was held at the Niiwin Akeaa Community Center in Baraga, Michigan.

Every year the Cultural Committee honors a different group, committee, or department for their contributions to our Community. KBIC Natural Resources Department staff were recognized this year and presented with Pendleton blankets. Lori Ann Sherman, Natural Resources Director, was the guest speaker at the honoring ceremony held at 11:00 a.m.

Lori Sherman said, "Our staff began working in 1988, and the Department was organized in 1999, which brought the environmental, fish, and wildlife programs under one department. The departmental staff has grown over the years to the present level of 19 full-time employees and 22 part-time and temporary workers throughout the year. Our department is guided by a ten-year Integrated Resource Management Plan which was adopted by the Tribal Council and Bureau of Indian Affairs in 2003, and the KBIC Strategic Plan adopted it in 2005.

The Natural Resources Department administers natural resource programs for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community on the L'Anse, Marquette, and Ontonagon reservations as well as the western Upper Peninsula of Michigan (1842 ceded territory). These programs encompass a variety of activities including: Lake Superior fishery assessments, Baraga County stream assessments, surface water and ground water monitoring,

air and radon studies, brownfield programs, wildlife and wetland management, Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS), LAMP Program, Lakewide Action and Management Plan, environmental assessments, monitoring of metallic mining and exploration activity in the Lake Superior basin, participation in the protection and

Tribal Council Members:

Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President

Jennifer Misegan, Vice-President

Susan J. LaFernier, Secretary

Toni J. Minton, Asst. Secretary

Doreen G. Blaker, Treasurer

Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.

Frederick Dakota

Randall R. Haataja

Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.

Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.

Rodney Loonsfoot

Elizabeth D. Mayo



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- 13th Mid-Winter Traditional Powwow Held
- Health Heart Fair Held
- February 4, 2017 Tribal Council Meeting
- Drug Conviction Report/Criminal Sentences
- Capt. Seppanen Retires after 40-Year Career at KBIC
- Ojibwa Library News
- KBIC Newest Author, Never Let Go Of Your Dreams
- Deepest Sympathy

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(left to right) Daniel Connor, Junior Head Boy Dancer; Taylor Drift, Head Lady Dancer; Cara Conner, Junior Head Girl Dancer; Robert Rajacic, Head Man Dancer; Rodney Loonsfoot, Head Veteran Dancer; Hanna Hervola, Miss Junior Keweenaw Bay; Jaily Shelifoe, Miss Keweenaw Bay; Skyler Davenport, Youth Head Man Dancer; and Anna Pietila, Youth Head Lady Dancer.

Midwinter Powwow continued:

enhancement of Lake Superior, and fish stocking from our hatchery. The department facilitates projects through various grants from Administration for Native Americans (ANA), Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and U.S. Department of Agriculture. The Tribal Council funds hatchery operations.

One of KBNRD's largest events is the Kids' Fishing Derby. The derby is open to all children and will be held on June 24, 2017, this year. The derby is partially funded through the Tribal Council and donations from the local communities. The Environmental Fair is an event that the KBNRD holds for the area schools and is held around Earth Day at the Niiwin Akeaa Facility for grades 2-5. Local schools are invited to participate in activities that involve education about our local environment. This year's event will be held on April 19, 2017.

Our future plans are for a new building that can house all of our employees and include a lab and classrooms, a museum, as well as an interactive self guided tour area, similar to the work we have done on Sand Point with identifying plants and trees in the Ojibwa language. However, with the current administration in place, grant funding is going to be more competitive, but we are fortunate to have excellent staff who do amazing work in all aspects of their job duties."

Grand Entries were held at 1 pm and 6 pm with Rodney Loonsfoot, Head Veteran Dancer, leading the KBIC Wiikwedong Ogichidaa Society (KBIC Veteran Honor Guard) into the arena. Joe Awonohopay served as Master of Ceremonies, George Gauthier as Arena Director, and LeRoy Gauthier as Assistant Arena Director. Four Thunders were this year's Host Drum. Invited drums were: Summer Cloud, Woodland Singers, and Wiikwedong Ogichidaa



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Society. Also honored were Miss Keweenaw Bay, Jaily Shelfoe, and Tribal Elders: Marilyn Loonsfoot and Charles Loonsfoot, Sr. A Pink Shawl Honor Dance was held honoring Crystal Geroux Brunk with a Memorial Dance for the late Myrtle Tolonen. A grand feast was held between grand entries.

Honored Elders: Marilyn "Molly" Loonsfoot and Charles "Chuck" Loonsfoot, Sr. are pictured above with a number of family members. Chuck Loonsfoot was born in Assinins, Michigan, to Joseph and Pearl Neadeau. Molly Loonsfoot was born in Bear Town, Michigan, to Richard Shalfoe and Sarah Whetung. They have been married for 50 years and have nine children, more than 25 grandchildren, and more than 15 great grandchildren.

Chuck's work career includes: commercial fishing, printer, heavy machine operator, truck driver, iron worker, counseling supervisor, unit manager, and he was a foreman at

Mathias Kline for 17 years. Chuck retired at the age of 67. Chuck is a U.S. Army Veteran. He was the original Bear Town Sugar Busher. Chuck was a Tribal Council Member for 12 years, a Hiring Committee Member, and on the Holy Name of Jesus Church Council for many years. His hobbies include: hunting, snaring rabbits, picking blueberries, making maple syrup, cooking, snowmobiling, 4-wheeling, attending powwows, and participating in a sweat lodge. Chuck has 40 years of sobriety.

Molly's work career includes: janitor, motel clerk, nurse's aide, secretary, forest technician, dental clerk, enrollment clerk, and cooking and cleaning for nine children and a husband. Molly has been on many committees including: enrollment, forestry, 12-step organization, and the Holy Name of Jesus Church Council. Her hobbies include: beadwork, sewing, cooking, baking, cleaning, making maple syrup, snaring rabbits, hunting, and dancing at powwows. Molly has 40 years of sobriety.

~ submitted by Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor

25th ANNUAL HEALTHY HEART FAIR HELD ON VALENTINE'S DAY

The Healthy Heart Fair was held on Tuesday, February 14, 2017, at the Niiwin Akeaa Center and was very well attended by the local community both tribal and non-tribal. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Department of Health and Human Services' staff holds the event annually to ensure health screenings and education are available for the public. Participants visited a number of booths which distributed pamphlets and samples on how to live a healthier lifestyle, offered screenings, and prize drawings. Prize incentives were raffled throughout the event.

A Chi Miigwech to the booths and volunteers who made this event a success. They were: Align Chiropractic; Baraga County Communities That Care; Baraga County DHHS; Bay Ambulance, Inc.; BCMH Physical Therapy; BHK Child Development Board; Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan; Dial Help, Inc.; GLIFWC; KBIC BALAC; KBIC Diabetes Program; KBIC Health System Behavioral Health; KBIC Health System Medical Clinic; KBIC Health System Pharmacy; KBIC Healthy Start – Family Spirit Programs; KBIC Natural Resources Air Quality; KBIC Natural Resources; KBIC Nutrition Program; KBIC Office of Child Support Services; KBIC OWW; KBIC REACH; KBIC SORNA; KBIC Substance Abuse Program; KBIC Tobacco Cessation Program; KBIC Tribal Social Services; KBIC VOCA; KBIC WIC; KBOCC Infant Health, Safety, and Nutrition class; Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College; Keweenaw Bay Tribal Police; Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly; MSU Extension; New Day Treatment Center; Ojibwa Community Library; Ronda Dowd Massage Therapy; Superior Family Chiropractic; True North; UP Kids; Upper Great Lakes Family Center; Waves of Touch Massage; HOSA; and KBIC Youth.

~ submitted by Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Wayne Koskimo stopped in on his lunch break to take advantage of the screenings offered. Above he is pictured getting a blood pressure being offered by Bay Ambulance staff.



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Both chair massage booths were busy stations with many taking the opportunity for a great stress reliever on their break at the Healthy Heart Fair. Shown above is Emily Evans at the Rhonda Dowd Massage Therapy Booth.



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Gina Holy-LaBeau visits the KBIC Health System Medical Clinic station being ran by Mary Dee Shanahan, LPN, who were offering cholesterol testing and blood glucose tests.

February 4, 2017 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Regular Saturday Tribal Council Meeting was held on February 4, 2017, at the Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room in Baraga, Michigan. President Warren Swartz, Jr., presided over the meeting with Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFerner, Toni Minton, Doreen Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Randall Haataja, Michael F. LaFerner, 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.

President Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. gave the President's Report (page three), Vice President Jennifer Misegan gave the Vice President's Report (page five), and Susan J. LaFerner gave the Secretary's Report (page eight). Council approved the December 2016 Department Head Reports and Meeting Minutes for January 7, 2017, and January 12, 2017.

Under New Business: President Swartz brought forth Resolution KB-005-2017 BIA 638 Contract for a Forest Planning Stand Exam of Tribal Trust Lands and Forest development Mechanical Brushing Project (One Time Non-Reoccurring). **Now Therefore Be It Resolved** the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Council formally proposes to contract with the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the onetime non-reoccurring forest planning stand exam and non-reoccurring forest development mechanical brushing that shall commence on January 1, 2017, to December 31, 2019. This is a two-year grant to thin out standing timber on the Catherine Valentine Allotment. **Motion by Rodney Loonsfoot to table Resolution KB-005-2017, supported by Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.** President Swartz declared this motion to be out of order. **Motion by Michael F. LaFerner, Sr. to approve Resolution KB-005-2017, supported by Randall Haataja. Motion by Rodney Loonsfoot to table Resolution KB-005-2017 until more information is made available,**

supported by Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. Three supported (Blaker, Curtis, R. Loonsfoot), Eight opposed (Misegan, S. LaFerner, Minton, Dakota, Haataja, M. LaFerner, G. Loonsfoot, Mayo), 0 abstained, motion defeated. President Swartz returned to the prior motion. **Motion by Michael F. LaFerner, Sr. to approve Resolution KB-005-2017, supported by Randall Haataja. Nine supported (Misegan, S. LaFerner, Minton, Blaker, Dakota, Haataja, M. LaFerner, G. Loonsfoot, Mayo), two opposed (Curtis, R. Loonsfoot), 0 abstained, motion carried.**

President Swartz brought forth Resolution KB-006-2017 Forest Management Deduction Account Expenditure Plan. **Whereas** the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community desires to implement a Forest Management deduction Account Expenditure Plan to gain access to the Forest Management Deduction Account funds withheld from timber sale proceeds as provided in 25 CFR 163.25(f)(1). **Now Therefore Be It Resolved** the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Council formally approves the Forest Management Deduction Expenditure Plan. Attached to the proposed Resolution for Council review was the Expenditure Plan For Forest Management Deductions with the total amount available for the Forest Management Deductions in the amount of \$8,017.66, and it is noted that this is an annual Resolution. This provides in part for two Forestry or Environmental Scholarships through the Educational Committee. **Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to approve KB-006-2017, co-supported by Susan J. LaFerner and Toni Minton. Ten supported (Misegan, S. LaFerner, Minton, Blaker, Curtis, Dakota, Haataja, M. LaFerner, G. Loonsfoot, Mayo), 0 opposed, one abstained (R. Loonsfoot), motion carried.**

President Swartz brought forth Resolution KB-007-2017 National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) 2017 Membership Renewal. **Now Therefore Be It Resolved** that the Keweenaw

Bay Indian Community, which is the official governing body of the above-named Tribe, hereby authorizes Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, who is the official principal tribal official, to take the necessary action to place the Tribe in membership with NIGA; and **Be It Further Resolved** that the Tribal funds in the amount of \$7,500.00, based on the Tribe's gross annual revenue are authorized to be paid for NIGA membership renewal; and **Be It Finally Resolved** that the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community designates the Delegate and Alternate Delegate(s) and instructs them to become Members in Good Standing in NIGA in order to fulfill their responsibilities as Official Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the National Indian Gaming Association. **Motion by Jennifer Misegan to approve Resolution KB-007-2017, supported by Randall Haataja. Eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**

Treasurer Doreen Blaker presented the February 2017 donations requests. **Motion by Jennifer Misegan to approve the February 2017 donations as: \$500.00 for the L'Anse Senior Class of 2017 Lock-in, \$500.00 for the Baraga Senior Class of 2017 Lock-in, \$500.00 each for Billy and Bobby Genschow and Kayla Dakota for travel to New York City with LHS Band, \$1,500.00 for Laura Downwind for the family of Harland Downwind medical related expenses for a total of \$4,000.00, supported by Randall Haataja. Ten supported (Misegan, S. LaFerner, Minton, Blaker, Curtis, Haataja, M. LaFerner, G. Loonsfoot, R. Loonsfoot, Mayo), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Dakota), motion carried.**

Council moved into closed session prior to adjourning with Secretary Susan J. LaFerner in regards to a personnel issue and Vice President Jennifer Misegan in regards to a General Welfare Support issue on the agenda.

~ Submitted by Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor

President's Report for the Month of January 2017

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

- I signed a grant with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. The purpose of the agreement is to provide funding to the grantee to be utilized for all activities related to construction of 1.5 miles of the non-motorized trail that will run from Sand Point Lighthouse to the Baraga Municipal Marina. These activities will include design, engineering, materials, and expenses directly related to the trail infrastructure construction. This is the final section of the proposed trail. Along with the many views of Gitche Gumee, this 1.5 mile section provides access to the Baraga Marina and any potential future recreational development along the Baraga waterfront, as well as access to the Sand Point Lighthouse and Ojibwa Recreation Area Campground on Sand Point. During the construction phase, we reserved the right to make decisions to preserve culturally and historically significant or sacred sites. We plan to provide additional signage and markers to promote awareness and preservation of the Community's cultural and historical resources.
- I signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC). The purpose of the Tribal Accreditation Support Initiative project is to provide funds to designated Tribes to advance local efforts to produce a measurable and substantial increase in our own readiness to apply for or achieve Public Health Accreditation. It's important to become accredited because it raises the standards of care and may allow us to get more funding by being accredited.
- I signed an addendum on behalf of the Community for Indian Health Care Providers. The purpose of the addendum is to apply special terms and conditions necessitated by federal law and regulations to the network provider agreement by and be-

tween Prime Therapeutics LLC and the KBIC Pharmacy.

- The Community and the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi (NHBP) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), so the parties could maximize access to Newday's Residential Treatment Care for NHBP Tribal members and descendants to address substance abuse disorder. To facilitate access, NHBP has designated funds for this purpose. The funds are provided in order to make services accessible to Tribal members when other processes related to securing funding are unavailable or likely to hinder the recovery process.
- We also agreed upon services provided by Peninsula Fiber Network (PFN). The corporation shall provide for the transport of telecommunications, voice, and data services to the Community's Casinos.
- I accepted a letter of resignation from Elizabeth Mayo regarding her position on the KBIC Gaming Commission. She resigned her position due to being elected to the Community's Tribal Council. Tribal law doesn't allow a Commissioner to hold any elected position within the Community. We've advertised for the vacancy within the Commission. The vacancy was fulfilled by Michael Duschene.
- The Assistant CEO, Sarah Maki, and I participated in the Tribal-Interior Budget Council (TIBC) which provides a forum and process for Tribes and Federal officials to work together in developing annual budget request for Indian programs in the Department of Interior. During the forum, Tribes were asked to prioritize and submit a ranking of 10 programs if the budget was increased by 8%. The electronic survey is in two parts. The first is ranking the programs and providing justifications, and the second is by submitting unfunded obligations. We reviewed the programs and provided the lists as requested.
- The Council is in the process of reviewing policy related to the use of in-car and body

worn cameras for the Community's law enforcement officers. These devices will enhance officer safety, report writing, review of probable cause for arrest, and procedures, etc.

- On Thursday, January 12, 2017, we were informed about a pipeline burst at CertainTeed in L'Anse, Michigan, by Randy Conroy, from MDEQ's Water Resource Division. A pipeline that carries the wastewater from their plant to the settling ponds had burst sometime between 6:00 am – 8:00 am. They estimated about 10,000 gallons of wastewater had leaked. We tried to contact CertainTeed's Engineer, Steve Kempainen, to request permission to enter the grounds; unfortunately, we weren't able to talk to the engineer regarding permission to enter the property to assess the alleged impacts to Waters of the United States. Our Environmental Specialist, Katie Kruse, contacted Jeff Hubbard, Baraga County Emergency Manager, and relayed information regarding the pipeline burst. Our Keweenaw Bay Natural Resources (KBNRD) personnel assessed the situation as best as they could by observing Gitche Gumee by driving down Bayshore Road and around the Head of the Bay. KBNRD reported to me that no visible plume or discoloration was observed during their initial assessment. CertainTeed is required to file a report within five days to the MDEQ regarding the incident, and MDEQ has agreed to forward the report to us upon receiving it.
- We received a freedom of information request related to the gas station located in Marquette.
- Sarah Maki, Assistant CEO, and I participated in an interview with TV6 in regards to the non-motorized trail.
- I attended the Marquette Board of Commissioner's meeting and requested support for our Casino. They unanimously agreed to support us. One request they had was to work on a Memorandum of Understanding that relates to law enforcement services in

President's Report continued:

Marquette County with the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. They also requested an annual 2% funding from the Council for approximately \$25,000.00. After looking at what we presently approve for them, I determined that we currently are doing this, so I indicated to them that we would have no problem with this request.

- I signed a statement for the Community in support of an application for litigation support funding. We determined that it is necessary to request that the United States bring a lawsuit on the Community's behalf against the State of Michigan, or it's subdivisions, seeking damages and prejudgment interest as remedies for the State's unlawful transfer of the Community's land, purportedly pursuant to the Swamp Lands Act, but in violation of the Community's rights under the Treaties with the Chippewa at LaPointe dated October 4, 1842, and September 30, 1854. We submitted that application.
- I attended a meeting at Lac Vieux Desert (LVD) in regards to the Lac Vieux Desert Lake Rehabilitation Plan. It has come to my attention that the fish at LVD are in a steady decline, and they are certainly worried about managing that fishery resource for their future needs. With that they have had a five year moratorium on Lac Vieux Desert Lake, and they have asked other tribes to consider not fishing there to allow the lake to come back to historical levels. Apparently the historical levels have been about three fish per mile and from what I've been able to see that rate has reduced significantly to about .5 fish per mile or .05 fish per mile, I'm not quite clear on that. After sitting in this meeting where the State of Michigan and the State of Wisconsin were also present, I got to thinking that I know tribes have to count every single fish through the creel survey when they come in. We have someone at the landing when they come in, and we measure the fish, sex the fish, and even weigh the fish, so our process in determining what our impact is on the lake is very good. We can tell you what the sex of the fish is, what it weighs, how long it is, etc. This made me wonder what methodology does the State of Michigan and the State of Wisconsin use in determining how much fish is caught on an annual basis? So I asked the State of Wisconsin. They told me that they go down to the lake on certain days, look on the lake, count the boats out there, do a couple of interviews when the fishermen come in, and based on the data that they determine from this, they make a guess of how many fish are caught. At least the State of Wisconsin are talking to fisherman when they come in. I asked the State of Michigan how they do this. They indicated they go to the lake, look at the boats, figure there are three to four fishermen in the boats, and X number of them will catch their limit. I am not too confident in the way they count their fish as being a good way to count them. I asked when do both of the states consider lowering the bag limit for the

fish and give them a chance to rehabilitate. I was appalled when they answered; they said they consider economic impact analysis in regards to what negative impacts that will have on the local tourism, the local bait shops, the gas stations, the hotels, etc. So it appears to me they take a look at the impact it would have on the tourist industry and sport industry rather than taking a look at what the biological impact is. I am still working with LVD, so we can come up with some regulations in Michigan.

- Gary Loonsfoot, Sr. and I continue to attend the VOIGT Task Force meetings on a monthly basis. The last meeting was held this week in Red Cliff, Wisconsin. The Community's Title Ten Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping Code has received considerable discussion at the last two meetings. The purpose for placing the Code on the Task Force agenda is to remind them of the Community's definition of Home Territory and to give them an opportunity to let their leaders know what they like about Title Ten, and what they don't like about Title Ten. This topic generated considerable discussion at the Task Force meetings. We need to educate other tribes on our stand in reference to our notion of home territory. The Office of

the President is requesting assistance from other branches of government to help tell the story regarding home territory. We'll coordinate a meeting to discuss this with other nations to educate them on the process Indians need to use when exercising treaty rights reserved for the Lake Superior Bands of Chippewa Indians.

- There is a meeting later this month in Duluth to get tribes together to discuss what we plan on doing as tribes in the Midwest region in regards to threats to not only the Dakota Access Pipeline but to Enbridge Line Five. Former Chairman Mike Wiggins from the Bad River Band of Chippewa Indians is organizing this meeting with "Honor the Earth," a national advocacy group which will include Winona LaDuke. Mike had invited me to attend, and I told him that I would attend the one-day event to see what other tribes are planning to do in regards to the pipelines, or what we can do with the new administration. The tribes in the Midwest region are very concerned about their environment, and they want to get together and do the "United We Stand Divided We Fall" type meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Warren C. Swartz



**Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
Niimigimiwang**

Office of Violence against Women

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The Office of Violence against Women (OVW) offers assistance 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year through our helpline. This is not only a number to call when you are in a crisis, ANYONE can use this number to get information about resources available for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

You do not have to be in an immediate crisis to seek safety. If you live in constant fear for your safety and/or the safety of your children, call the helpline for resources and options.

The Niimi Gimiwang Transitional Home is a place where women or men can seek shelter from a violent relationship; seek counseling services and assistance while transitioning to more permanent housing or a safe place.

Additional OVW support services include employment skills, budgeting, life-skills such as cooking and time management, computer safety, sobriety support, arts and crafts, cultural programming, transportation, and much more.

Want more information? Feel free to call the 24-hour crisis helpline!

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**March 2017 Calendar
Events**

- **Mar. 4:** Reg. Sat. Council Meeting, 9 am, Ojibwa Casino Conference Room, Baraga.

- submitted by newsletter editor



NOTICE TO COURT CLIENTS:

Attorney Brandon Rickard, Defense Attorney, office hours at the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Court location has changed to Mondays and Wednesdays. To contact Attorney Rickard, please call (906) 353-4565 on these days or (906) 225-9705 at his private office.

**Outpatient — Access To
Recovery (ATR)**

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

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

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



**Funeral Benefits for
Every Member**

As of November 1, 2016, the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community will now pay up to **\$5,000.00** of funeral expenses for every member regardless of where they live. When a member passes away, the funeral home or mortuary handling the arrangements for the member is to contact Jennifer Misegan, Enrollment /Licensing Director. The bill and the certified copy of the death certificate will need to be provided. Payment will be sent directly to the funeral home or mortuary up to the \$5,000.00. If anyone has questions, please contact Jennifer.

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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

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

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

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

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



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Vice President's Report for the Month of January 2017

- On January 9, the CEO, Tribal Attorney, Treasurer, and I attended a Chocolay Township Board meeting. Our Land to Trust application for the casino expansion was on their agenda. We answered many questions they had regarding taxes, water issues, and land use. In the end, the Board approved a motion not to oppose our application but would like the project completed before the land is placed into trust.
- Tobacco manufacturing continues to be worked on. We are in the process of reviewing the draft Management Agreement, Licensing Agreement, and Operating Agreement. We are also working on the Articles of Organization for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tobacco Company. The Council added duties to one of the convenience store Assistant Managers, and they will also be included in this process. We have scheduled a site visit February 26 - March 1. The Board as well as the CEO and the Assistant Manager will be going.
- The President and I were on a conference call on January 11 with Larry Roberts, the Interim Deputy Assistant to the Secretary of the Interior. The call was regarding the progress of the litigation request for the Canal Lands. We had previously met with Mr. Roberts last August, and at that time his response was very favorable, and we had expected to see movement by now. During the call we were told that due to the issues surrounding the Dakota Access Pipeline, his staff and the staff of the Solicitor had not finished their internal work on the issue, and it would not be completed prior to the Obama Administration leaving. He did suggest that we meet with the head of the BIA, and we have contacted his office already. We took the opportunity to thank him for the work that he has done for Indian Country.
- An Owner's Criteria update was held on January 18 for the Casino projects. It was the first look at the interior design after the programming sessions that were held in early December. There were several changes made, and we are all looking forward to seeing the revision soon.
- A meeting was held with the CFO, Accounts Payable Supervisor, and the Enrollment/Licensing Specialist to develop a timeline for the General Welfare Exclusion Act payment letters. The 2014 letters will be in the mail before the end of February. It is a difficult process due to the Accounting Department being short staffed and very busy. I have been told that members who have already filed amended tax returns and have received letters from the IRS asking for additional information are receiving extensions of an additional six months after calling the number provided on their notice. The address to send any amended tax returns to is: **Internal Revenue Service - OSPC
1973 North Rulon White Blvd
M/S 1110 Attn: GECS
Ogden, UT 84201-1000**
- Attorney Robert Porter continues to work with the Social Security Administration and the State of Michigan Department of Human Services on the General Welfare payment issues. He has discovered some information, and we will be discussing what steps need to be taken in closed session today.
- A workgroup meeting consisting of the Chief of Police, Chief Judge, Tribal Attorney, and myself was held on January 20. We reviewed our current Tribal Code section dealing with Controlled Substances and discussed the Michigan Controlled Substance Act. It was decided to seek examples and ideas of what other Tribes have enacted. We decided that it will be important to delineate between the different types of controlled substances and the differences between possession and dealing. We would also like to see a tiered system as well as means to utilize enhancements. We will begin working on a draft at our next meeting.
- Trooper Tim Scholander of the Upper Peninsula Substance Enforcement Team made a presentation to the Council and the Community on January 23. It was a very informative session that was well attended. Our Tribal Police have established a relationship with UPSET and will be working more closely with them to get a handle on the serious drug issues in our Community.
- A hearing was held in Tribal Court regarding the lawsuit that was filed against the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing and Community Development Corporation. KBOHCDC had filed a motion for summary judgment. We do not believe that it should be granted at this time. The case is regarding the notes and mortgages that we believe were taken unlawfully and that the money should be returned to the KB Housing Department. The visiting judge, Judge Esqueda from Lac Vieux Desert, did not make a decision from the bench, so we will be awaiting that decision.
- The draft monitoring report has been received from the HUD on-site visit last August. Review meetings have been held to assign sections and responses. Once the concerns they have raised have been answered, there will be a formal response developed, and 30 days after HUD receives the formal response, the final monitoring report will be issued. Many serious issues have been uncovered in the report.
- This week we had an attorney candidate visit. The Council had initially interviewed him through video conference. He and his wife wanted to visit the area before making a commitment. He toured the area, met with staff, and looked at homes. He has decided to accept our offer, and his final contract is being worked on. Hopefully, it will be approved next week at the earliest.
- I have been working on the Wage Analysis for Council members, Executive Board, and top Administrative Executives. I have contacted several Tribes and will be compiling the information after I receive more Tribes' information.
- Finally, the Treasurer, Council member Loonsfoot, and myself will be traveling to the NCAI Executive Session in Washington, DC the week of February 13. We have scheduled visits with Senators Peters and Stabenow; our new Representative Bergman; Representative Tom Cole, who has faithfully been a great friend to Indian Country; and the Assistant to the Director of the Bureau of the Indian Affairs. We are anxious to meet with anyone who will listen and talk to them about the Federal Government's trust responsibility to Tribes, the need for government-to-government consultation, the history of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, and to lobby for their support in funding and our land claim. We will provide a full report of our visits at next month's meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Misegan

Captain William Seppanen, Sr. Retires after Forty-Years of Protecting the Rez



William "Chill" Seppanen, Sr. officially entered retirement on December 20, 2016, after a 40-year career in law enforcement. Captain Seppanen began his law enforcement career as an officer with the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Tribal Police Department on February 4, 1977. As a young man, he traveled to the Police Academy in Brigham City, Utah. He also attended academies in Mariana, AZ, and Artesia, NM, within his career.

He has served the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community as an officer, a sergeant, and a captain within the KBIC Tribal Police Department. A government recognition of his service was held at the Tribal Center on the date of his retirement. Family hosted a celebration party for his retirement where family and friends gathered at the Zeba Community Hall in Zeba, Michigan, on Saturday, January 8, 2017.

Special Agent Mark Huff has confirmed that the FBI Director has signed and issued a certificate of honor for Seppanen's years of service working in close connection with the FBI.

Chill said he plans on "relaxing, enjoying time with this family, doing some hobby work, and definitely some traveling."



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

~ submitted by Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor

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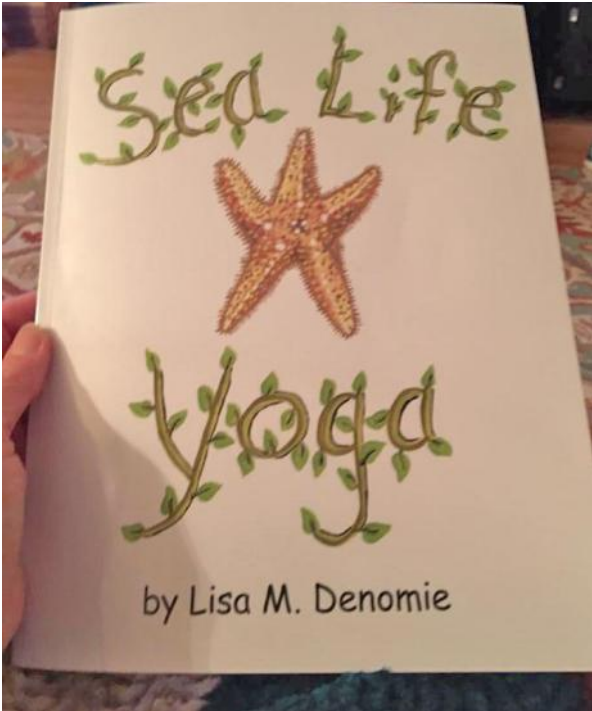


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Never Let Go Of Your Dreams

Never let go of your dreams. Lisa Denomie, a KBIC member, did just this. On February 3, 2017, her first book was published and is being offered for purchase on Amazon. *Sea Life Yoga*, by Lisa M. Denomie, will take you on a journey to discover for yourself the personal wellbeing that comes from taking care of your health. With colorful illustrations, as well as photographs, it engages the reader's imagina-



tion while teaching simple yoga poses to increase wellbeing and over-all-health. The book is geared for children but all ages could benefit from its lesson.

Lisa Denomie said, "It is something that I always have wanted to do, and I just put my mind to it and got it done. I worked with an awesome little model, Dhanya Ekdahl, and we had a lot of fun taking the pictures. I choose to work with a good friend of mine and former co-worker, Am-

ber Houston, with the illustrations. Together we did it! It is the first of many more to come."

Lisa Denomie has three events scheduled this March and April, and will launch the book at the U.P. Early Childhood Conference in March.

Lisa Denomie is employed by the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community as the Preprimary Director. The department works with young children where all aspects of education are taught.

~ submitted by Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor.



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

Let us pray for a year of new peace and contentment and new fortune and friends, and may God bless us and our Country throughout 2017. Many thanks to all of our employees for their dedication and work for our Tribe.

Mino-Bimaadizin "Live Well"

The Tribal Council held their Regular Saturday Meeting on January 7, 2017; three Special Council meetings were held on January 12, 19, and 26, 2016. The unapproved motions for January 7, 12, 19, and 26, 2017, follow. Actions taken were:

January 7, 2017 Regular Council Meeting (on 02-04-17 agenda for approval):

- Approved the Tribal Council Vice President's Report for December 2016 (Jennifer Misegan).
- Approved the Tribal Council Secretary's Report for December 2016 (Susan J. LaFernier).
- Approved the CEO's Report for December 2016 (Larry J. Denomie III).
- Approved the November 2016 Department Head Reports.
- Approved the December 3, 9, and 19, 2016 Tribal Council Meeting Minutes.
- Approved a donation of \$500.00 for Daniel Curtis to attend the L'Anse High School Band trip to New York City on March 25-31, 2017.
- Approved to certify the December 17, 2016 General Election Results. Remember to register to vote: 721 members are registered to vote out of 831 eligible which is 87%.
- Approved the Tribal President's wage of \$55.00 an hour based on his years of experience of being on the Council for over sixteen years and as President for over seven years.
- Approved to continue with the wage analysis for the Tribal Council, top executives, and all employee compensation.
- Approved Superior National Bank and Wells Fargo as the Tribe's depository of funds.
- Approved all Council members as check signers.
- Approved check signers for the Tribal Court as the Council and to include the Tribal Judges and Court Clerk and for the Child Support Office to include the Child Support Director.
- Approved to declare a vacancy on the Gaming Commission and to advertise for the position (Elizabeth D. Mayo resignation).

January 12, 2017 Special Council Meeting (on 02-04-17 agenda for approval):

- Approved the Michigan Economic Development Corporation Grant with KBIC Agreement for a 1.5 non-motorized trail from the Sand Point Lighthouse to the Baraga Municipal Marina for \$377,192.50 with match from KBIC, the Village of Baraga, the Village of Baraga Downtown Development Authority, and DNR land match.
- Approved the National Indian Health Board M.O.A. with KBIC for \$10,500.00 to continue to apply for or achieve public health accreditation.
- Approved Exhibit A-LRC to the Prime Therapeutics LLC Pharmacy Participation Agreement Independent Agreement Pharmacy Credentialing and Model QHP Addendum for Indian Health Care Providers.
- Approved the M.O.U. between the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi and New Day Treatment Center to maximize access to residential treatment care of their members and descendants to address substance abuse disorder.
- Approved the new business license for Jody L. Pittsley as J.P. Transport for logging timber harvest.
- Approved the bid from Fox Negaunee of \$37,783.00 for a 2016 Dodge Ram Crew Cab for the Natural Resources Department.
- Approved the U.P. Health Care Solutions Participation and Data Sharing Agreement and Modified Agreement (from December 2016) to add the service of the Active Care Relationship Services file system.
- Approved the Peninsula Fiber Network, LLC Services Agreement with the Baraga Ojibwa Casino for telecommunication services for the Ojibwa Casinos.
- Tabled the Tribal Police Proposed Policy for In-Car Cameras and Body-Worn Cameras until mid-February for Tribal Attorney review.
- Approved to move the non-tipped positions currently making less than Michigan's minimum wage from Grade 2 at \$8.61 an hour to a Grade 3 at \$9.80 an hour and adjust higher if the Tribe wide wage survey indicates it. This option will also cover the increase scheduled in Michigan's minimum wage effective January 2018. If the Tribe wide wage survey indicates a different hourly wage when it is complete, the positions can be reviewed again at that time.
- Approved a donation of \$750.00 to the Tribal members traveling here to attend the Richard Francois funeral.

January 19, 2016 Special Council Meeting (unapproved):

- Approved Resolution KB 003-2017 FY 2017 Litigation Support Application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for KBIC's tax/treaty dispute and the Swamp Land Claim.
- Approved Resolution KB 001-2017 Mukkala Trust Property Acquisition for \$52,000.00 for 40 acres in Chocolay Township, Marquette County.

- Approved Resolution KB 002-2017 Marquette County Land Bank Authority Property Acquisition for \$7,500.00 for 40 acres in Chocolay Township, Marquette County, and a letter to the Authority regarding the offer.
- Approved Corporate Resolution KB 004-2017 Board of Directors Authority and the Chief Financial Officer Authority Letter to Superior National Bank and Trust Company.
- Approved a donation request from Adam Dakota for \$1,000.00 for a benefit dinner February 4, 2017, for his mother Cari McMahon for her medical travel and living expenses.
- Approved to change the organizational structure of the convenience stores to one manager and three assistant managers and to incorporate the duties of the tobacco manufacturing into one of the job descriptions for one of the assistant managers and to hire the two KBIC candidates who applied for the assistant manager positions.
- Approved to dismiss the government employee appeal of dismissal hearing case #008-16 per the employee's request.

January 26, 2016 Special Council Meeting (unapproved):

- Approved the Purchase Agreement with Greenway Health, LLC for the digital dental sensors for \$14,561.42.
- Approved the renewal licenses for the Ojibwa Casino I and II and the Rez Stop for the purchase and sale of tobacco products.
- Approved to appoint Dawn Kemppainen and Susan Lawrence to the Election Board with three year terms ending January 2020.
- Approved to appoint Michael Duschene to the Gaming Commission to fill the remaining term (June 2018) previously held by Elizabeth D. Mayo.
- Approved a donation request from Alden Connor in the amount of \$600.00 to sponsor a softball team for the tournament to be held in the NMU Superior Dome in Memory of Mick Campbell benefiting Special Olympics February 9-12, 2017.
- Approved to amend the Admissions and Occupancy Policy for the Housing Department to include second degree relationships and those relationships would include first cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan J. LaFernier

TRIBAL COLLEGES VISIT WASHINGTON DC

Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College President, Debbie Parrish, and Board of Regents Member, Cherie Dakota, attended the annual winter meeting for the American Indian Higher Education Consortium and Capitol Hill visits. The advocacy workshop was held on Monday morning. Congressman John Lewis, one of the "Big Six" leaders of the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960's, gave the keynote address. Inspired by Martin Luther King Jr., John Lewis joined the Civil Rights Movement and has continued to fight for people's rights since joining Congress in 1987. Lewis received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2011. Following his keynote address, a briefing session was held for meetings with the various tribal college state representatives.

On Tuesday, February 7th, Parrish and Dakota, along with staff from the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College and Bay Mills Community College, met with Congressman Jack Bergman, Senator Gary Peters, Congressman John Moolenaar, and Senator Debbie Stabenow. The main discussion during these meetings focused on funding for the colleges and universities from the Department of Education and Bureau of Indian Affairs. Newly elected Jack Bergman was given the history of tribal colleges in Michigan, how these institutions are good investments in the community, and how they positively impact our local economies. Congressman Bergman assured the group he will make an effort to visit with all U.P. schools and colleges this year. Senator Debbie Stabenow has been a long standing supporter of higher education and looks forward to visiting the L'Anse Wabanung Campus during her visit to the U.P.

On Wednesday, February 8th, the tribal colleges met with the House Committee on Education and the Workforce. Dakota provided information on KBOCC's corrections training program and collaboration with the Baraga Maximum Security Prison to fill gaps in the local workforce. KBOCC President, Debbie Parrish, spoke with the representatives regarding the critical need to maintain federal funding to strengthen capacity for the college. Parrish said, "the uncertainty of federal funding is worrisome; however, as long as we continue to communicate with our representatives, we can only hope our funding will not be jeopardized."



(Left to right) Cherie Dakota, KBOCC Board of Regents Member; Congressman John Lewis; and Debra Parrish, KBOCC President.

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KBIC Health System Next Generation Check-In

The KBIC Health System is now using Next Generation Patient Check-in and Clinical Documentation software. On January 19, 2017, KBIC Health Systems began using CheckinAsyst software to stream-line the patient check-in process. CheckinAsyst is a next generation solution for self-service patient check-in and digitized clinical documentation. Using CheckinAsyst, patients can verify and update demographic and insurance information, complete clinical and assessment forms, and electronically sign consent documents. When patients initially use the software, they will be asked to update any changes to their address, telephone numbers, insurance, emergency contact information, sign a Notice of Privacy Practices and Assignment of Benefits form, and complete a health risk assessment. On subsequent visits to the health center patients need only confirm their information or make updates with any changes to their information with a quick touch of the screen. All patients are asked to arrive 15 minutes before their scheduled appointment time to complete the initial check in process without causing a delay in seeing their health care provider.



Denise Maki, Medical Reception, happily hands a patient a tablet.

Submitted by: Kathy Mayo, RN-CDE, Assistant Health Administrator

Upcoming Events:

- Childbirth Education, March 23rd 1 p.m.
- Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group, March 7th 5:30 p.m.
- Diabetic Talking Circle, March 15th 11 a.m.
- Car Seat Clinic, March 9th by appointment.
- Parent Circle, March 13th 5 p.m.
- Diabetic Foot Clinic, March 8th & 22nd, by appointment.
- Breastfeeding Support Group, April 5th 5 p.m.
- Walk & Talk program, weekdays.
- MSU Farmer Series, March 15th & 28th 4 p.m.

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

Italian Bison from Wisconsin Bison Producers Association

2 lbs. bison roast	2 cloves garlic, chopped
1 hot yellow pepper, diced	1 tsp. salt
1 onion, sliced thin	1 tsp. basil
1/2 tsp. fennel seed	1/2 tsp. thyme
1 tsp. oregano	2 c. beef broth

Place all ingredients in crockpot and cook on high for about 4 hours or until very tender. Using two forks shred the meat. Serve on hard rolls.



Thirdhand Smoke: Growing Awareness of Health Hazard

We know that smoking and secondhand smoke exposure are harmful, but what about "thirdhand smoke"? This is a relatively new term to describe residual contamination from tobacco smoke that lingers in rooms after smoking stops and remains on our clothes after we leave a smoky place. It may seem like just an offensive smell, but it also means the presence of tobacco toxins.

Tobacco smoke is made up of many types of gases which include carcinogens and heavy metals, like arsenic, lead, and cyanide. Sticky, highly toxic particles, like nicotine, can cling to walls and ceilings. Gases can be absorbed into carpets, draperies, and other upholsteries.

There is a growing body of evidence that this lingering tobacco residue has significant health risks. People, especially children and hospitality industry workers, have considerable exposure to these harmful chemicals. As confirmed by the 2006 Surgeon General's Report, there is no safe level of exposure to tobacco smoke.

A study published in February 2010 found that thirdhand smoke causes the formation of carcinogens. The nicotine in tobacco smoke reacts with nitrous acid - a common component of indoor air - to form the hazardous carcinogens. Nicotine remains on surfaces for days and weeks, so the carcinogens continue to be created over time which are then inhaled, absorbed, or ingested.

Children of smokers are especially at risk of thirdhand smoke exposure and contamination because it's present in dust and on surfaces they may touch, and everyone knows babies and young children are always putting their hands and other non-food items in their mouths.

The growing understanding and awareness of thirdhand smoke contamination affirms the need for more smoke free places and for avoiding exemptions in smoke free laws that permit smoking at private events in public places or in businesses during late evening hours; these kinds of provisions do not protect people's health.

Parents, landlords, business owners, and others need to be aware of the health risks of exposure to thirdhand smoke, and recognize that eliminating smoking is the only way to protect against tobacco's smoke contamination.

Submitted by: Christine Beauchamp, Family Health Educator
Information gathered from ANA - Americans for Non-Smokers Rights



March is Nutrition Month—be sure to visit our education display or have a chat with Dr. Dale our nutritionist.



DRUG CONVICTION REPORT

In a continuous effort to reduce the illegal use of controlled substances in our community, the Drug Task Force has requested the publication of pertinent information regarding any convictions of the Controlled Substances section of the KBIC Tribal Code §3.1706. The Tribal Court has agreed to comply with the Drug Task Force's request and will publish a Drug Conviction Report on a routine basis.

Brandon Hamm, case #15-039, controlled substance (possession – Hydrocodone) – 1st offense
Sentencing on 10/12/2016 to:

1. Fine \$500.00.
2. Ninety days jail, 90 days jail suspended pending successful completion of probation. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and is to follow the recommendation of screening until successfully discharged. Defendant is to sign a release of information for the Court to monitor compliance.
4. Six months of standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10.00 monthly probation fee. Defendant is responsible for the costs of drug and/or PBT testing, if any



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.

Travis Rajacic, case #16-202, §3.1308, Disobedience of a lawful court order – 3rd offense
Sentencing on 01/03/2017, #16-202, §3.1308:

1. Defendant is given credit for forty-five (45) days previously served. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated, if any.
2. Defendant is currently on payment probation for previous case numbers.

Peggy Swartz, case #16-166, §3.305(a)(5), Disorderly Person – 1st offense
Sentencing on 01/03/2017, #16-166, §3.305(a)(5):

1. Fine \$250.00.
2. Must obtain a substance abuse screening within thirty days and follow all recommendations until successfully completed.
3. Thirty (30) days jail, 30 days jail suspended pending successful completion of all terms of probation. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any costs incurred while incarcerated, if any.
4. Three to six months standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10.00 monthly probation fee. Defendant is financially responsible for the cost of random drug and alcohol testing, if any. Must report to the Probation Department once per month.

Peggy Swartz, case #16-216, §3.1307, Reporting a fictitious crime – 1st offense
Sentencing on 01/03/2017, #16-216, §3.1307:

1. Fine \$250.00.
2. Forty-five (45) days jail, 45 days jail suspended pending successful completion of all terms of probation. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated, if any.
3. Three to six months standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10.00 monthly probation fee. Defendant is financially responsible for the cost of random drug and alcohol testing, if any. Must report to the Probation Department once per month.

Bart Alsup, case #17-016, §5.61, Penalties, driver's license required – 1st offense
Sentencing on 01/17/2017, #17-016, §5.61:

1. Fine \$100.00 (Note: \$70.00 is to be transferred to costs).
2. Two days jail, credit for two days served. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses that incur while incarcerated.
3. Case will remain open for a period of two weeks to allow the Defendant to pay his fine in full (by 01/31/2017). If payment is not receipted in full by 01/31/2017, this case will be transferred to the Probation Department, and Defendant will be placed on one-month probation at that time.

Bruce Banuchie, case #16-196, §3.1308, Disobedience of lawful court order – 1st offense
Sentencing on 01/17/2017, #16-196, §3.1308:

1. Fine \$100.00.
2. Defendant must obtain a substance abuse screening. The Defendant did complete New Day Treatment Center.
3. Thirty (30) days jail with 30 days suspended pending successful completion of all terms of probation.

Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated, if any.

4. Three to six months standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with the \$10.00 monthly fee. Defendant is financially responsible for the cost of random drug and alcohol testing, if any.

Travis Knipp, case #16-184TNR, §10.217, Wanton waste of fish species – 1st offense
Sentencing on 01/25/2017, #16-184TNR, §10.217:

1. Fine of \$100.00 (\$80.00 is to be transferred to costs).
2. Twenty-five days jail, credit for three days jail served, suspend 22 days jail. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. One to three months standard probation with a \$10.00 monthly probation fee. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of drug and/or PBT testing, if any.
4. Restitution in the amount of \$36.00 to be paid to the Tribal Court for processing.

Steven Gray, case #16-229, §3.305(a)(5), Disorderly person – 1st offense
Sentencing on 01/27/2017, #16-229, §3.305(a)(5):

1. Fine \$150.00.
2. Thirty-eight (38) days jail, credit of 38 days served.. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expense that may occurred while incarcerated.
3. Defendant is released from the custody of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.
4. Defendant's current probation days under case #14-111 and #14-112 is placed on a stay until the Defendant is released from the custody of another jurisdiction he is continuing to serving jail time for.
5. Probation for case #16-220 will be for a period of 52 days and will commence at the end of current probation period. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of drug or PBT testing, if any. Defendant is responsible for a \$10.00 monthly probation fee.

Ivory Charging, case #16-246, §3.202, Assault and battery – 1st offense
Sentencing on 02/01/2017, #16-246, §3.202:

1. Fine \$250.00. Fine is to be paid prior to the Defendant relocating from the area. Once the fine is paid in full this case will be closed.

Timothy Lofquist, case #16-118, §5.16a, Transporting liquor within compartment – 1st offense
Sentencing on 02/07/2017, #16-118, §5.16a:

1. Fine \$100.00.
2. Court costs in the amount of \$29.28.
3. No probation. Fine and costs are to be paid within two-weeks from sentence date.

Allen Bear, case #16-173, §3.305(5), Disorderly person – 1st offense
Sentencing on 02/14/2017, #16-173, §3.305(5):

1. Fine \$200.00.
2. Credit for time served. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated, if any.

Allen Bear, case #16-174, §3.1308, Disobedience of a lawful court order – 1st offense
Sentenced on 02/14/2017, #16-174, §3.1308:

1. Fine \$100.00.
2. Credit for time served. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated, if any.

Allen Bear, case #16-254, §3.305(5), Disorderly person – 2nd offense
Sentenced on 02/14/2017, #16-254, §3.305(5):

1. Fine \$200.00.
2. Forty-five (45) days jail suspended pending any violation of his remedial order. If a violation occurs, a bench warrant will be issued and he will serve the (45) days. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated, if any.
3. The Defendant is banned from any and all lands and water for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and trust lands, including Marquette, Ontonagon, and L'Anse Reservations for a period of one (1) year.
4. The Defendant must complete a substance abuse assessment and follow all recommendations until successfully completed. Defendant is financially responsible for the cost of screening.
5. The Defendant must pay all costs and fines prior to asking for the banishment to be lifted.

Eugene Loonsfoot III, case #16-236, §3.1414, Possession, use, transport of alcoholic beverages by persons under the age of 21 – 1st offense
Sentencing on 02/14/2017, #16-236, §3.1414:

1. Fine \$100.00.
2. Credit for time served. Defendant is financially responsible for the cost of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Three to six months of alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10.00 monthly probation fee. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of drug and alcohol testing, if any.
4. Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and is to follow the recommendations of the screening until successfully discharged. Defendant is financially responsible for the cost of screening.

Vanessa Beaver, case #17-006, §3.1414, Possession, use, transport of alcoholic beverages by

persons under the age of 21 – 1st offense
Sentencing on 02/15/2017, #17-006, §3.1414:

1. Fine \$100.00.
2. Thirty days jail, 30 days suspended. Defendant is financially responsible for the cost of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated, if any.
3. Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening within thirty days and is to follow the recommendations of the screening until successfully discharged. Defendant is financially responsible for the cost of screening, if any. Defendant is to sign a release of information for the Court to monitor compliance.
4. Three to six months of alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10.00 monthly fee. Defendant is financially responsible for the cost of drug and PBT testing, if any. Defendant is to report to the Probation Office as instructed by the Probation Officer.
5. Defendant is to complete a GED or High School equivalent prior to finishing probation.

Vanessa Beaver, case #17-009, §3.1308, Disobedience of a lawful court order – 1st offense
Sentencing on 02/15/2017, #17-009, §3.1308:

1. Fine \$100.00.
2. Thirty days jail, 30 days suspended. Defendant is financially responsible for the cost of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated, if any.
3. Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening within thirty days and is to follow the recommendations of the screening until successfully discharged. Defendant is financially responsible for the cost of screening, if any. Defendant is to sign a release of information for the Court to monitor compliance. Concurrent with case #17-006.
4. Three to six months of alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10.00 monthly fee. Defendant is financially responsible for the cost of drug and PBT testing, if any. Defendant is to report to the Probation Office as instructed by the Probation Officer. Concurrent with case #17-006.
5. Defendant is to complete a GED or High School equivalent prior to finishing probation. Concurrent with case #17-006.

Jordan Ekdahl, case #15-043, §3.1105, Unauthorized tampering of a vehicle – 1st offense
Sentencing on 02/15/2017, #15-043, §3.1105:

1. Ninety days jail, 90 days suspended. Defendant is financially responsible for cost of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
2. Ninety days alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10.00 monthly fee. Defendant is financially responsible for the cost of drug and PBT testing, if any. Defendant will be required to test at the minimum of one time weekly.

Jennifer Picard, case #16-252, §3.402, Malicious destruction of personal property – 1st offense
Sentencing on 02/15/2017, #16-252, §3.402:

1. Fine \$200.00.
2. Forty-five (45) days of jail. Credit for three days served, 42 days suspended. Defendant is financially responsible for the cost of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated, if any.
3. Three to six months of alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10.00 monthly fee. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing, if any.
4. Restitution is TBD and is to be paid through the Tribal Court.
5. Defendant is to obtain a new substance abuse screening and is to follow through with the recommendations until successfully discharged. Defendant will be financially responsible for the costs of screening, if any.
6. Defendant is to obtain an anger management screening and is to follow the recommendations of the screening until successfully discharged.

KBIC SENIORS — TAX PREPARATION REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

Eligible Seniors

Enrolled KBIC Members 55 years of age and older residing in Baraga County or on the Marquette Trust property.

How the Program Works

Eligible seniors will receive reimbursement up to \$75 for their 2016 tax return preparation. You are also eligible for reimbursement of up to \$75 per year for amending your 2015 and 2014 tax returns. This year's program also provides reimbursement up to \$26 for completion of your 2016 Home Heating Credit return.

To qualify for reimbursement, eligible seniors must use a tax preparer who has been issued a Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN) by the Internal Revenue Service.

The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing Community Development Corporation and Sally Snyder are excluded from the program due to the litigation matter involving the Tribe.

To receive your reimbursement, please turn in your original receipt to Kim Klopstein, Administrative Asst., in the CEO's Office. Please allow up to ten business days for payment processing. (Reimbursement is for personal returns only. Business returns are not covered.)

**FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS (FDPIR)
FY 2017 NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS*
(Effective Oct. 1, 2016 to Sept. 30, 2017)**

*The net monthly income standard for each household size is the sum of the applicable Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) net monthly income standard and the applicable SNAP standard deduction.

48 Contiguous United States:		Use this amount	
Household Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standard	SNAP Standard Deduction	FDPIR Net Monthly Income Standard
1	\$ 990 +	\$157 =	\$1,147
2	\$1,335 +	\$157 =	\$1,492
3	\$1,680 +	\$157 =	\$1,837
4	\$2,025 +	\$168 =	\$2,193
5	\$2,370 +	\$197 =	\$2,567
6	\$2,715 +	\$226 =	\$2,941
7	\$3,061 +	\$226 =	\$3,287
8	\$3,408 +	\$226 =	\$3,634
Each additional member			+ \$347

Alaska:		Use this amount	
Household Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standard	SNAP Standard Deduction	FDPIR Net Monthly Income Standard
1	\$1,237 +	\$268 =	\$1,505
2	\$1,669 +	\$268 =	\$1,937
3	\$2,100 +	\$268 =	\$2,368
4	\$2,532 +	\$268 =	\$2,800
5	\$2,964 +	\$268 =	\$3,232
6	\$3,395 +	\$282 =	\$3,677
7	\$3,827 +	\$282 =	\$4,109
8	\$4,260 +	\$282 =	\$4,542
Each additional member			+ \$434

Report Suspected Abuse or Neglect

For suspected abuse or neglect of an Indian child or adult living on the KBIC reservation or trust lands, contact KBIC Tribal Social Services at **(906) 353-4201**. TSS will be accepting referrals daily including: after hours, weekends, and holidays.

For all other suspected abuse or neglect, contact Michigan Department of Health and Human Services – Centralized Intake Unit at **(855) 444-3911**.

Wiikwedong Ogichidaa (KBIC Veterans) Meeting

The Wiikwedong Ogichidaa Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 15, 2017, 1900 hours**, at the Wiikwedong Ogichidaa Building, KBIC Industrial Park (off M-38), Baraga, MI 49908.

Future meeting dates: April 19, May 17, June 21, July 19, August 16, September 20, October 18, November 15, and December 20, 2017.

Deepest Sympathy

Lawrence "Oscar" Denomie, Jr.

(July 19, 1929—January 27, 2017)

Lawrence "Oscar" Denomie, Jr., age 87, of Baraga, MI, passed away at his home on Friday, January 27, 2017, in the arms of his loving daughter and caretaker, Debbie.

He was born July 19, 1929, in Michigamme, MI, the son of Lawrence and Leona (LaCosse) Denomie. Lawrence attended school in Baraga. He was a Corporal in the US Army from 1948-52 during the Korean War. He received the Korean service medal with four bronze stars, UN Service medal, and a Purple Heart medal. Lawrence married Ann Marie Weisinger on July 2, 1955, in Baraga, MI. He worked various jobs in the woods and at the mines, and was a tribal commercial fisherman.

Lawrence was a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Holy Name of Jesus Church, Ojibwa Seniors, and the American Legion Post #444. He enjoyed playing cards with friends, spending time with his family, being outdoors, hunting, and fishing.

Survivors include his children: David "Dash", James "JD" (Dorothy Pryor), Robert (Lauri), Donald "Reet", Michael (Terri), Debra (Brian) Williams, Thomas, Lawrence III "Larry Joe" (Julie Raby), and Bruce "Buck", all of Baraga, and Diane of L'Anse; brother: Robert Denomie of Baraga; sisters: Delores Ebrel and Betty Villwock both of Milwaukee; 21 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Preceding him in death are his parents; loving wife, Ann Denomie; beautiful daughter, Dawn Louise Denomie; infant granddaughter, Autumn Dawn; infant grandson, Steven Michael; siblings: Carlota Beauprey, Joan Bemis, and Patricia Imig.

A memorial service was held on Wednesday, February 1, 2017, in the Ceremonial Room at the Ojibwa Senior Center, Baraga, MI, with the Baraga County Area Veterans conducting military rites under the direction of the American Legion Post #444 followed by a prayer service with Deacon John Cadeau officiating. The family received friends from 11 a.m. until the service which began at 1:00 p.m. A luncheon followed the service at the Ojibwa Senior Center. The Jacobson Funeral Home of L'Anse assisted the family.

LaVerne G. Perrault

(April 17, 1925—January 28, 2017)

LaVerne G. Perrault, age 91, of L'Anse, MI, passed away Saturday, January 28, 2017, at her home in L'Anse. She was born in L'Anse on April 17, 1925, the daughter of the late Elzior and Irene (Picard) Collins. LaVerne graduated from L'Anse High School in 1943. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church of L'Anse. LaVerne enjoyed playing bingo, watching John Wayne movies, and spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

LaVerne is survived by her loving daughter, Mary Cramer of L'Anse; former son-in-law, Paul Cramer of L'Anse; grandchildren: Paul and Justin; great grandchildren: Kyra, Kolten, Destiny, P.J., Bentley, and Christopher; brother, Elzior "Buck" Collins of Marquette; and her nurse, Jean Perrault. Numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins also survive. She was preceded in death by her sister, Mary Spresser, and brother, Lamar Robillard.

A Memorial Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, February 7, 2017, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church of L'Anse with Father Corey Litzner, celebrant. The family received friends at the church on Tuesday from 10 a.m. until the time of the Mass. Immediately following the Memorial Mass, friends were invited to join the family for fellowship and a luncheon in the church hall. A spring interment will take place in the L'Anse Evergreen Cemetery. The Reid Funeral Service and Chapel of L'Anse assisted the family.

Library Events and Updates

By Angela Badke, Librarian

The library staff at the Ojibwa Community Library is getting ready for spring, and we'd like to mention some of the services and events occurring at the library in March.

The Ojibwa Community Library will be hosting another Healthy Eating Group on Thursday, March 16, 2017, 6:00-7:30 p.m. We will be meeting in the front classroom of the library building. Our topic for the evening will be focusing on Asian diets, and how you can incorporate those foods into a healthy lifestyle.

We would also like to remind everyone that the Library currently has access to Ancestry.com, and it is free for library patrons to use. You can search for family members, birth and death certificates, census records, and much more! You only need to stop by the circulation desk to get a username and password from library staff.

Additionally, we have added new books to our book sale. Popular authors such as Janet Evanovich, Lee Child, Dan Brown, David Baldacci, and James Patterson are included in our sale. We've also added new non-fiction, young adult fiction, and children's books to our selection of sale items. Hardcover books are \$1.00 each; paperback books are \$.50 each.

Registration is now open for the Ojibwa Community Library's Spring Reading Challenge. The reading challenge is available for students in Kindergarten-8th grade. Students will be eligible to earn prizes for every 25 books they read (up to 100 books). For more information, email oclib@up.net, or call 906-353-8163.

Please note that our library hours have changed since last summer. We are now open Mondays 9:00-4:00, Tuesdays-Thursdays 9:00-6:30, Fridays 9:00-4:00, and Saturdays 9:00-1:00. Please "like" and follow the Ojibwa Community Library on Facebook to stay up-to-date on library information.



Harlan Downwind

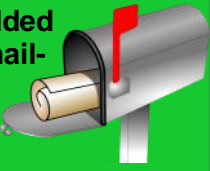
(August 19, 1953—February 4, 2017)

The K.B.I.C. Cultural Committee regrettably wishes to inform you of the walking on of our Traditional Healer, Harlan Downwind. He walked on February 4, 2017. Harlan had provided Traditional Healing services to tribal members for the past fifteen years and had been a very special member of our community. We will miss him greatly.

The Cultural Committee is working on bringing a Traditional Healer back to our community as soon as possible. We will inform you when a new Traditional Healer is selected.

In the meantime, if you have questions or need guidance, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Cultural Committee members.

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



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@kbc-nsn.gov.



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- A public community-based monthly gathering for those that have breastfed, thinking about breastfeeding, or are currently breastfeeding
- Mother-to-Mother Support
- Social outlet for new and experienced mothers
- Evidenced-based information
- Transportation available
- Make & Take Craft
- Snacks



First Wednesday of every Month!!

February 1st
April 5th
5-7PM
Niiwin Akeaa Center Atrium, 111 Beartown Rd.

March 1st
May 3rd
1-3PM
KBIC Health Center, 2nd floor Conference Room

Register with Dawn for reminder calls!

Call 353-4521



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Parent Circle

Second Monday!
Date: March 13, 2017
Time: 5-6:30PM
Niiwin Akeaa Center 111 Beartown Rd. Baraga

- A free, public, and consistent monthly event promoting family engagement— children must be supervised
- Focus group is ages 0-5 and their siblings
- Make-and-Take activities: necklaces or mobiles
- Sensory Play
- Snacks will be provided
- Book provided for each family

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



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472 N. Superior Ave. • Baraga, MI 49908
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New Arrival

Childbirth Education

Free to Participants

**Where: KBIC Health System
2nd Floor Conference Room**

**When: Thursday, March 23, 2017
1:00 – 4:00 pm**

**Open to Pregnant Women and Birth Partners
Father of Baby Encouraged to attend!!!**

\$25 Gift Card per Family
(upon completion of entire course; must attend all 3 hours)

**Registration is Required
Call Dawn at 353-4521**

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Baby

Baby

New Arrival

