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The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwe

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Congressman Jack Bergman Visits the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Congressman Jack Bergman and staff stopped in for a visit and lunch with KBIC officials at the Ojibwa Casino in Baraga, Michigan, on Saturday, February 25, 2017. He toured the KBIC facilities prior to departing the L'Anse Indian Reservation. Pictured above (left to right) back row — KBIC Councilman Randall Haataja, KB Tribal Police Chief Duane Misegan, Tribal President Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr., Congressman Rep. Jack Bergman, KBIC Councilman Gary Loonsfoot, Jr, front row — Gaming Commission Executive Director Lynn Haataja, Tribal Vice President Jennifer Misegan, Councilman Rodney Loonsfoot, KBOCC Board of Regent Member and Office of Violence Against Women Team Lead Cherie Dakota, KBOCC President Debra Parrish, Tribal Council Secretary Susan J. LaFernier, Councilman Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., and Tribal Council Treasurer and Housing Director Doreen Blaker.

U.S. Representative Jack Bergman made sure to include the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community in his recent visit to the Upper Peninsula. The visit began with a delicious lunch consisting of wildrice, fresh Lake Trout, and frybread prepared and served by the Lucky 7's Restaurant located in the Ojibwa Casino Resort in Baraga, Michigan.

"I'm excited at the opportunity we had to show him our beautiful area and discuss our successes and our needs," KBIC Vice-President Jennifer Misegan said. "Doreen Blaker, Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., and I had visited with the Congressman in his (Washington D.C.) office on February 16. Our appointment was half an hour, and it seemed like we just started talking and our time was up. (Bergman) asked us many questions and listened attentively. He told us he was coming to the U.P., and there may be an opportunity to visit more then. We were thrilled when his staff reached out to set up the meeting.

We wanted to show him the reservation, some of our successes, and discuss our continued needs. After lunch, we took Jack... what he wanted to be called, and his staff to our health clinic (KBIC Health System Donald A. LaPointe Health and Education Center in Baraga); the KBOCC L'Anse campus; and our Natural Resource facility, specifically the fish hatchery and the greenhouse.

We were so thankful to have been given the opportunity to discuss some of the problems affecting the entire commu-

nity and to get to know the congressman and his staff. We hope we made as good of an impression on him as he did on us. I'm confident that he was listening, and hopefully, he has a better understanding of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community."

~ by Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor.

KBIC Participates at the 24th Annual "Learning To Walk Together" Powwow, held in Marquette, Michigan



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

KBIC participated at Northern Michigan University's Native American Student Association Powwow held Saturday, March 18, 2017, at the NMU Vandament Arena. Pictured above are the Wiikwedong Ogichidaa Society (KBIC Honor Guard) with Royalty and Head Dancers, (left to right) back row — Eugene "Cowboy" Loonsfoot, Sr., Virgil Loonsfoot, Glen Bressette, Sr., Dan Garceau, Pete Shalifoe, John Jacker, front row — Rodney Loonsfoot, Shirley Recollet (Head Female Dancer), Hannah Harvala (KBIC Junior Princess), Ted Recollet (Head Male Dance), Donald Chosa, Jr. (Head Veteran Dancer), Stanley Spruce, and Joseph Dowd.

The event was well attended with four drums providing drumming and songs. KBIC's Four Thunders was Host Drum.

~ by Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor.

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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

- **KBIC attends 24th Annual Learning To Walk Together Powwow**
- **Congressman Bergman visits KBIC**
- **March 4, 2017 Tribal Council Meeting**
- **KBIC Court Report**
- **Casino Project Update**
- **SORNA Registers installed**
- **Education Incentive Awards Announced**
- **Deepest Sympathy**

COMMUNITY RECEIVES COMPUTER ACCESS TO SORNA REGISTERS and TRIBAL ACCESS PROGRAM ASSISTS TRIBAL OFFICIALS WITH LEIN BACKGROUNDS

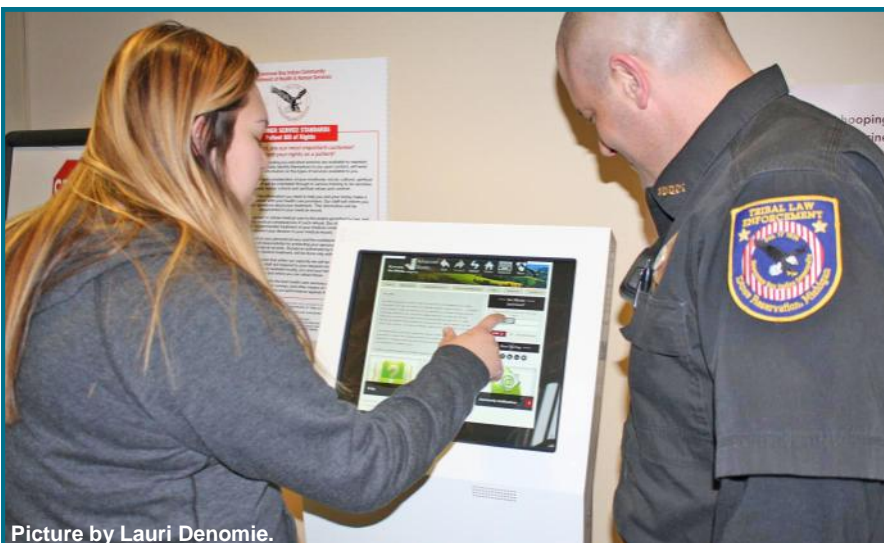


The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community in cooperation with the Tribal Police and U.S. Department of Justice has installed four computer kiosks within our community that allow Tribal members and the public convenient access to community information, as well as providing a place where concerned residents can get information about the area's registered sex offenders. The kiosks are located at the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College L'Anse Campus, the Niiwin Akeaa Recreation Center, the Donald LaPointe Health and Education Center, and the KBIC Tribal Center. They are provided as part of the SORNA Grant from the DOJ Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking as a way to increase public knowledge of sex offender registration, and to help meet requirements for schools, such as KBOCC, to have up to date information about the community's registered sex offenders available to their students.

Kiosks are touch screen activated, and all connect to the homepages of the Tribal Center, Health Center, KBOCC, and the Department of Natural Resources, as well as the KBIC, State of Michigan, and National Sex Offender Registries. While they do not offer unrestricted access to the internet, the services contained within the home pages are all accessible.

In addition to increasing public access to sex offender registry information, the Tribal Police and SORNA Program are improving the way civil and criminal history searches are done through participation in the Department of Justice Tribal Access Program. This project provides increased access to criminal databases for KBIC and a workstation for taking finger and palm prints that are sent electronically to the FBI. This provides a more efficient means for the Tribal Police to investigate criminal activity, and a more affordable way to do background checks on new employees other than relying on outside sources to do prints.

~ Submitted by Charles Miller, SORNA Officer.



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Donna Pawlowski and Officer Marshall Thomas check out the newly installed computer kiosks installed at the Donald LaPointe Medical Center.

EDUCATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM AWARDS STUDENTS

The Keweenaw Bay Education Committee offers the Education Incentive Program to local KBIC Tribal students. Monetary incentives are awarded at the end of each of the four marking periods of the academic year. Students must be enrolled KBIC members, reside in Baraga, Houghton, Ontonagon, or Marquette counties and must attend a public or private school. A student's Honor Roll status is defined according to the requirements of their school district.

The following fifty-six students were placed on the Honor Roll for the second marking period of the 2016-17 academic year:

Baraga — Robert Curtis, Allison Durant, Opal Ellsworth, Preston Ellsworth, Richard Geroux, Bailey Harden, Jalisa Heath, Rylee Holm, Steele Jondreau, Kamrin Kahkonen, Keegin Kahkonen, Georgia Lofquist, Angel Loonsfoot, Shawna Lussier, Steven Maki, Kylie Michaelson, Jenna Messer, Liliana Messer, Isaiah Peterson, Addyson Rajacic, Presley Rasanen, Alana Schofield, Katie Strong, and Nathan Welsh.

L'Anse — Dysean Allen, Tokala Chosa, Keira Dakota, Sara Dakota, Shay Ekdahl, Rion Fountain, Christopher Genschow, Robert Genschow III, William Genschow, Rayleah Jacobs, Chase Larson, Adyson Moulden, Dallas Moulden, Cody Owens, Aiden Rexford, Rowen Rexford, Grayson Roe, Brian Spruce, Charles Spruce, Alicia Stein, Marianna Teikari, Cassandra Zasadnyj, and Paige Zasadnyj.

L'Anse-Baraga Community Schools — Stacy DeCota, Richard Tilson, and Cathy Velmer.

Marquette — Neebin Ashbrook-Pietila and Zoe Hamalainen.

Sacred Heart Catholic — Rachael Velmer and Robert Webb-Grisham.

Gwinn — Kaitlyn Shelafoe and Taylor Shelafoe.

The following thirty-eight students received awards for achieving Perfect Attendance:

Baraga — Ireland Chosa, Alexxus DeCota, Lealynd Dunleavy, Dhanya Ekdahl, Preston Ellsworth, Madysen Evans, Noah Evans, Bailey Harden, Jalisa Heath, Rylee Holm, Steele Jondreau, Kamrin Kahkonen, Keegin Kahkonen, Steven Maki, Jenna Messer, Kylie Michaelson, Leeah Owens, Alana Schofield, Bentley Van Dyke, and Bryten Van Dyke.

L'Anse — Neldelya Chosa, Tokala Chosa, Alice Curtis, Deija Dakota, Kayla Dakota, Elsie Madosh, Grayson Roe, Mason Spruce, Cassandra Zasadnyj, and Paige Zasadnyj.

Sacred Heart Catholic — Rachael Velmer and Zachary Velmer.

Gwinn — Kaitlyn Shelafoe, Kimber Shelafoe, Taylor Shelafoe, Destinee Stanton, and Laci Stanton.

Negaunee — Brayden Velmer.

BIA Scholarship Deadline

The deadline to apply for a BIA Scholarship for the 2017-18 academic year is May 1, 2017.

Applicants must be enrolled KBIC members, legal residents of Michigan attending a two or four year accredited Michigan college in pursuit of a two or four year degree and must complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

Applications are available from the Education Office, Keweenaw Bay Tribal Center, 16429 Beartown Rd., Baraga MI 49908.

For more information, please contact Amy St. Arnold, Education Director at 906-353-4117 or amy@KBIC-nsn.gov.

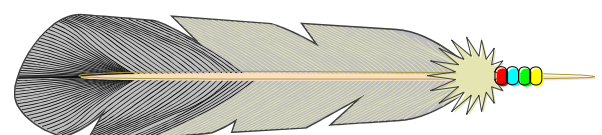
Outpatient — Access To Recovery (ATR)

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.



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@kbic-nsn.gov.

UPDATES ON THE CASINO PROJECTS

There are some new developments related to the Baraga and Marquette casino projects. Both projects have progressed from conceptual drawings to what is known as the Schematic Design (SD) Phase. The SD Phase is where the concept drawings become more realistic depictions of what a project will accurately look like and reflect the costs of the materials being used in the design. Numerous meetings between the owner (Tribal Council and their staff), the general contractor (Gundlach Champion) and the architect/engineers (Cunningham Group) have taken place to get to where the projects are today.

In mid-February of this year, Cunningham and Gundlach met with the owner's reps to get input on their refining of both of the casino projects. This included defined spaces within each facility, options on finishes for both exterior and interior, plans regarding accessibility to the facilities, and further infrastructure needs.

In March, Gundlach's Project Manager, Paul Jurmu, met with the Tribe's reps to discuss the budgets for the projects. Based on a number of factors, both the Baraga and Marquette budgets had exceeded the initial amounts that were set at \$6.5 million and \$33.5 million respectively.

The first factor, which no one had control over, related to significant increases in the supply of electricity to the facilities. Both the Village of Baraga and Alger Delta Cooperative Electric Association (ADCEA) had provided cost estimates to Gundlach to meet the needs of the proposed projects.

Alger Delta indicated that in order to supply the Marquette facility with reliable power, it needed to complete a major upgrade to its system which would assist the Tribe's project as well as their customers between Deerton and Harvey. Because the Tribe would be a major consumer, the cost for construction in aid was determined to be \$675,000. Gundlach worked diligently to get the cost reduced but to no avail.

The Village of Baraga also provided an increase in costs for the Baraga facility. Those system upgrades are just over \$70,000.

The second factor, which was an oversight by Gundlach, relates to significant increases in site development costs of both projects.

Once the Tribe changed the scope of the Marquette project to include a 76 room hotel and a 1200 seat entertainment complex, no consideration was given by Gundlach to accommodate enough parking spaces. The parking lot needs to be doubled in size and has caused the budget line item to increase by nearly \$1.2 million.

The nearly \$150,000 increase in budget for the Baraga site development related to lack of planning for elevation changes to get customers into the new addition.

The third factor, which was an oversight by a consultant hired through Gundlach, related to the Marquette projects wastewater discharge needs. GEI of Marquette initially made a recommendation indicating that the drain field currently being used at the site could be replaced with a larger drain field system. After working with permitting officials, it turns out that this plan wouldn't support the new facility when completed. Instead, a lagoon system with an effluent discharge was required. The Tribe was able to purchase property south of the casino and trust property to meet the need. The total cost increase in budget for this factor will total just over \$1.1 million.

In an effort to maintain the budgets approved by the Community members, staff rolled up their sleeves and worked hard to trim where ever possible. In the end, only one change would work to stay within the \$40 million approved without other avenues being explored. The new add-on facility for the Baraga project would have to be removed from the plans. Instead, a major facelift inside and out for the existing facility will include major upgrades to the HVAC systems to address the air quality, new carpet installation and wall coverings, upgrades to the Pressbox and restaurant, a new face on the front and sides of the casino. The Marquette casino project will progress as planned and offers the Tribe the greatest return on the Community's investment.

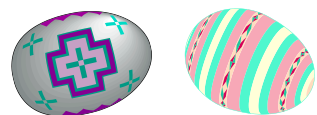
Staff continues to work on alternative means to deal with the budget issues. The hotel in Marquette is likely budgeted high. Gundlach is working closely with contractors who have built Choice Hotels model hotels around the country. If cost estimates come in as was provided by Choice Hotels representatives, significant savings should be realized.

Gundlach is researching alternative power supply resources to see if using another method to generate power or using another provider wouldn't aid in reducing those costs.

The Tribe is submitting a grant proposal to the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Tribe of Minnesota to request funds for the Baraga casino project. The Shakopee Tribe has provided grant funds to KBIC in the past and have been great supporters of many Tribes across the US.

The Tribe remains positive about the casino projects. They will provide a return on the investment whether as originally planned or modified as described above. Updates will continue to be provided in future editions of the newsletter as well.

~ submitted by Larry Denomie III, CEO



Happy Easter

MICHIGAN INDIAN ELDERS ASSOCIATION 2017 SCHOLARSHIP NOTICE

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

QUALIFICATIONS – the student:

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

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

ORAL HISTORY GRANT AT THE COLLEGE

Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College has been awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities grant, "Honoring Our Past, Restoring Our Future." The purpose of the grant is to collect oral histories from Elders that will honor the rich history and culture of the KBIC. Up to 25 Elders will be interviewed by student interns or faculty members of the College during this year.

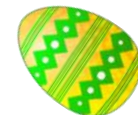
The "Honoring Our Past, Restoring Our Future" heritage grant's purpose is to gather, preserve, and protect the oral history of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, an important contribution to documenting and preserving tribal history and culture for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and surrounding communities, as well as enhancing the KBOCC curriculum. First-hand accounts from Elders of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community gathered through in-person interviews will provide information on tribal traditions and everyday life, with an emphasis on memories of key historic events and developments integral to the rich history of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, much of which does not exist in written or recorded form. The oral history interviews will contribute to a collection of oral history narratives begun by KBOCC's "Weaving Our History" oral history project. The complete oral history collection will be archived at the KBOCC Library, preserving a rich historical resource accessible to students and faculty of KBOCC as well as the Tribal Community, enhancing the KBOCC curriculum and promoting cultural awareness. KBOCC student interns will be involved throughout the gathering and preservation of oral history, and will contribute to the project as interviewers as well as documenting oral tradition and sharing their perspectives through an oral history exhibit. The exhibit will highlight and disseminate the oral history archive and promote a deeper understanding of the importance of oral history and its contribution to tribal history.

In the Spring 2017 issue of The Tribal College Journal's article Emergent and Revolutionary: Telling Native Peoples' Stories at Tribal Colleges stated, "the role of Indigenous studies and history at Tribal colleges and universities is summed up in one statement – we teach our own truth about our experience." At the March 16, 2017 Tribal Council meeting, members of the Council commented on the lack of KBIC history. This grant and the "Weaving Our History" grant was awarded to the College to collect and archive the stories that are the history of the KBIC.

April 2017 Calendar Events

- **Apr. 1:** Reg. Sat. Council Meeting, 9 am, Ojibwa Casino Conference Room, Baraga;
- **Apr. 14:** Gov't Offices closed for Good Friday Holiday.

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Native American Higher Education Professionals and Students Earn Top Awards by American Indian College Fund and Adolph Coors Foundation

March 20, 2017, Denver, Colo. — The American Indian College Fund honored 34 American Indian Tribal College Students of the Year, Tribal College President Dr. Laurel Vermillion, and U.S. Department of Education employee John Gritts on March 19, 2017, at the 2017 Student of the Year and Coca Cola Award Banquet in Rapid City, South Dakota, in conjunction with the American Indian Higher Education Consortium Spring Student Conference.

Dr. Laurel Vermillion, President of Sitting Bull College in Fort Yates, North Dakota, and a member of the Standing Rock Sioux Nation, was named the 2017 American Indian College Fund TCU Honoree of the Year. This honor recognizes a distinguished individual who has made a positive and lasting impact on the tribal college movement. Dr. Vermillion was chosen for her leadership in expanding opportunities in workforce education, business, and environmental science through developing an exemplary relationship with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, allowing Sitting Bull College to lead and collaborate with all educational entities on the reservation, in addition to her support of Lakota language education within her community and throughout the Lakota Nation.

In addition, John Gritts, management and program analyst, Federal Student Aid Department, U.S. Department of Education, was awarded the American Indian College Fund's first Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his ongoing service in supporting and furthering the missions of tribal colleges and universities throughout his career. Gritts said, "When I learned about the award, I was totally shocked. When you work, doing your job, you are not looking for these things. When you learn about tribal colleges and universities, you can always be an advocate."

In honor of their service, President Vermillion and John Gritts were each wrapped with a Pendleton blanket and presented with a \$1,200 honorarium provided by the Adolph Coors Foundation. Mr. Gritts's honorarium is being donated in memory of his son, Trevor Joe Gritts, to the Salish Kootenai College Foundation.

The following students were named 2016-2017 students of the year by their tribal colleges and the American Indian College Fund. They each received a \$1,200 scholarship from the Adolph Coors Foundation.

Jacob Doney, Aaniiih Nakoda College
Ronald Carrick, Bay Mills Community College
Terydon Hall, Blackfeet Community College
Danacia Greywater, Cankdeska Cikana Community College
Savannah Chavez-Charette, Chief Dull Knife College
Franny Reiter, College of Menominee Nation
Allissa Bell, College of Muscogee Nation
Kimberly Chavez, Diné College
Tamara Montano, Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College
Donovan Archambault Jr., Fort Peck Community College
Marcell Grant, Haskell Indian Nations University
Ashley Reich, Ilisagvik College
Manuel Ramirez, Institute of American Indian Arts
Michelle Moulden, Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College
Charity Valentin, Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe Community College
Adriana Kingbird, Leech Lake Tribal College
Jesse LaForge, Little Big Horn College
Tyren King, Little Priest Tribal College
Felicia Chischilly, Navajo Technical College
Anthony Sharpfish, Nebraska Indian Community College
Azure Boure, Northwest Indian College
Florence Garrett, Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College
Darin Janis, Oglala Lakota College
Anna Winters, Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College
Robin Maxkií, Salish Kootenai College
Tanya Larvie, Sinte Gleska University
Maurice Redday, Sisseton Wahpeton College
Christina Dwarf, Sitting Bull College
Ivan Toya, Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute
Joanie Bull-In-Sight, Stone Child College
Jasmine Lopez, Tohono O'odham Community College
Memphis Belgarde, Turtle Mountain Community College
Darla Pikyavit, United Tribes Technical College
Sasha Munnell, White Earth Tribal and Community College

About the American Indian College Fund

Founded in 1989, the American Indian College Fund has been the nation's largest charity supporting Native higher education for more than 25 years. The College Fund believes "Education is the answer" and has provided more than 100,000 scholarships since its inception and an average of 6,000 scholarships per year to American Indian students. The College Fund also supports a variety of academic and support programs, ensuring students have the tools to graduate and succeed in their careers. The College Fund consistently receives top ratings from independent charity evaluators. For more information about the American Indian College Fund, please visit www.collegefund.org.



Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds

March 22, 2017

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
16429 Beartown Road
Baraga, MI 49908
906-353-6623



These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC).

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about April 24, 2017, the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) will submit a request to United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of Eastern/Woodlands Office of Native American Programs-Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) Program funds to undertake a project known as the KBIC Halfway House Project, in the amount of \$800,000.00. The project will include the construction of a group home for low income Tribal members who are recovering from addiction issues and transitioning from inpatient substance abuse treatment to home. The proposed project will be located in L'Anse, Baraga County, MI, within NW ¼, SW ¼, Section 3, T50N, R33W.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an environmental impact statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Natural Resources Department, 14359 Pequaming Road, L'Anse Twp. An additional copy is available at the front desk of the KBIC Tribal Center, 16429 Beartown Road, Baraga, MI 49908, and may be examined or copied at either location weekdays from 8 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Natural Resources Department, 14359 Pequaming Road, L'Anse, MI 49946. All comments received by April 21, 2017, will be considered by the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. All comments should specify Project Number: B-16-SR-26-3268.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community certifies to the Department of Housing and Urban Development that Warren C. Swartz Jr., in his capacity as the Tribal President of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. Department of Housing and Urban Development's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

Department of Housing and Urban Development will accept objections to its release of funds and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following basis: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community; (b) the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the Department of Housing and Urban Development; (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Eastern/Woodlands Office of Native American Programs, Ralph H Metcalfe Federal Building, 77 West Jackson Blvd., Room 2400, Chicago, IL, 60604-3507. Potential objectors should contact the Department of Housing and Urban Development (312-353-6236, ext. 2815), to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Warren C. Swartz, Jr.
Tribal President
Keweenaw Bay Indian Community

March 4, 2017 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Regular Saturday Tribal Council Meeting was held on March 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. LaFernier, Toni Minton, Doreen Blaker, Fred Dakota, 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.

President Warren "Chris" Swartz Jr. gave the President's Report (page eight), Vice President Jennifer Misegan gave the Vice President's Report (page eight), Susan J. LaFernier gave the Secretary's Report (page nine), and Larry Denomie III gave the CEO's Report (page ten). Council approved the January 2017 Department Head Reports and Meeting Minutes for February 4, 2017, February 9, 2017, and February 21, 2017.

Recognized individuals: Wendell Dompier, Baraga Village President, presented to Council, the Village's design for a Veterans' Memorial Park which will be located on the corner of S. Superior Ave. and Girard Ave. in downtown Baraga, Michigan, (where Martin's Phillips 66 gas station was previously located). Dompier indicated he wants to do this for the Veterans of the area. Dompier noted the Park's current expenses have been approved to be paid for by the DDA; however, in the future he may be requesting some 2% money to extend the Park. Today, he is requesting a Tribal Flag be donated to be flown in the park. It was the consensus of Council to keep a KBIC Flag posted in the future Veterans' Park.

Andrew Kozich, Ph.D., Chair of the KBOCC Environmental Science Department discussed a Well Water Study Grant Proposal. Kozich happened to come across a grant opportunity which will bring a lot of benefit to the Community, primarily concerning arsenic in our well water. Kozich was looking for Council's support and permission to submit the grant. If approved, it would provide a free water testing service for individual well water owners on the reservation then expand as funding allows. The grant will also allow one of his students to become an intern and earn some funds to help with their schooling. **Motion by Jennifer Misegan for KBIC to participate in and support KBOCC's proposal for a grant to conduct extensive study of well water quality across the reservation, supported by Susan J. LaFernier. Nine supported (Misegan, S. LaFernier, Minton, Blaker, Dakota, M. LaFernier, G. Loonsfoot, R. Loonsfoot, Mayo), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, two absent (Curtis, Haataja), motion carried.**

Under Old Business: Vice President Misegan brought forth a loan agreement between Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and the KBIC Tobacco Company. Previously, it was discussed how the Tribe was going to be able to finance this Tobacco Company, and it has been decided a loan would be the best way to do this. The loan will initially be for \$375,000.00 which will assist in purchasing some necessary equipment, and they may need to come back for some additional funds later; however, it is currently \$375,000.00. The Tobacco Company will repay the Tribe over fifteen years (180 months) with a fixed 3.5% annual rate of interest with payments of \$2,680.81/monthly, so there will be interest accumulated totaling \$107,000.00. **Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to approve the loan agreement between the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and the KBIC Tobacco Company, LLC, and for Toni Minton, Assistant Secretary, sign the**

document as the President and the Vice President are on the KBIC Tobacco Company's Board and that it is known that Vice President Jennifer Misegan will be signing it on behalf of the KBIC Tobacco Company, supported by Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr. Five supported (S. LaFernier, Dakota, G. Loonsfoot, R. Loonsfoot, Mayo), 0 opposed, four abstained (Misegan, Blaker, Minton, M. LaFernier), two absent (Curtis, Haataja), motion carried.

Vice President Misegan brought forward the results of her Wage Analysis project regarding how other Tribal Communities compensate their Councils. Not many Tribes were willing to indulge this information. The first one on the list compensates their Tribal President at \$120,000.00/year, and he administers programs in government until just recently as they hired a CEO. Their Executive Board members are all full-time and start at \$65,000.00/year depending on their years of service. Their Council members can work up to full-time hours at \$25.00/hour and are paid \$150.00 per meeting even during work hours. They have one full-time judge who is appointed and they pay him \$1,250.00/week.

The second tribe on the list compensates their Tribal President at \$125,000.00/year, and the President administers all the programs in the government. Their Council members are paid \$250.00/meeting but do not work for a salary. They have a full time judge and a part-time judge, but we were not given their salaries.

The third tribe on the list only pays their Tribal President \$11.00/hr for 20 hours a week. He said it is a full-time position, but it is not paid as full-time. This tribe also pays their Vice President at \$25/hour at 20 hours a week; the Treasurer makes \$21.00/hour; and the Secretary makes \$16.00/hour. All their Council members are paid \$50.00/meeting, and they get \$200.00 for their semi-annual meetings with the Community. They have two appointed judges who are paid \$200.00/day.

The fourth tribe would only inform me their Executive Board members were full-time, and their Tribal President was full-time but would not discuss salaries.

A fifth tribe indicated their Tribal President receives \$74,000.00/year, and an Administrator handles all the programs. The President doesn't administer anything. They have five Council members, and they meet two or three times a week, and they are paid \$200.00/meeting. Some of them are Tribal employees, so they receive their wage plus the \$200.00. They have elected judges who receive \$2,500.00/month.

The next tribe has a compensation structure in their law. They have an Executive Branch and a Legislative Branch rate. The Executive Branch information was not in this law just the Legislative Branch was. The Legislative Leader receives \$35,000.00/year, the Secretary gets \$35,000.00/year, and the rest of the Council members get \$32,000.00/year, and they are not full-time positions.

The last tribe indicated their Tribal President receives \$100,000.00/year with no administrative duties and receives health insurance and a pension after a Chairman serves five years. They are not eligible for FICA or unemployment. Their entire Council has offices, and they are paid \$67,500.00/year with no administrative duties, and their Tribe pays health insurance for them as well. This information was very difficult to obtain from other Tribes.

Additionally, an analysis was done from what we are currently being paid which was developed in 2004, being \$250.00/meeting and \$20.00/hour if one works or travels. After the personnel director reviewed the

annual raises from fiscal years and added them to what they should be today, Council members should be paid \$374.20/meeting and \$29.94/hour for work/travel. After further discussion which included taking annual leave time from employment, the following motion was made. **Motion by Toni Minton to increase the hourly wage for Council when working or traveling to \$30.00/hour from the current \$20.00/hour effective back to the beginning date of this Council's term of January 7, 2017, supported by Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr. Seven supported (Misegan, S. LaFernier, Minton, M. LaFernier, G. Loonsfoot, R. Loonsfoot, Mayo), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, four absent (Blaker, Curtis, Dakota, Haataja), motion carried.**

Under New Business: Vice President Misegan brought forth a lease agreement for the Tobacco Company for the facility where we will be doing the manufacturing. Jason Ayres, Realty Officer, has drafted this Resolution and Danielle Webb, Tribal Attorney, has reviewed it. It is similar to other business commercial leases we have done. **Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to approve Resolution KB-010-2017 KBIC Tobacco Company, LLC, Commercial Lease, supported by Rodney Loonsfoot. Five supported (S. LaFernier, Minton, G. Loonsfoot, R. Loonsfoot, Mayo), 0 opposed, two abstained (Misegan, M. LaFernier), four absent (Blaker, Curtis, Dakota, Haataja), motion carried.**

Federal Law is clear of who mandatory reporters are, and it is pretty much people who work with children. There is a civil penalty within Federal Law of up to 90-days for not reporting. Our Vice President would like to make all of our employees mandatory reporters to protect our children. Further discussion occurred. Consensus of Council is to produce a list of positions who will be named as a mandatory reporters and bring it back to the Council's attention.

Bobby Escobar, Assistant Tribal Attorney, and Larry Denomie III, CEO, brought forth Amendment Number One to U.S. Oil Retailer Supply Agreement with U.S. Venture, Inc. d/b/a U.S. Oil for the Pines Convenience Center. **Motion by Susan J. LaFernier to approve the Amendment Number One to U.S. Oil Retailer Supply Agreement, supported by Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr. Five supported (S. LaFernier, Minton, M. LaFernier, G. Loonsfoot, Mayo), 0 opposed, one abstained (R. Loonsfoot), five absent (Misegan, Blaker, Curtis, Dakota, Haataja), motion carried.**

Bobby Escobar, Assistant Tribal Attorney, brought forth Aanikoosing Inc.'s Second Amendment of Bridge Loan Agreement and Promissory Note for the Ojibwa Express Convenience. **Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to approve the second amendment of the Bridge Loan Agreement and Promissory Note between the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and Aanikoosing Inc., co-supported by Toni Minton and Michael F. LaFernier. Five supported (S. LaFernier, Minton, M. LaFernier, G. Loonsfoot, Mayo), 0 opposed, one abstained (R. Loonsfoot), five absent (Misegan, Blaker, Curtis, Dakota, Haataja), motion carried.**

Sarah Maki, Assistant CEO, brought forth cell phone bids. Two bids were received by Verizon and AT&T. Discussion occurred on specifics. **Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to approve the Verizon bid at \$54,236.16 for cell phone service, supported by Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr. Six supported (S. LaFernier, Minton, M. LaFernier, G. Loonsfoot, R. Loonsfoot, Mayo), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, five absent (Misegan, Blaker, Curtis, Dakota, Haataja), motion carried.**

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STAND UP for children

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

This month and throughout the year, the KBIC Health System encourages all individuals and organizations to play a role in making our community a great place for children and families. By ensuring that parents have the knowledge, skills, and resources they need to care for their children, we can help prevent child abuse and neglect.

April is a time to celebrate the important role that communities play in protecting children and strengthening families. Everyone's participation is critical. Focusing on ways to connect with families is the best thing our community can do to strengthen families and prevent child abuse and neglect. For more information about child abuse prevention this month and throughout the year, contact the KBIC Health System Healthy Start – Family Spirit Program and KBIC Tribal Social Services.

Upcoming Events:

- Parent Circle, April 10th 5 p.m.
- Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group, April 4th 5:30 p.m.
- Car Seat Clinic, April 13th by appointment
- Diabetic Foot Clinic, April 12th and 26th, by appointment
- Breastfeeding Support Group, May 3rd 1-3 p.m.
- MSU Farmer Series, April 4th, 11th, and 25th 4 p.m.
- Diabetes PATH, starting April 11th 1 p.m.

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

April is Alcohol Awareness Month

Drinking too much alcohol increases people's risk of injuries, violence, drowning, liver disease, and some types of cancer. This April, during Alcohol Awareness Month, KBIC Health System encourages you to educate yourself and your loved ones about the dangers of drinking too much.

People with diabetes have to be very careful when it comes to drinking alcohol. It is a good idea that they talk to their doctor, so they thoroughly understand the risks involved.

Some medicines should not be taken with alcohol. People with diabetes should make sure to pay attention to an potential warnings.

Alcohol consumption can lead to dangerously low blood sugar. This is because the liver has to work to remove the alcohol from the blood instead of managing blood sugar levels.

Symptoms of low blood sugar are similar to the symptoms of too much alcohol, including: confusion, sleepiness, blurry vision, headaches, lightheadedness or dizziness, lack of coordination, headaches, and/or unconsciousness.

If you are drinking too much, you can improve your health by cutting back or quitting. Here are some strategies to help you cutback or stop drinking:

- Limit your drinking to no more than one drink per day for women/two drinks per day for men
- Keep track of how much you drink
- Choose a day each week when you will not drink
- Don't drink when you are upset
- Limit the amount of alcohol you keep at home
- Avoid places where people drink a lot
- Make a list of reasons not to drink

Submitted by: Mindy Lantz, Public Health Nurse

Information gathered from <http://healthfinder.gov/nho/AprilToolkit.aspx>

Preventing Type 2 Diabetes: Questions for the Doctor or Diabetes Educator

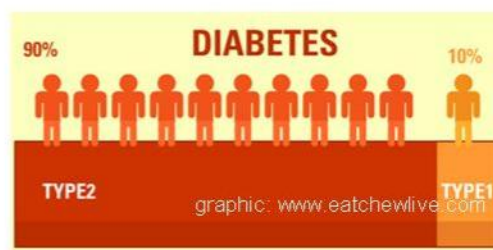
Diabetes (dy-ah-BEE-teez) is a chronic (long-term) disease. When you have diabetes, there's too much glucose (sugar) in your blood. There's more than one type of diabetes, but type 2 diabetes is the most common. You are more likely to get develop type 2 diabetes if you are overweight and inactive, or if you have pre-diabetes. People with pre-diabetes have more glucose in their blood than normal, but not enough to be diagnosed with type 2 diabetes.

Diabetes can cause disability and death - but the good news is that you can do a lot to prevent or delay getting type 2 diabetes, including: watching your weight, eating healthy, and staying active. Talk with your doctor or nurse about steps you can take to prevent type 2 diabetes.

What to ask your doctor? It helps to have questions written down before your appointment. Print this list of questions, and take it with you the next time you visit the doctor. Take notes to help you remember your doctor's answers.

- Am I at risk for pre-diabetes or type 2 diabetes?
- Do you recommend I get tested for type 2 diabetes?
- Are there any warning signs of diabetes that I should watch for?
- Does my weight put me at risk for type 2 diabetes?
- If I'm overweight, how many pounds do I need to lose to prevent or delay type 2 diabetes?
- How much physical activity should I get to prevent or delay type 2 diabetes?
- What changes can I make to my diet to prevent or delay type 2 diabetes?
- What are some healthy ways to lose weight and keep it off?
- What are my blood pressure numbers and cholesterol levels, and what should they be?
- Do my blood pressure numbers and cholesterol levels put me at risk for type 2 diabetes?
- Is there any information about preventing type 2 diabetes that I could take home?
- Are there any local diabetes prevention programs that you could recommend?

Submitted by: Mindy Lantz, Public Health Nurse
Information gathered from healthfinder.gov and
www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/312918.pp



Pinto Bean Dip

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

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

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

70 calories per serving; 4g protein, 13g carbohydrate, 3g dietary fiber, 13g cholesterol, 641mg sodium

Page submitted by Heather Wood-Paquet, Health Promotions Coordinator

Show Us Your Moves!

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



SUBMIT PHOTOS AT
KBICHEALTH.ORG/CONTEST

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

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

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

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Who can participate?

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

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

KBIC BURIAL TASK FORCE

COMMUNITY GATHERING: HEALING FROM THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE

APRIL 29, 2017
KBIC - ZEBA
COMMUNITY CENTER
9AM-5PM

Spiritual advisor Obizaan Staples will share teachings about funerals, wakes, and helping loved ones heal after the death of a loved one. Special teachings on when a baby or child walks on.



The day will start at 9am with a light breakfast and lunch provided. Dinner will be a potluck. Please bring your feast bundle and a dish to pass. There will be a sacred fire. Obizaan will share information about his book, *Aanjikiin: Changing Worlds - An Anishinaabe Traditional Funeral*.

Registration is free and open to the public. All are welcome to hear these important teachings.

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Sexual assault is one of the most traumatic experiences a person can endure, and is a subject people usually do not want to think about. Because of this, when an assault does occur, a victim often feels alone with nowhere to turn. But help and support are just a phone call away.

IF YOU HAVE BEEN SEXUALLY ASSAULTED:

- *Get Safe!* If you are in danger or seriously injured, call 911 for emergency assistance.
- You are NOT to blame.
- If you decide to report the crime, call 911 for police assistance as soon as possible.
- You may call KBIC's Office of Violence Against Women's 24 hour helpline at (906) 353-4599 for support, information, or to access a Survivor Advocate or shelter.
- Preserve evidence - do not change clothes, shower, brush teeth, comb hair, or use the restroom.
- Obtain medical attention including evidence collection from the assault. You do not have to press charges and can request to have these costs covered.

If you have questions or would like to talk to someone about sexual violence, please feel free to call the KBIC OVW 24 hour helpline. Calls are confidential.

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Council meeting continued:

Assistant Secretary Toni Minton presented the March 2017 donations requests. **Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to approve \$500.00 for Neebin Ashbrook-Pietila for class trip to Hawaii, \$800.00 for a donation for the Spaghetti Benefit Dinner for Taylor Havican, \$200.00 to a donation as a full page ad in the L'Anse Yearbook 2017 and to include the KBIC High School Seniors in the ad, Northern Michigan University Native American Student Association Annual Powwow in the amount of \$5,000.00 through a 2% pass through for a total donation of \$1,500.00 and \$5,000.00 through 2% pass through, supported by Michael F. LaFernier, Sr. Six supported (S. LaFernier, Minton, M. LaFernier, G. Loonsfoot, R. Loonsfoot, Mayo), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, five absent (Misegan, Blaker, Curtis, Dakota, Haataja), motion carried.**

Secretary Susan J. LaFernier brought forth the need to schedule a Government Employee Appeal of Dismissal Hearing Case #001-17. Consensus of Council was to schedule it for the 03/09/2017.

Council adjourned with no further items on the agenda.

~ Submitted by Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor



Correction: 2016 Miss Junior Keweenaw Bay, Hannah Harvala's name was misspelled in the August 2016 and the February 2017 issue. My apologies.

~ Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor
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President's Report for the Month of February 2017

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

- I authorized a number of special hunting permits in accordance with the Community's Title Ten which regulates Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping. The permit authorized hunters to hunt and harvest deer from the former Huron Bay Lodge property, a privately owned cervidae facility.
- I signed an employment agreement with Kevin Carlisle, Assistant Tribal Attorney. Pursuant to Article VI – Section 1(B) of the KBIC's Tribal Constitution, the agreement was sent to the U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs. On February 27, 2017, we received notification of approval made by Jason Oberle, Superintendent, regarding these matters.
- Earlier this month, I along with other Council Members and a few members of the Community had the opportunity to meet and greet with Representative Jack Bergman, who is from Watersmeet, Michigan. We had lunch, visited the health center, the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College, and the Keweenaw Bay Natural Resources Department. Vice President Misegan will comment more on this in her report.
- We continue to have ongoing discussions with MDEQ, U.S. ACDE, EPA, and others, in regards to a proposed dredging permit in the vicinity of Buffalo Reef and Grand Traverse Bay Harbor within the Tribe's Home Territory. It is our understanding from the meeting that the calculations from Michigan Technological University are that approximately 35,000 cubic yards of stamp sands are moving on to Buffalo Reef per year and the dredging will remove approximately 110,000 cubic yards of stamp sands

(approximately three years worth of moving sands) from the area near the existing Torch Lake Industries dredging permit located in the original trough. A number of issues were discussed including: revetment walls, maintenance of the spoils, water quality concerns, permit application, etc. The potential project has received significant attention by EPA staff, and they are working to make sure any GLRI funding used for this project is well spent to ultimately result in a long-term solution and that they do not see the same depositional issues arising after proposed actions.

- I attended a meeting of the United Tribes of Michigan in Lansing, Michigan, hosted by Clark Construction Company. The Executive Director reported on his United Nations Consultations Meeting, Standing Rock Tribe and Pipelines, and a consultation with the state regarding the application to more than double the rate of water withdrawal from Nestle Well near Evart, Michigan.
- I agreed to give a welcoming address at the upcoming 2017 Native American Critical Issues Conference which will be held on March 23-25, 2017, at Northern Michigan University in Marquette, Michigan. The theme is "Rebuilding Traditional Knowledge Systems". According to the bulletin, our tribes have never given up our right to educate ourselves and others about who we are as a people. Our traditional knowledge systems were in place and thriving at the time of colonization. Early United States policies sought to undermine our Tribal Governments and used education as means to accomplish this effort. We must continue to rebuild our traditional knowledge systems, so future generations will be able to speak our native languages, know our tribal histories,

identify indigenous plants and animals, tell our traditional stories, and appreciate our enduring relationship with our Mother Earth.

- Also at the United Tribes meeting, we heard from Joe Van Alstine, President of the National Association of Food Distribution Programs on Indian Reservations. Our own Darren Webb is the Vice President of the Association. Joe updated us on incorporating traditional foods into the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations, establishing a permanent Tribal Leader's Consultation Working Group, and a request for increased funding. One of the traditional foods which Joe talked about incorporating into the FDPIR is Lake Superior Trout and Whitefish. This would be a great opportunity for commercial fisherman. There would be some requirements that need to be met with regards to redistribution including packaging and other things. The Farm Bill authorizes \$2,000,000 annually to support a demonstration project, subject to the availability of appropriations, for awarding grants, and to purchase nutritious and traditional foods.
- I attended a gathering in Duluth, Minnesota, sponsored by Honor the Earth, to discuss the pipelines, mines, and other threats to our lakes and water. In particular, we focused on the Enbridge pipelines, abandonment and new lines which will bring over one-million barrels of tar sands oil across our territories. The meeting was well attended. Most of the tribes from Wisconsin were in attendance and a few from Michigan attended, including Sault Ste. Marie, Grand Traverse, and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

Respectfully submitted,
Warren C. Swartz

Vice President's Report for the Month of February 2017

- Doreen, Gary, and I traveled to Washington, DC, to attend the National Congress of American Indian Executive Session. We heard numerous Senators and members of Congress speak from both parties, Republican and Democrat; including Senator Tom Udall, Senator Al Franken, and Senator Lisa Murkowski. Everyone had concerns regarding the new Trump administration, and what it will mean for Indian Country. Since the majority of the speakers were intimately familiar with Tribes and Tribal Sovereignty, we were assured by the majority that they will be there fighting for us. We heard time and time again that Indians have survived several administrations in the past, and we will once again.
- While we were in Washington, DC, we met with Senator Gary Peters and his aide, Bentley Johnson; Senator Debbie Stabenow's staff; Congressman Jack Bergman; and Oklahoma Congressman and member of the Chickasaw Nation, Tom Cole. We had not met Congressman Bergman before, and from the moment we sat down, he had many questions, and our time was quickly over with him. He suggested that he come to KBIC on his upcoming scheduled trip, and we thought that was a great idea. His staff reached out to us almost immediately to make arrangements. On Saturday, February 25, 2017, we were visited by Jack (that is what he wanted us to call him) and three members of his staff. We wanted to show him the reservation, some of our successes, and

discuss our continued needs. Several council members were able to make it, and we had a nice Lake Trout lunch and then toured some of our facilities. We took him to our Health Clinic, the KBOCC L'Anse campus, and our Natural Resource Facility. He also met our Health Director and Assistant Director, College President, Vice President and Board of Regents Chairman, Chief of Police and NRD staff. We discussed some of the problems affecting the entire Community and were able to get to know the Congressman and his staff. I believe we made as good of an impression on him as he did on us. He seemed to listen and hopefully, he has a better understanding of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. He told us that this wasn't going to be his only visit; this was just his first visit.

- We also met, while in Washington, DC, with Acting BIA Deputy Director, Hankie Ortiz, and lawyers from the Department of the Interior regarding the lack of movement on our Canal Land litigation request. We had hoped that after our meeting at the end of last summer we would be farther along, but because of the issues surrounding the Dakota Access Pipeline, they were unable to complete it before the Obama Administration was out of office. We were assured that they are working on it, and once the political appointments are made within the Department of the Interior, we will know more. I respectfully let them know our displeasure and that our elders were waiting for justice regarding the theft of

our lands.

- The Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Benefit letters were prepared, printed, and sent out. A lot of hard work was done by many. I want to publically thank Liz Sherman and Diana Chaudier. It was a difficult task given the format that was required by the IRS after the fact. If members did not pick them up by yesterday, they were mailed, or if they are government employees, the letters were put in their mailboxes at work.
- Progress continues to be made on tobacco manufacturing. The KBICTC Board made a site visit to a manufacturing plant and met with the Allegany Capital Enterprises staff. We toured the facility and observed the manufacturing process. We went through accounting, operations, manufacturing, facility preparation, equipment set up, manufacturing schedules, budgets, forecasts, and funding agreements. We reviewed regulations by the Alcohol Tobacco Tax & Trade Bureau (TTB), U.S. Food and Drug Administration Center of Tobacco Products (FDA & CTP), and the U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC). We also discussed annual, quarterly, and weekly planning that must be completed. Marketing and sales was one of the last topics covered following the execution of the Articles of Organization for the KBICTC.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Misegan

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

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

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

Remember to continue to pray for each other, our police officers, military, firefighters, and all emergency personnel. Also remember those who are ill, those with economic struggles, and all those who have lost loved ones. Prayers for the family of Harlan Downwind who passed away on February 4, 2017, at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Michigan.

We look forward to the coming spring time.
Mino-Bimaadizin "Live Well"

During February, the Tribal Council held the Regular Saturday Meeting on February 4, 2017; two Special Council meetings and one Finance meeting. Following are the February 4, 9, 21, and 23, 2017 unapproved minutes. This report will be published in the KBIC "Wiikwedong Dazhi-Ojibwe" newsletter and the approved minutes can also be found on the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Website.

February 4, 2017 Regular Council Meeting (on the 3-4-17 agenda for approval):

- Approved the Tribal Council President's Report for January 2017 (Warren C. Swartz, Jr.).
- Approved the Tribal Council Vice President's Report for January 2017 (Jennifer Misegan).
- Approved the Tribal Council Secretary's Report for January 2017 (Susan J. LaFernier).
- Approved the December 2016 Department Head Reports.
- Approved the January 7, and January 12, 2017 Tribal Council Meeting Minutes.
- Defeated a motion to table Resolution KB 005-2017 BIA 638 Contract for a one-time non-reoccurring Forest Planning Stand Exam of Tribal Trust Lands and non-reoccurring Forest Development Mechanical Brushing Project: January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2019, for more information.
- Approved Resolution KB 005-2017 BIA 638 Contract for a one-time non-reoccurring Forest Planning Stand Exam of Tribal Trust Lands and non-reoccurring Forest Development Mechanical Brushing Project: January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2019.
- Approved Resolution KB 006-2017 Expenditure Plan for Forest Management Deductions FY 2017: October 1, 2016 – September 20, 2017.
- Approved Resolution KB 007-2017 National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) Membership Renewal and Delegates \$7,500.00.
- Approved the February 2017 Donations: \$500.00 to the L'Anse Senior Class Lock-in; \$500.00 to the Baraga Senior Class Lock-in; \$500.00 each to Billy and Bobby Genschow and Kayla Dakota for their L'Anse High School Band trip to New York; \$1,500.00 to Laura Downwind for medical travel related expenses while Harlan Downwind was in the Detroit hospital.

February 9, 2017 Special Council Meeting (on the 3-4-17 agenda for approval):

- Approved the Short Form of Agreement between owner and engineer for professional services with U.P. Engineers and Architects, Inc. for the non-motorized trail Phase I Project-Sand Point to Baraga Marina for \$60,000.00.
- Approved an expense up to \$75.00 per income tax return preparation including the amended income tax returns for 2014 and 2015 for Senior Tribal Members over the age of 55 and also for the Michigan home heating credit for \$26.00 and it will be reimbursable as long as the Tribal Member provides proof of payment and proof that they went to someone who has a preparation tax identification number with the exception of the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing Community Development Corporation and Sally Snyder due to the current litigation matter.
- Approved the Assistant Tribal Attorney/Assistant Tribal Prosecutor Employment Agreement with Kevin Carlisle, April 10, 2017-April 9, 2020.

February 21, 2017 Special Finance Council Meeting (on the 3-4-17 agenda for approval):

- Approved the January 19, 2017 Tribal Council meeting minutes.
- Approved the January 26, 2017 Tribal Council meeting minutes.
- Approved Special Use Permits for Tribal members to hunt and granted an exemption for the property owned by the Keweenaw Land Trust in Arvon Township, Baraga County. These permits can be obtained in the Licensing Office and the hunters will coordinate through the Tribal Historic Preservation Office.
- Finance: Closed Session open to Tribal Members.

February 23, 2017 Special Council Meeting (unapproved):

- Approved permission to liquidate the trust assets with Superior National Bank Accounts I, II, III for the casino projects (as dis-

cussed at the finance meeting February 21, 2017).

- Approved Amendment One, Francis J. LaPointe authorization to Resolution KB 004-2017 Superior National Bank Corporate Resolution Board of Directors Authority.
- Approved the Service Culture Program with Brad Worthley International, the Measurement Program with HS Brands International for the Ojibwa Casinos and Government and the Organization Structure (changes) for the Ojibwa Casino.
- Approved to continue with Henley Boat Manufacturing (Canada) for the Natural Resource Department research vessel funded by the B.I.A. for \$314,000.00.
- Approved Resolution KB 008-2017 Department of Justice FY 2017 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) for three years for four purpose areas (safety) \$2,700,000.00.
- Approved two donations: \$250.00 for the Danny Ojala Memorial Squirt Invitational Hockey Tournament on February 24, 25, 26, 2017; \$350.00 for the purchase of a full-page ad combined with the Casino and Pines for Matthew J. Beck, II for the Yooper Bowl Upper Peninsula's Football All-Star Game.
- Approved Resolution KB 009-2017 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA) Project LAUNCH (Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children's Health) Cooperative Agreement Program for Tribal children 0-8.
- Approved the B.I.A. Road Maintenance Program Annual Funding Section 108 Model Agreement Award effective January 1, 2017, \$9,370.00.
- Approved the Services Agreement with Kleiman Pump and Well Drilling to provide pump hardware replacement services in Well #3 at the KBIC Natural Resources Department \$12,959.29.
- Tabled the Multi-Year Funding Agreement, Buyback/Withhold Agreement for FY 2016 (Compact) with the Indian Health Service for programs, functions, and activities (Clinic) for three years.
- Approved the Baraga Facility Renovations Budget for the Hotel, Restaurant, Casino, and Pressbox from Gundlach Champion for \$2,004,572.00.
- Approved the School Counselor's Employment Agreement with Kimberly Hendrickson, MSW for three years to provide youth therapy and evaluation services at the Tribe's Health System pending the pre-employment requirements.
- Approved the Physician's Employment Agreement with Dr. Lori Vaughan from Hancock effective May 1, 2017, for two days per week.
- Approved the Articles of Organization and the Operating Agreement for the KBIC Tobacco Company, LLC, a Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Limited Liability Company.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan J. LaFernier

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

The Relief Account was established after the August 27, 2016, accident for the fundraising efforts and donations received to assist the families of the two deceased and seven injured Beartown Firefighters.

The total amount donated was \$39,567.96, and as of February 10, 2017, all funds have been distributed. Thank you letters were sent in November, and the Beartown Firefighters, their families, and the Tribal Council continue to express their sincere thank you to everyone who donated and sent well wishes; it is so appreciated that words cannot explain.

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

Thank you to our Committee members, Doreen Blaker, Marty Curtis, and Francis "Hosh" LaPointe for their assistance, and thank you to everyone who has helped in any way since the accident, your help will not be forgotten. Continue to remember our firefighters and their families in your prayers and support.

~Susan J. LaFernier

Beartown Firefighters Relief Fund
Committee Member
March 4, 2017

Wiikwedong Ogichidaa (KBIC Veterans) Meeting

The Wiikwedong Ogichidaa Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 19, 2017, 1900 hours**, at the Wiikwedong Ogichidaa Building, KBIC Industrial Park (off M-38), Baraga, MI 49908.

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

CEO's Report for the Months of January and February 2017

During the months of January and February 2017, the CEO's office reported the following:

- Due to an increase in office space needs for incoming staff, the former Big Bucks Bingo Hall will begin being utilized as of April 1. The Tribal Attorney's Department will be relocated to the building with minimal changes required. Their current space will be reallocated to assist with accommodating two additional accounting staff.
- The Tribal Council met in January with Dr. Zobro and Thomas Brown, KBIC Pharmacist, to have an open discussion regarding prescribed medications and drugs in general. The discussion was intended to help better understand how both affect employees and assist in the amending of the Tribe's Drug Free Workplace policy and reinstating of the random drug testing component. A draft policy revision will be presented at Council's upcoming meeting.
- The casinos project workgroup, casino staff, and I have participated in a number of meetings with our contractor and architects. The projects are progressing nicely, and the timeline remains intact. Two notable items related to the Marquette project include Chocolay Township's decision to not move forward with development of their own domestic water system. The Tribe offered the opportunity to Chocolay to access our water supply for their residents near the casino. After a short analysis, they determined that it wasn't feasible for them. The Chocolay Planning Commission did authorize a zoning change request by the Tribe for the property where the current parking lot sits as well as property to the west, to accommodate our expansion plans. With their approval, the request then went to the Marquette County Planning Commission where it was again approved. The final step in the process requires Chocolay Township Board's approval which will be considered at their March meeting.
- Cherie Dakota, OVW Team Lead, has provided her resignation. We have posted the position until filled and are hoping to have

someone on board before she leaves later this month to aid in training. Cherie will be working for the Ojibwa Community College and will assist as best she can in the event we aren't able to fill the position before she leaves. We are working on contingency plans as well.

- Work continues on the non-motorized trail project. UP Engineers and Architects have been hired to develop the plans for the project.
- The senior tax preparation program is well underway. Eligible seniors can have their taxes prepared by any tax professional, who has obtained their PTIN or Preparer Tax Identification Number, and be reimbursed up to \$75 for their 2016 return and \$75 each for the amended 2014 and 2015 returns. New this year is a \$26 allowance for completion of their 2016 Home Heating Credit filing. The KBOHCDC and Sally Snyder are excluded from the program due to litigation matters involving the Tribe.
- A special finance meeting was held on February 21. Francis LaPointe, CFO, provided reports to Council, and the meeting was open to KBIC Tribal members.
- On February 26, I traveled to New York along with KBIC Tobacco Company Board Members and Michael Lahti to tour our tobacco manufacturing partners facility. The trip provided valuable insight and information that will aid in our planned operation.
- I am in the process of writing a more comprehensive article for our newsletter that will include information about the casino projects. It will also enhance communication to our community members, so they are better aware of the development of the projects.
- In a final note, I want express my sincere appreciation for allowing me to take some time off for my dad's passing and all that you do for our members during those trying times.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Denomie III, CEO



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.

Timothy Lofquist, case #17-025, \$3,904, Domestic animals – required restraints – 1st offense
Sentencing on 02/21/2017, #17-025, \$3,904:

1. Fine \$100.00.
2. Payment probation until fine is paid.

Derek Heath, case #17-015, \$5.15, OUIL – 1st offense

Sentencing on 02/28/2017, #17-015, \$5.15:

1. Fine \$500.00.
2. Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and follow all recommendations until successfully completed. Defendant is to sign a release of information to allow the Court to monitor compliance. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of this screening.
3. Ninety (90) days jail, credit for one day served, 89 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.
4. Six to twelve months standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10.00 monthly probation fee. Defendant is financially responsible for the cost of drug and PBT testing, if any. Defendant is to report as directed by the Sentry system.

Donna Pawlowski, case #17-010, \$3,141.4, Possession, use, transport of alcoholic beverages by persons under the age of 21 – 2nd offense

Sentencing on 02/28/2017, #17-010, \$3,141.4:

1. Fine \$100.00.
2. Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and follow all recommendations until successfully completed. Defendant is to sign a release of information to allow the Court to monitor compliance. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of this screening.
3. Ten (10) days jail, credit for one day served, nine 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.
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 drug and PBT testing, if any. Defendant is to report daily to probation office.

Dominic Durant, Jr., case #16-207, \$8,901, Contempt – 2nd offense

Sentencing on 02/28/2017, #16-207, \$8,901:

1. Twenty (20) hours of community service in lieu of

- fine.
2. One hundred eighty (180) days jail, 180 days suspended.
3. The Defendant must pay \$50.00 a week or perform a minimum \$50.00 per week of community service.
4. In the event, the Defendant misses two consecutive payments his remedial order will go into effect. The Defendant will be placed on a remedial order as follows: First violation - one day jail, or until the non-refundable bond amount indicated on the warrant is paid. Second violation - three days jail, or until the non-refundable bond amount indicated on the warrant is paid. Third violation - five days jail, or until the non-refundable bond amount indicated on the warrant is paid. Fourth violation - ten days jail, or until the non-refundable bond amount indicated on the warrant is paid. Fifth violation - twenty days jail, or until the non-refundable bond amount indicated on the warrant is paid. Sixth violation - twenty-five days jail, or until the non-refundable bond amount indicated on the warrant is paid. After the sixth violation the Court shall assess time served and impose remaining days for max Contempt.

Dominic Durant, Jr., case #16-239, 5.15(2), Operating Under the Influence – 3rd offense

Sentencing on 02/28/2017, #16-239, \$5.15(2):

1. Fine \$750.00.
2. Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and follow all recommendations until successfully completed. Defendant is to sign a release of information to allow the Court to monitor compliance. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of this screening.
3. Three-hundred-sixty-five (365) days jail, credit for 124 days served, 241 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.
4. Twelve to eighteen months standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10.00 monthly probation fee. Defendant is financially responsible for the cost of drug and PBT testing, if any. Defendant is to report as directed by the Sentry system.
5. Defendant must provide proof of license, registration, and insurance prior to completion of probation.

Dominic Durant, Jr., case #16-248TNR, \$10,203, Commercial fishing without a license – 1st offense

Sentencing on 02/28/2017, #16-248TNR, \$10,203:

1. Fine \$300.00.
2. Thirty (30) days jail, 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.
3. The Defendant must pay \$50.00 a week or perform a minimum \$50.00 per week of community service.
4. In the event, the Defendant misses two consecutive payments his remedial order will go into effect. The Defendant will be placed on a remedial order as follows: First violation - one day jail, or until the

non-refundable bond amount indicated on the warrant is paid. Second violation - three days jail, or until the non-refundable bond amount indicated on the warrant is paid. Third violation - five days jail, or until the non-refundable bond amount indicated on the warrant is paid. Fourth violation - ten days jail, or until the non-refundable bond amount indicated on the warrant is paid. After the fourth violation the Court shall assess time served and impose remaining days for max Contempt.

Aaron White, case #15-148, \$5.61, Driver's license required – 1st offense

Sentencing on 03/01/2017 #15-148, \$5.61:

1. Thirty days jail to be served. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated. Defendant will be extradited to the Gogebic County jurisdiction to deal with charges authorized by their warrant. Defendant will receive credit towards this thirty days jail which he serves in Gogebic County.
2. Payment probation.

Aaron White, case #15-168, \$3,202, Assault and battery (domestic) – 1st offense

Sentencing on 03/01/2017, #15-168, \$3,202:

1. Thirty days jail to be served. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated. Defendant will be extradited to the Gogebic County jurisdiction to deal with charges authorized by their warrant. Defendant will receive credit towards this thirty days jail which he serves in Gogebic County.
2. Payment probation.

Aaron White, case #17-019, \$8,901, Contempt – 2nd offense

Sentencing on 03/01/2017, #17-019, \$8,901:

1. Sixty-one days jail, credit for 31 days served, 30 days to be served. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated. Defendant will be extradited to the Gogebic County jurisdiction to deal with charges authorized by their warrant. Defendant will receive credit towards this thirty days jail which he serves in Gogebic County.
2. In the event the Defendant does not serve the full 90 days in Gogebic County for cases #15-148, #15-168, #17-019, he is required to return to the Court to serve his remaining sentence.
3. Payment probation.

Allyson Denomie, case #17-034, \$5.62, Possession and display of license – 1st offense

Sentencing on 03/01/2017, #17-034, \$5.62:

1. Fine of \$100.
2. Payment probation.

Donna Pawlowski, case #16-052, \$5.15b, Impaired driving – 1st offense

Sentencing on 03/13/2017, #16-052, \$5.15b:

1. Fine \$300.00.
2. Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and follow all recommendations until successfully completed. Defendant is to sign a release of information to allow the Court to monitor compli-

ance. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of this screening.

3. Thirty (30) days jail, credit for one day served, 29 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.
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 drug and PBT testing, if any. Defendant is to report daily until the Probation Office deems otherwise.

Donna Pawlowski, case #16-053, \$3,1414, Possession, use, transport of alcoholic beverages by persons under the age of 21 – 1st offense
Sentencing on 03/13/2017, #16-053, \$3,1414:

1. Fine \$200.00.
2. Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and follow all recommendations until successfully completed. Defendant is to sign a release of information to allow the Court to monitor compliance. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of this screening.
3. Thirty (30) days jail, 30 days suspended pending successful completion of all terms of probation. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
4. 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 drug and PBT testing, if any. Defendant is to report daily until the Probation Office deems otherwise.

Wesley Holappa, case #16-231, \$3,402, Malicious destruction of property – 1st offense
Sentencing on 03/13/2017, #16-231, \$3,402:

1. Fine \$100.00.
2. Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and follow all recommendations until successfully completed. Defendant is to sign a release of information to allow the Court to monitor compliance. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of this screening.
3. Thirty (30) days jail, credit for 15 days served, 15 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.
4. Restitution in the amount of \$105.00 to be paid to the Tribal Court for processing.
5. Six to nine months standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10.00 monthly probation fee. Defendant is financially responsible for the

cost of drug and PBT testing, if any. Defendant is to report daily until the Probation Office deems otherwise. Defendant is to report as directed by the Sentry system.

Wesley Holappa, case #17-029, \$5,16a, Transporting or possessing liquor within passenger compartment – 1st offense

Sentencing on 03/13/2017, #17-029, \$5,16a:

1. Fine \$200.00.
2. Defendant must obtain a Driver's license, registration, and insurance prior to the completion of probation.
3. Defendant is to obtain an anger management assessment and follow all recommendations until successfully completed. Defendant is to sign a release of information to allow the Court to monitor compliance.
4. Thirty (30) days jail, 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.
5. Restitution in the amount of \$105.00 to be paid to Tribal Court for processing.
6. Six to nine months standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10.00 monthly probation fee. Defendant is financially responsible for the cost of drug and PBT testing, if any. Defendant is to report daily until the Probation Office deems otherwise. Defendant is to report as directed by the Sentry system.

Tyler Tolonen, case #16-217, \$3,203, Aggravated assault – 2nd offense

Sentencing on 03/15/2017, #16-217, \$3,203:

1. Fine \$500.00.
2. Three-hundred-sixty-five (365) days jail, credit for 79 served, 226 days to be served, 60 days suspended for a remedial order. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expense that may occurred while incarcerated.
3. Upon release Defendant will be on payment probation with a 60-day jail remedial order.
4. Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and follow all recommendations until successfully completed. Defendant is to sign a release of information to allow the Court to monitor compliance. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of this screening.
5. Defendant is to obtain an anger management screening and is to follow the recommendations of the screening until successfully discharged.
6. Defendant's Tribal General Welfare Benefit Distribution Check is to be garnished in full each year until all Court obligations are paid in full.

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

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.

Office: (906) 353-6623 ext. 4111
Fax: (906) 353-7488
E-mail: jennifer@kbic-nsn.gov

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Employment Opportunities

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

For current job listings, complete job announcements, applications, and closing dates contact: **KBIC Personnel Department, 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49908-9210 or 906-353-6623, ext 4176 or 4140 or visit: www.kbic-nsn.gov.**

- **Certified Police Officer (full-time), April 4**
- **Police Officer (full-time), April 4**

On-going recruitment (open continuous): School Psychiatrist, Accounting Clerk, OVW Program and Services Team Lead, Youth Plant Technician, Youth Fisheries Technician, Ecologist, on-call Laborer, Cashier/Deli-Worker, on-call Receptionist, on-call Unit Manager, Pharmacy Technician, Natural Resource Technician, cleaning person, Facility Attendant, Registered Nurse, Licensed Practical Nurse, Internal Sales Specialist, Pharmacist, Receptionist/Clerical Worker, Fill-in Receptionist, Board Operator, Cashier, Account Executive/Sales, Community Service Supervisor, Unit Manager (Newday), Family Aide, Van Driver.

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

Deepest Sympathy

Richard C. Morro

(June 2, 1953—March 7, 2017)

Richard C. Morro, age 63, of Baraga, MI, passed away Tuesday, March 7, 2017, at UP Health System, Marquette, MI. He was born in Chicago, Illinois, on June 2, 1953, the son of the late Henry and Lucille (Loonsfoot) Morro. Richard graduated from Boys Town High School in Nebraska. He had worked in customer service in the oil industry. Richard was a member of The Most Holy Name of Jesus Church, Assinins, and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. He enjoyed going to the casino, watching the Bears and Cubs, taking walks outside, and spending time with his family.

Mr. Morro is survived by his loving children: son, Richard Morro of Joliet, Illinois, Tammy Espinoza of Naperville, Illinois, and Renee Adolphson of Chicago, Illinois; grandchildren: Autumn, Shad, Sadie, Ciara, Madisyn, Noah, Abigail, and Eva; great grandchild, Kaylee; wife, Patricia Morro of Superior, Wisconsin; brothers: Herb Morro and Daniel Morro both of Baraga; and sister, Jackie Lemieux of Cloquet, Minnesota. Numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins also survive. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers: Raymond, Jerry, and Robert Morro; and sister, Carol Stevens.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated Saturday, March 11, 2017, at The Most Holy Name of Jesus Church, Assinins, MI, with Father Corey Litzner, Celebrant. The family received friends at the church on Saturday from 10 a.m until the time of the Mass. Immediately following the Mass, the family invited friends to join them for fellowship and a luncheon at the Ojibwa Senior Center, Baraga, MI. Spring interment will take place in the Assinins Cemetery. In lieu of other expressions of sympathy, the family suggests memorial contributions be directed to the Reid Funeral Service and Chapel, PO Box 81, L'Anse, MI. 49946, who assisted the family, or Mr. Morro's go fund me page at <http://www.gofundme.com/3hl0paw>.

Bonnie Knapp Kirschner

(March 26, 1967—March 23, 2017)

Bonnie Faye (Knapp) Kirschner, age 49, of Escanaba, MI, passed away while surrounded by family on March 23, 2017, at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor, MI, following a brief illness.

After attempting to make her debut in the world near the monkey cage at the Brookfield Zoo, Bonnie was born in Berwyn, Illinois, on March 26, 1967, the daughter of Archie "Chico" and Shirley "Jessie" (Hugo) Knapp.

A member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Bonnie graduated from L'Anse High School in 1985. She went on to receive her Bachelor Degree as a dual major in Construction Technology and Business Management from Northern Michigan University in 1998. Prior to receiving her degree, Bonnie was employed by Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and (Chip-In) Island Resort and Casino. After completing her education, she worked for Wendricks Truss and Hannahville Housing. Bonnie had a passion for DIY home projects, boating, crafting, genealogy, exploring performing arts, and was a dedicated Carolina Panthers fan.

Bonnie F. Kirschner was survived by her sisters: Sharon McDaniel (Robert Meshigaud) of Wilson, MI, Jeanne (Ken) Meshigaud of Wilson, MI, Jennie "Kit-Kat" Knapp of Harris, MI; brother, John "Chip" Knapp; three furbabies: Annie, Della, and Mocha; brother-in-law, Stan Spruce of Zeba; nephews: Aaron Meshigaud of Wilson, MI, and Sean Spruce of Zeba, MI; niece, Rachel Meshigaud of Escanaba, MI; as well as several aunts, uncles, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Pauline Knapp-Spruce; and furbaby, Suzzie.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, March 28, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. at the KBIC Zeba Hall in Zeba, MI. Visitation has held at 11 a.m. until the time service began and a luncheon at Zeba Hall followed. The Jacobson Funeral Home is assisting the family.

**Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College
Summer 2017 Schedule of Courses**

Admissions
524-8301 or see
www.kbocc.edu

Classes held May 8 – June 30, 2017
(unless otherwise noted)

Course	Instructor	Day	Time	Room
Anishinaabe Studies				
AS101 Introduction to Anishinaabe Studies (4 credits) <i>Social Science elective; Anishinaabe Awareness elective</i>	D. Cadeau	Tues, Thurs	12:00pm-3:50pm	WAB 113E
Business				
BS204 Microcomputer Accounting (Quickbooks) (4 credits)	M. Haataja	Mon, Wed	12:00pm-3:50pm	WAB 117E
Early Childhood Education				
CE119 CDA Preparation Seminar (2 credits) <i>Prerequisite: Instructor permission; Course fee: \$45</i>	C. LaRose	Mon, Tues Thurs, Fri	8:10am-10:00am	WAB 120E
Humanities				
EN250 Anishinaabe Images in Literature and Film (4 credits) <i>Prerequisite: EN102 or Instructor permission Humanities and Anishinaabe Awareness elective **Class meets May 8 – June 16</i>	J. Koenig	Tues, Thurs	4:00pm-8:50pm	WAB 113E
HU109 Introduction to Humanities (4 credits) <i>Humanities elective</i>	R. Frost	Mon, Wed	11:00am-2:50pm	WAB 114E
Science				
BI204 Ornithology – Birds of the U.P. (4 credits) <i>Lab Science elective; Course fee: \$180 Multi-day field trip required (dates TBA)</i>	T. Marshall	Mon, Wed	8:30am-11:00am	Lib/Sci Center Room 1
ES121 Dendrology – Trees of the U.P. (4 credits) <i>Lab Science elective; Course fee: \$140 Multi-day field trip required (dates TBA) **Class meets May 8 – August 11</i>	A. Kozich	Tues Thurs	12:00pm-1:50pm 12:00pm-3:50pm	WAB 210N
Social Science				
SO102 Social Problems (4 credits) <i>Social Science elective</i>	F. Taddeucci	Mon, Wed	4:00pm-7:50pm	WAB 114E
Vocational Instruction				
VI207 Automotive Electrical/Electronic Systems I (4 credits) <i>Prerequisite: MA104 or placement in MA105 or higher; Course fee: \$TBA</i>	J. Bugni II	Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri	9:00am-12:00pm	WAB 115E

Understanding Addiction and Avoiding Enablement

Free Training

First Monday of the Month

5:00 p.m. — 7:00 p.m.

Location: Hope Works Counseling
409 N. Main Street, L'Anse, MI

Presented by: Mark Panasiewicz, Hope Works Counseling
Sponsored by: KBIC Tribal Court

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



Enablement Prevention Training

5:00 p.m. — 7:00 p.m.

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

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



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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.

PRE-SORT STANDARD
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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.



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

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.)



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