

# WIKWEDONG DAZHI-OJIBWE

The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwe

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## NATIONAL HEALTH WEEK AT KBIC

KBIC Health Systems celebrated National Health Week with the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community August 14-18, 2017. An opening ceremony was held on Monday where the public were able to meet and greet the Health Buddies and enjoyed Strawberry Shortcake. Tuesday was Fitness Day with a group Yoga session where participants received incentives for participating. Dr. Dale shared a healthy cooking session on Wednesday with food demos and more incentives. Youngsters brought in their stuffed animals to the dental clinic on Thursday and became a dentist! Friday was appreciation day where the public viewed the informational displays, entered drawings, and received an appreciation bag.

The staff theme days were part of Health Center Week: Monday - fun headwear, Tuesday - crazy socks, Wednesday - support your school, Thursday - favorite decade, and Friday - pajama.

Coloring Contest Winners were:

Category 0-2 years old: 1st—Austin Shelifoe (age 2), 2nd—Dusk Bolo (age 2), 3rd—Kennadie (no last name given) (age 1).

Category 3-5 years old: 1st—Nevaeh Lee Fish (age 5), 2nd—Roman Brennan (age 5), 3rd—Sophia Amsler (age 4), 4th—Preston Amsler (age 4).

Category 6-7 years old: 1st—Mark Charles Reed, Jr. (age 7), 2nd—Anen Maki (age 7).

Category 8-9 years old: 1st—Issabella Westman (age 9), 2nd—Brooklyn Summers (age 8).

Category 10-12 years old: 1st—Starr Dunleavy (age 10), 2nd—Rion Maki (age 10), 3rd—Keira Dakota (age 11).

Category 15 years old: 1st—Madison Kelly (age 13).

Category 16-18 years old: 1st—Samantha Ripley (age 16).

Category 19 years old plus: 1st—Fanchon Picard, 2nd—Peggy Hemmela, 3rd—Ardis Holappa, 4th—Susan LaFernier

All finalist won some nice prizes. Congratulations!

## Mayo Crowned Baraga County's Fair Queen



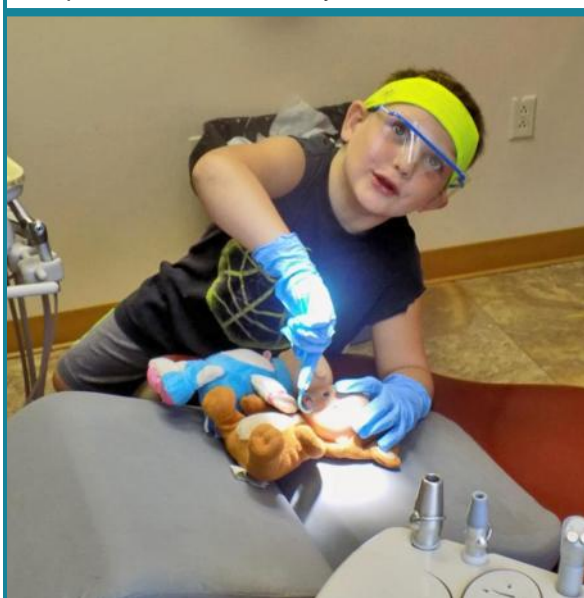
Lyndsey Mayo, daughter of Jeff Mayo and Elizabeth Curtis, of Baraga, Michigan, was crowned the 2017 Baraga County Fair Queen on August 4, 2017. Lyndsey was sponsored by the Baraga Fire Department.

Lyndsey is a 2017 graduate of Baraga High School. Her hobbies include softball, volleyball, cheerleading,

cooking, beading, reading, writing stories, painting, and hanging out with friends. She worked with the KBIC Summer Youth Program and volunteers at the Ojibwa Senior Citizen Center, Baraga Fire Department, and a retirement home visiting with the elderly. She was a member of SADD and helped promote a "No Bullying" campaign while attending school. She will attend college this fall and plans to major in journalism.



(Above) Alayna Kinnunen visited the face painting station in the dental clinic. (Below) Dayton Wandahsega becomes the dentist. Photos compliments of Community Health staff.



Group Yoga Session.

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

- August 5, 2017 Tribal Council Meeting
- National Health Week at KBIC
- Mayo Crowned Baraga County Fair Queen
- KBIC Provides Handicapped Assessable Van for Members
- KBIC assists Senior Wills
- KBIC Court Report
- Deepest Sympathy

## September 2017 Calendar Events

- Sept. 4: Gov't Offices Closed, Labor Day Holiday;
- Sept. 22: Gov't Offices Closed, Michigan Indian Day.

~ submitted by newsletter editor

## August 5, 2017 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Regular Saturday Tribal Council Meeting was held on August 5, 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, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Randall Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot and Elizabeth D. Mayo present.

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

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

Recognize Scheduled Delegations/Individuals: April Lindala, Director of Center for Native American Studies (CNAS) Northern Michigan University (NMU) asked Council to support, through Resolution KB-042-2017, FY 2017 Serving Native Survivors Circle (SNSC) Pilot Project Support (Development Future Victim Specialists for Indian Country Grant Program). The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) announced funding for FY 2017 through the Office of Victims of Crime (OVC) Developing Future Victim Specialist for Indian Country. Grant funds are provided to institutions of higher education and federally recognized Tribes to educate students pursuing degrees in fields relevant to victim services for specifically serving tribal communities. NMU CNAS and the Department of Social Work (DSW) seek a Resolution for support from the KBIC Tribal Council for application to the DOJ OVC grant which totals \$450,000.00 over a three-year period, October 1, 2017 – September 20, 2020, to fund the Serving Native Survivors Circle Project. **Motion by Rodney Loonsfoot to approve**

**Resolution KB-042-2017, supported by Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. Eleven supported (Misegan, S. LaFernier, Minton, Blaker, Curtis, Dakota, Haataja, M. LaFernier, G. Loonsfoot, R. Loonsfoot, Mayo), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 0 absent, motion carried.**

Jerry Magnant requested the Tribal gym (Free Spirit Fitness) be available to KBIC Tribal Members to use free of charge for preventive care for the health of our Community. **Motion by Elizabeth Mayo to approve use, free of charge, of the Free Spirit Fitness Tribal gym to KBIC Tribal Members, supported by Randall Haataja and Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. Eleven supported (Misegan, S. LaFernier, Minton, Blaker, Curtis, Dakota, Haataja, M. LaFernier, G. Loonsfoot, R. Loonsfoot, Mayo), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 0 absent, motion carried.**

Under new business: Treasurer Doreen Blaker presented the August 2017 donations requests. **Motion by Elizabeth Mayo to approve August 2017 donations as: \$500.00 for the Salvation Army; \$1,786.36 for KBIC Headstart/Early Headstart Smart Board Projectors; motel and airfare for up to four family members per firefighter (A.J. Swartz, Sr., and James Shelifoe, Jr.) to attend the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend, October 6-8, 2017, in Emmitsburg, MD, with the reimbursement to be returned to the Tribe; supported by Michael F. LaFernier, Sr. Eleven supported (Misegan, S. LaFernier, Minton, Blaker, Curtis, Dakota, Haataja, M. LaFernier, G. Loonsfoot, R. Loonsfoot, Mayo), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 0 absent, motion carried.**

Council moved into closed session with Tribal Attorney Danielle Webb for Short, Cressman, and Burgess, PLLC and Vice President Jennifer Misegan with updates prior to adjournment.

~ Submitted by Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor

## Tribal Council Secretary's Report for the Months of June and July 2017 to the Council/Community

*Happy Father's Day to all of our fathers here on Earth and in Heaven!!*

Thanks to everyone who cleaned the cemeteries for Memorial Day and to our Veterans for the programs. It has been a great summer, and we hope you have enjoyed the many activities that our beautiful area and people offer. Thanks everyone for your participation in the events! Enjoy your summer!

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

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

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

*Mino-Bimaadizin "Live Well"  
Respectfully, Susan J. LaFernier*

During June, the Tribal Council held the Regular Saturday Meeting on June 3, 2017, and five Special Council meetings. Following are the June 1, 3, 8, 15, 22, and 28, 2017 (approved) minutes. This report will be published in the KBIC "Wiikwedong Dazhi-Ojibwe" newsletter, and the approved minutes may also be found on the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Website.

### **June 1, 2017 Special Council Meeting (approved):**

- Approved the May 18, and May 26, 2017 Tribal Council minutes.
- Approved the Morin Fireworks Permit renewal – Pete Morin for one year.
- Approved Joe's Custom & Detail business license renewal (auto body collision and salvage) -Joseph LaFernier for one year.
- Approved the KBIC Health System solar array fencing bid from JCS, Inc. in the amount of \$11,750.00.
- Approved the immediate family clarification amendments in the Funeral and Sick Leave policies for the Government, Casinos, and Enterprise Manuals to be consistent.
- Defeated a motion to table a request from Aanikoosing, Inc. until a meeting is held with the CFO and the Aanikoosing CEO regarding prior grant audit issues.
- Approved Aanikoosing, Inc. to submit an application for the 2017 SEDS Grant with the condition that a meeting with the CFO and Aanikoosing CEO be held.
- Approved to postpone the Veterans Co-Payment Policy and the Purchase Referred Care Policy until the Council receives the updated version that was worked on previously.
- Approved the 2017 Ojibwa Campground and Marina Fee Schedule as presented with the change of a 25% reduction for the seasonal rates for Tribal Members; the adult Tribal Member must be registered to receive the special rates; the rates for the two full hook-up sites at the inland pow-wow camping side be the same as the lake front full hook-up sites.

### **June 3, 2017 Regular Council Meeting (approved):**

- Approved the Tribal Council President's Report for May 2017 (Warren C. Swartz, Jr.).
- Approved the Tribal Council Vice President's Report for May 2017 (Jennifer Misegan).
- Approved the Tribal Council Secretary's Report May 2017 (Susan J. LaFernier).

- Approved the April 2017 Department Head Reports.
- Approved the bid from Fox Negaunee for a 2017 Chevy Silverado 2500HD for \$35,343.44 for the Cultural Resources Department.
- Approved the June 2017 Donations: \$150.00 entry fee for the 21st Annual Matt Ahonen Memorial Softball Tournament; \$250.00 for the Girl Scouts trip to New York requested by Taylor Kemppainen; \$500.00 to the Native American Rights Fund; \$1,000.00 to the Trillium (Hospice) House; \$500.00 to the U.P. Diabetes Outreach Network; \$1,321.00 towards the purchase of a video magnifier from Eschenbach for Glenda Hamalainen to be paid from the Marquette Hardship Fund; \$1,000.00 to the Joe Derocha for State Representative Campaign; \$2,500.00 to the Trail Riders Enthusiast Alliance of Marquette County (T.E.A.M.) for the purchase of utility trailer to be paid from advance 2% funds pending a government pass-through.

### **June 8, 2017 Special Council Meeting (approved):**

- Approved the Veteran Co-Payment for Health Care Services Policy and Procedure.
- Approved to allow the individual discussed in closed session to visit a Housing tenant as long as the prior restitution is paid regarding the ban.
- Approved Resolution KB 035-2017 authorizing the President to execute the Choice Hotels International, Inc. (Comfort Inn & Suites) Franchise Agreement and required documents for the Marquette Casino Project.
- Approved to authorize the payment of the Choice affiliation fee of \$50,000.00 to Choice Hotels International, Inc.

### **June 15, 2017 Special Council Meeting (approved):**

- Approved the June 1, and June 3, 2017 Tribal Council Meeting Minutes.
- Approved the Jimaganish Wadokaged business license renewal (Veteran's Organization/non-profit bar/food sales) – Richard Geroux for one year.
- Approved the Keweenaw Consulting business license renewal (Environmental Consulting) –Jeffery Loman for one year.
- Approved the USGS Joint Funding Agreement for the Yellow Dog, Salmon Trout, and East Branch Trout Rivers for the continuation of the operation of streamflow and water quality monitoring sites and the Memorandum of Agreement with the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission.
- Approved Resolution KB 037-2017 Jeremy L. Forcia and Miranda L. Forcia recreational lease in L'Anse Township.
- Approved Resolution KB 036-2017 Aanikoosing, Inc. ANA SEDS three year grant application for a Strengthening and Expansion Project.
- Approved the bid from Lyndon Ekdahl Roofing for the Ojibwa Community Library (Baraga) roof replacement for \$24,800.00.
- Approved the Tier III Services Agreement with Lyndon Ekdahl, and added the start and end dates.
- Approved Resolution KB 034-2017 SMART Grant application to implement the Sexual Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA) for two years.
- Approved the SEMCO Energy Gas Company Service Agreement for the Marquette Casino Project for upgrades to the existing service lines \$364,480.00.
- Approved the bid from Fox Negaunee for a 2017 Chevy Silverado 2500HD for \$36,062.42 for the Cultural Resources Department (the prior vehicle approved was no longer available).

### **June 22, 2017 Special Council Meeting (approved):**

- Approved the M3 Insurance property and auto renewals for the Government and Holding Company for one year.

- Approved the June 8, and June 15, 2017 Tribal Council meeting minutes.
- Approved the KBIC Summer Youth Employment Program Policy Handbook revisions.

**June 28, 2017 Special Council Meeting (approved):**

- A Council Poll on June 26, 2017, approved support for the NIGA/ NCAI Amicus Brief for the New Mexico v. DOI case.
- Approved the Tier III Services Agreement with Dave Whitman Construction, Inc. for the block shower facility with roof at the Ojibwa Park and Marina for \$43,810.70.
- Approved the Wells Fargo Account Agreement documentation which includes the authorized signers certification, and the resolution that is included with the trustee plans (replaces Emjay who is no longer able to issue the payment checks for the Defined Benefit Plan).
- Approved the Housing Department waiver request #001-17 regarding the occupancy guidelines: requested a larger home because of medical issues.
- Approved to remove the term “consecutive” regarding the 15 years of service requirement related to the retirement benefits policy from all three handbooks.
- Approved the Custom Amendment to the agreement with Greenway Health to automate the revenue cycle to create a stream of additional income with billing at KBIC Health Systems.

During July, the Tribal Council did not hold the Regular Saturday Meeting, but there were four Special Council meetings. Following are the July 6, (approved), 13, 20, and 27, 2017 (unapproved) minutes. This report will be published in the KBIC “Wiikwedong Dazhi-Ojibwe” newsletter, and the approved minutes may also be found on the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Website.

**July 6, 2017 Special Council Meeting (approved):**

- Approved the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. Memorandum of Cooperative Agreement for the Michigan Tribal Food Access Collaborative Project regarding nutrition for children ages 3-11 and their families for one year \$40,000.00 (KBIC Health System).
- Approved the Tribal Opioid Treatment and Recovery (TOTR) Initiative Memorandum of Agreement with the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. (Substance Abuse Programs).
- Approved the Special Use Permit renewal for Joseph Robillard and James Lahti to cut and bale hay for personal use on the Vuk/ Brewery Road.
- Defeated a motion to approve the Friday of the Pow Wow weekend a closure day for employees.
- Approved a donation of \$800.00 for the 2017 4th Annual Pauline Knapp Spruce Memorial Water Walk.
- Approved an increase to the Ojibwa Casinos Marketing budgets up to \$150,000.00 for promotions and authorized the President to sign the said contracts.

**July 13, 2017 Special Council Meeting (unapproved):**

- Approved McGrath, Inc. to replace the Ojibwa Community Library main roof and loading dock roof for \$24,700.00 (the first bidder withdrew for medical reasons).
- Approved the Davis Gun Works business license renewal for one year (Gunsmith Business) –Jody and Stacey Davis.
- Approved the Tier III Services Agreement with White Water Associates, Inc. to provide baseline botanical data collection on 28 wetlands in 2017 and 2018 \$28,900.00 (Natural Resources Department).
- Approved the bid from Keweenaw Chevrolet for a 2017 Chevy Silverado for \$35,543.62 (Natural Resources Department).
- Approved the Services Agreement with Barbara Nolan, Language Immersion Instructor from Bay Mills Community College, at KBIC for one year.
- Approved the July 2017 Donations: \$1,000.00 to Calvin Hartwig for the Anishinaabe Short Film Project; \$250.00 to the Life Outreach Center; \$500.00 to the Baraga County Fair; \$380.00 to the Baraga County Community Foundation for the Tony Selkey Memorial Golf Scramble; \$500.00 to Nancy Pawlowski’s Baraga County Relay for Life Team.
- Approved the Indian Housing Plan for 2018 with the changes.
- Denied the changes discussed in the Personnel Policy 2.4 Classification of Employees – G. Student, requesting holiday pay for students.
- Approved Resolution KB 040-2017 ANA Native Youth Initiative Grant for leadership, empowerment, and development (I-LEAD) for three years \$375,000.00.
- Approved the revised Travel Policy and Procedures effective August 1, 2017.
- Approved 9.2 Use of Vehicles for KBIC Activities (revised title) with the changes.
- Approved the Department of Public Works Organizational Structure as presented to change the Field Supervisor position to an Assistant Director with the same grade.
- There was a TIE VOTE after a motion was made to approve the policy changes/amendments to the Government and Business Policy books regarding the Grievance Procedure; removed the Council from the Grievance Procedure and established an Independent Appeals Officer.
- Approved to table the proposed revisions to the Employee Conduct and Discipline Policy and Grievance Procedure because new revisions to the Employee Conduct and Discipline (change to: Corrective Action) Policy were received from the CEO.
- Approved the Diversity Developer Incentive Promissory Note with Choice Hotels International, Inc. \$125,000.00.

- Approved the Amendment to the Casinos General Manager Employment Agreement to increase his salary to \$131,000.00, and Council will evaluate using the next quarter’s financials.
- Approved the Retainer Agreement with Joseph O’Leary for guardian ad litem services and other services for Tribal Court February 11, 2016 – February 10, 2018.
- Approved the PrizePro46 Football Pick-em promotion agreement/ contract for the Baraga and Marquette Casinos with SCA International LP for \$17,145.00 each.
- Approved to waive the lock out fee at the Superior View Apartments.
- **July 20, 2017 Special Council Meeting (unapproved):**
- Approved the June 22, June 28, and July 6, 2017 Tribal Council meeting minutes.
- Approved to postpone the proposed Employee Conduct and Discipline amended policy until next week after the Government Department Heads provide input at their meeting.
- Approved the Visu-Sewer, Inc. bid for \$322,904.50 for the Zeba Sewer Repair Project pending full funding by the Indian Health Service.
- Approved the renewal license for the KBIC Pre-Primary Education Program (Child Care Center) for one year.
- Approved the American Cancer Society “Community Health Advocates implementing Nationwide Grants for Empowerment and Equity” Program (CHANGE) Health Care System Agreement for two years \$92,996.00 to increase colorectal cancer screenings.
- Approved the Memorandum of Agreement with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers regarding the recovery of archaeological data from sites on the Ohio River.
- Approved the new KBIC Handicapped Accessible Van Guidelines with the changes.
- Approved to terminate the (temporary) Physician’s Employment Agreement with Dr. Lori Vaughn effective today as she was not able to begin and have the legal department prepare a new contract when she is available.
- Approved to declare the Gaming Commissioner position of Suzanne Buttery-Jondreau vacant, and appoint David Rantanen to complete her term and post for his term that expired on June 30, 2017.

**July 27, 2017 Special Council Meeting (unapproved):**

- Approved the amended and restated Employee Conduct and Corrective Action (changed from Discipline) Policy for the Government, Casinos, and Enterprises effective October 1, 2017.
- Approved the amended Grievance Procedure for all policy manuals to replace the Tribal Council with an Independent Appeals Officer to hear grievances effective October 1, 2017.
- Approved the Agreement between Owner and Contractor for Construction Contract with Visu-Sewer, Inc. for the partial award of \$129,830.50 for the Zeba Sewer Repair Project.
- Approved Resolution KB 041-2017 Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP) 2017-2020 modification amendment No. 1 to KB 065-2016.
- Approved the HR Consulting REDW Expertise for a 2017 Tribal Government compensation survey with comparisons of other Tribes for \$1,200.00.
- Approved the sponsor fee of \$150.00 for the Lac Courte Oreilles First Annual Softball Tournament August 12-13, 2017 (Gary Loonsfoot, Jr.).
- Approved to appoint Lori LaFernier to the Constitution Committee for a three year term.
- Approved to appoint the six applicants for the six seats available to the Cultural Committee with three terms for Brenda Brunk, Beverly Lussier, and Elizabeth Matthews and two year terms for Lisa Denomie, Rodney Loonsfoot, and Toni Minton.
- Approved to appoint Debra Parrish to the Health Board for a three year term.
- Approved to appoint Jacob Misegan to the ICWA Committee for a one year term.
- Approved to appoint Marty Curtis, Carole LaPointe, Bill Jondreau, and Lori LaFernier to the Youth Committee.
- Approved to table the Health Administrator’s items (Purchase Referred Care (PRC) Program Booklet and need to reschedule a conference call with I.H.S.) until all of the information requested is provided.
- Approved Joseph Zobro, M.D. Physician’s Employment Agreement for two years.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susan J. LaFernier

**New Medicare Card (formerly called SSNRI)**

CMS is removing Social Security Numbers from Medicare cards to help fight identity theft and safeguard taxpayer dollars. In previous messages, we said that you must be ready by April 2018 for the change from the Social Security Number based Health Insurance Claim Number to the randomly generated Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (the new Medicare number). Up to now, we referred to this work as the Social Security Number Removal Initiative (SSNRI). Moving forward, we will refer to this project as the New Medicare Card.

To help you find information quickly, we designed a new homepage linking you to the latest details, including how to talk to your Medicare patients about the new Medicare Card. Bookmark the New Medicare Card homepage and Provider webpage, and visit often, so you have the information you need to be ready by April 1.

<https://www.cms.gov/medicare/new-medicare-card/nmc-home.html>

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/New-Medicare-Card/Providers/Providers.html>

## Serve Your Community and the Nation Become a Selective Service System Local Board Member

The Selective Service System wants to hear from Native men and women around the State of Michigan. We are looking for individuals who might be willing to serve as members of local draft boards in your county of residence. We have current openings in Marquette, Luce, Iron, and Roscommon Counties. We are always looking for alternative Board Members from all over Michigan.

A Prospective Board Member must be a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years old, registered with the Selective Service (if male), and not be an employee in any law enforcement occupation, not be an active or retired member of the Armed Forces, and not have been convicted for any criminal offense. Once identified as qualified candidates for appointment, they are recommended by the governor and appointed by the Director of Selective Service, who acts on behalf of the President in making the appointments. Each new member receives five hours of initial training after appointment, followed by two hours of annual training for as long as he or she remains in the position. They may serve in Board Member positions up to a total of 20 years, if desired.

Local Board Members are uncompensated volunteers who play an important community role closely connected with our Nation's defense. If a military draft becomes necessary, approximately 2,000 Local and Appeal Boards throughout America would decide which young men in each community receive deferments, postponements, or exemptions from military

service based on federal guidelines.

If you believe you meet the standards for Selective Service Board Membership, and wish to be considered for appointment, please contact: Major Robert LaPointe, rla-point@harborps.org or 231-838-0776.



### **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.



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

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.



### **CEO's Report for the Month of July 2017**

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

- We continue to meet with staff from Gundlach Champion Inc. (GCI), our General Contractor, to work on the development of the Baraga and Marquette casino projects. On July 20, GCI was to provide KBIC with their Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) proposal. The total funding that has been approved through the community vote and Tribal Council equates to just over \$42 million dollars for both the Baraga and Marquette projects. The GMP is the maximum cost KBIC would pay GCI for the projects, regardless of whether the actual costs exceeded the GMP. GCI would be responsible for the excess costs. On the 20th, GCI provided a GMP that was approximately \$7 million over the approved amounts.

Throughout the planning process, GCI has been responsible for developing the budgets based on the design work being performed by Cuningham Group, the Architect and Engineer hired by GCI for the projects. It is GCI's responsibility to closely communicate with Cuningham when building the budgets and estimating costs for the projects. In the spring of this year, costly infrastructure issues were discovered. Alger Delta Electric Cooperative, the electricity provider for the Marquette project, provided notice to GCI that major upgrades to the system would be required in order to serve the project scope. The initial thought that the service was adequate turned into a million-dollar add-on. A number of options were explored to attempt to reduce costs for electricity to no avail.

The next issue was related to waste water discharge for the Marquette project. The planned replacement of the existing drain field system budgeted at \$150,000 has become a major construction project of a forced main connecting to Chocolay Township's system with an estimated price tag of \$2.4 million. This option became the most viable after several others were explored including placement of a lagoon type system on the property. To accommodate that option, the Tribe purchased property south of the housing homes. After several months of GCI working closely with GEI of Marquette and MDEQ, it was determined that the lagoons would have to be placed North of the existing casino on KBIC's property. The cost and related issues of being able to see and smell the lagoon, due to prevailing winds, quickly squashed that option.

The forced main option has required a lot of work and time attending meetings of the three jurisdictions who own the wastewater system. Chocolay Township, Marquette Township, and the City of Marquette all own capacity in the system. Chocolay, who doesn't own enough capacity to service our project, has requested to purchase additional capacity from the other two owners at 1% each. The City of Marquette has approved, but Marquette Township tabled the request at their meeting last week for two weeks while their staff put together historical and projected information related to their needs. It was explained by the staff member at their meeting that their growth will not consume their spare capacity anytime soon, but they still wanted to see the information in front of them. It is anticipated that the capacity will be granted but if it isn't, we have been told by the Chocolay Township Supervisor that the City of Marquette will likely approve the additional 1% needed.

It may appear that the purchase of the property south of the casino was a waste based on the route the wastewater option has taken. It turns out that the property has provided an excellent resource to overcome the ability to have good quality water with the quantity needed to serve the casino project, housing's homes, fire protection for the entire area, and future expansion. Early in the project, finding adequate water was an issue, but the property purchased has produced very good water and plenty of it.

The residents of Chocolay have attended nearly every meeting to vocalize their displeasure with the quality of their own water. Every effort has been taken to address their concerns, and the experts have been able to prove, for the most part, that our project and planned wells will not impact their personal water supply. We went as far as hosting a town hall style meeting with the residents of Chocolay to provide information from the experts and address their questions.

The last infrastructure surprise came from SEMCO Gas. It was determined by them that the service line to the Marquette project was undersized and needed a major upgrade costing hundreds of thousands of dollars. GCI had indicated throughout the planning months that our natural gas supply was adequate but was waiting on final approval from SEMCO. It was another hit to the budget that wasn't avoidable. After all of the infrastructure issues, the budgets proposed by GCI were over approximately \$4 million. To address most of the increased costs and keep the projects moving forward, a major change to the Baraga project had to be made. The new casino addition planned for Baraga had to be dropped and the extensive upgrades to the interior and exterior of Baraga had to be modified. Even after the major changes to the Baraga project were made, the combined budgets remained over by approximately \$1 million. The plan to address the overage was to utilize federal funding the Tribe has for site work at Marquette which is well within the scope of the funding.

What I just described brought the projects to the July 20 presentation of the GMP by GCI. At that point, GCI's estimators and project manager had begun receiving actual costs from subcontractors. The estimates by GCI were off, as I noted early in this report, by \$7 million. GCI discussed some options to explore work on reducing the problem which included working more closely with Cuningham on the specifications for many of the areas of the projects. It was determined by GCI that Cuningham's design elements could be achieved by looking at other vendors who provide the same look, feel, and operational needs.

We have also been trying to find alternate resources to address the budget problem. We are exploring the New Markets Tax Credits program to assist with the Marquette project. We are also working with staff of the Bureau of Indian Affairs to utilize more of the road funding we receive to assist with allowable portions of Baraga project. President Swartz is in contact with the Shakopee Nation of Minnesota to see if grant funds are available. As a measure to decrease material costs for both projects, we are offering GCI's subcontractors the ability to purchase products through the Tribe's Ojibwa Building Supply store at cost. We contacted the USDA Rural Development staff to see if funds were available to assist, but it turns out there aren't at this time.

It is completely understandable that our community is questioning what is going on. The process we are going through is very difficult, and we are doing everything we can to get these much needed projects started. We are holding GCI accountable and responsible for many of the issues. It seems to us, it isn't normal to be \$7 million off of budget at this point. The Tribe has hired and entrusted GCI to be the experts for these history making projects because of the long standing relationship the Tribe has built with them, and the experience they have with projects of this magnitude. GCI has been given until the end of August to work on getting the budgets in-line. Updates will be provided to Council over the next several weeks as well.

- Development of the tobacco manufacturing business continues to be worked on. We are getting much closer to actual manufacturing. The agreements needed between the KBIC Tobacco Company and its partner are very close to completion. The permit to manufacture is under review as all documentation required has been submitted. A telephone interview with our contact with the TTB will be scheduled in the coming weeks, and a facility site visit will then be scheduled. The facility is nearly setup, and all of the necessary machinery is in place and ready for testing. We continue to have weekly calls with our partner to work on finalizing operations details.
- Kevin Perrault, Ojibwa Building Supply Manager, has retired, and his last day was July 28. Lily Marcotte has been placed as Interim Manager. Kevin may serve as a consultant for our casino projects in the event the opportunity to utilize the store for the purchase of materials, at a substantial savings to subcontractors of GCI, becomes an avenue to reduce the overall casino projects costs.

Respectfully submitted,  
Larry Denomie III, CEO

## President's Report for the Months of June and July 2017

The following briefly summarizes the activities in the Office of the President for the months of June and July 2017.

- It was confirmed that the Michigan Attorney General decided against withholding funds from schools with Native American Mascots. This may be a huge set back as tribes in Michigan continue to find ways to help Native children to receive the same quality education as the non-Indian students. It is a fact that schools with derogative mascot names have an impact on Native students to receive a quality education. I ensure you that we will continue to work on this matter as are the Michigan National Tribes of Michigan. We are hopeful of being successful but realize that this is a setback. We had asked the State Superintendent's Office to hold back funding if the schools did not comply, and this did not occur. We will find other ways to protect our children's education in public schools with Native American mascots. We have met with Rich Rossway a number of times in regards to the Marquette School's Redman issue, and we will continue to contact other school districts.
- I signed a letter on behalf of the Community regarding a Notice of Intent to assess taxes and penalties against the Community for tobacco products seized by the Michigan Department of Treasury. We requested an informal conference with the State Treasurer on the question of the Community's alleged liability stated in the Notice of intent to Assess. The Community contested the entire amount of liability for taxes and penalties set forth in the Notice of Intent to Assess. We disputed the Notice of Intent to Assess for principal reasons.
- I signed a copy of the Memorandum of Agreement for the Tribal Opiate Treatment and Recovery Initiative. The TOTR Initiative will provide treatment for uninsured and underinsured American Indians with an opiate use disorder. The project will use the established Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan Anishnaabek Healing Circle, ATR Model, and provider network. Outpatient and residential treatment are available along with recovery support services. The ATR project will operate through September of 2018, and the TOTR will operate until May of 2019.
- I signed a couple of proposals entitled *Agricultural Management and Wild Rice Bed Enhancement* for the Agricultural Invasive Species Management Program's funding that is available through the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The Community has a vital interest in the control of exotic and invasive plant species in order to manage and preserve our natural resources and in the food sovereignty of our Tribal Nations. This funding will assist the Tribe, not only in the control of invasive plant species, but will also assist with the planting and propagation of Wild Rice including foods and medicines as a natural compliment for the area.
- We also contracted with White Water Associates to engage the contractor for conducting baseline botanical collection on 28 wetlands in 2017 and 2018. This work is on a component of a larger wetland baseline data collection study that we are conducting. Surveys will be conducted at 14 sites each year.
- Council approved, and I signed a retainer agreement with Joseph O'Leary for Guardian Ad Litem for the Tribal Court. He is responsible for any matters assigned to him by the Judges of the Tribal Court.
- The Community provided written comments to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality regarding Eagle East Permit. As you can recall, they informed us they had found some new deposits, and they are going to include that in their original permit. We feel that Eagle East is a new project, and it should have another new permit.
- I signed a contract with the American Cancer Society to increase colorectal cancer screenings in the Community. We hope to increase the screenings by 12% each year with the total of 150 screenings over a two-year period. We will develop and implement a client reminder policy for preventive screenings including colorectal cancer screenings. In addition, we will develop a policy and procedure to get clients to attend their annual checkup, and colorectal cancer screening measures will be part of the annual physical.
- We are putting together a Referendum Ballot Proposal to remove the Secretary of Interior from the Constitution, specifically in three parts of the Constitution. We are hoping for this to be a quick one, but we have been waiting two-years on a past Secretarial Election, so it may be awhile. In fact, the past Secretarial Election would have to occur first before this one would go through. The reason for the wait is the Bureau does not have the resources to move this through.
- We continue to have discussions regarding treatment with the state for water quality standards. We discussed our options in regards to the application and after discussion we agreed to contact Dubey and pay another \$10,000.00 to finish our application submitted for consideration of that status.
- We proposed and made changes to the handicap accessible van guidelines. This will allow Tribal members to utilize the tribal handicapped van.

- We terminated the physician's employment agreement due to the doctor's family issues. Once these problems are resolved; hopefully, we can get her back at KBIC.
- Yesterday, I attended a meeting with Lundin Mining staff. The purpose of their meeting was to inform Chairman Williams from Lac Vieux Tribal Council and myself about proposed mineral leases where they applied for approximately 15,000 acres of mineral leases in southern Baraga County and northern Iron County. They are looking to start some kind of mining there. They are very vague on what they plan to actually do, but they did inform us they applied for the mineral leases, and the purpose of this meeting was to inform us. This is getting closer to the reservation, and it impacts our Home Territory. If you recall, the reason we expanded our Home Territory into northern Iron County, the area they are talking about exploring, was this area is conducive for Wild Rice. I reminded these mining companies that the Community is not opposed to mining, we are opposed to mining that is going to have a detrimental effect on the environment including sulfate mining. In regards to sulfate mining, it has been proven to us that they can operate in an environmental friendly way. Once they get their application reviewed, which is a 30-day process, they will inform us what they plan to do.
- Earlier this week, I attended an Aanikoosing Inc. Board meeting where we heard some good news that some of the projects are in the black. I will recognize Jeff Loman, Business Development Officer for the Aanikoosing, Inc. Board, for an update.
- Jeff Loman gave an update on two training businesses Aanikoosing, Inc. has created: Keweenaw Warrior and the Great Lakes Unmanned System Center.
  - Keweenaw Warrior conducted a National Environmental Policy Act Training last May with attendees attending from three tribes, GLIFWC, our own tribe, and one participant from one of the local environmental advocacy groups. This endeavor was successful. People said they gained from the training. We received a card from one of the attendees thanking us for the training. The training cost was one-third of the price agencies pay for these types of trainings. It was a cost saver for our tribe, for the tribal attendees who participated, and this is a good thing plus we made money.
  - Great Lakes Unmanned System Center conducted this past week a demonstration of the Emily Water Rescue in Duluth, facilitated by the Duluth Fire Department. We spent the whole afternoon there, and the Fire Department called in the media. FOX ran a short clip about the Emily on their national story on Wednesday morning. From this we have received attention from companies and other organizations. John Patmore, Chief Ranger of Pictured Rocks National Park sent two of his rangers to our tracking training last year which become a success course. They have purchased an Emily from us for Pictured Rocks National Park. The number one cause of death in our national parks is drowning, and



the Emily is a water rescue tool that works. We have twelve national parks in the Great Lakes Region which can only purchase the Emily from us. There is an additional 37 other national parks that also have water rescue needs. We are looking forward soon to meeting with the Secretary of Interior to talk about distributing the Emily capability to all of our national parks. Both of these businesses are in the black.

- Since the addition of liquor sales at the Ojibwa Express Convenience Center in Marquette, the profit and loss from January to June of 2017 shows we are also in the black. Our businesses are starting to show that they can run in the black.
- I received last week our Guaranteed Maximum Price from Gundlach Champion Incorporated. It is not good news. The Community approved 42-million dollars to move forward with the project, and we have been moving forward diligently with Gundlach Champion Incorporated to do this for 42-million dollars. Unfortunately they are coming in at about 49-million dollars. I do know that we have asked them to sharpen their pencils so to speak and come back. There will be more detail in the CEO's report.

Respectfully submitted,  
Warren C. Swartz

## 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.

### Treasure Cote-Payment, case #17-070, \$5.15, Operating under the influence – 1<sup>st</sup> offense

#### Sentencing on 07/17/2017, #17-070, \$5.15:

1. Fine \$500.00.
2. Ninety (90) days jail, credit for 20 days served, 70 days jail suspended pending successful discharge from probation. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Six to twelve months of alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10.00 monthly fee. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT tests, if any. Defendant will be required to report as directed by the Probation Office and the Sentry System.
4. Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and follow all the recommendations until successfully completed. Defendant is to sign a release of information to allow the Court to monitor compliance. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of this screening.

### Treasure Cote-Payment, case #17-072, \$5.16a, Transporting or possessing liquor within passenger compartment of vehicle – 1<sup>st</sup> offense

#### Sentencing on 07/17/2017, 17-070, \$5.16a:

1. Fine \$100.00.
2. Thirty (30) days jail, 30 days jail suspended pending successful discharge from probation. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Six to twelve months of alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10.00 monthly fee. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT tests, if any. Defendant will be required to report as directed by the Probation Office and the Sentry System. (Concurrent with #17-070).
4. Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and follow all the recommendations until successfully completed. Defendant is to sign a release of information to allow the Court to monitor compliance. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of this screening. (Concurrent with #17-070).

### Jon W. Asher, case #17-088, \$3.1002, Entry without permission – 1<sup>st</sup> offense

#### Sentencing on 07/17/2017, 17-088, \$3.1002:

1. Fine \$250.00.
2. Ninety (90) days jail, credit for one day served, 89 days jail suspended pending successful discharge from probation. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Defendant is to write an apology letter to the victim. The letter is to be submitted to the Probation Office for processing.
4. Restitution was stipulated in the amount of \$50.00 for property damage of the victim. Restitution is payable to the Tribal Court for processing.
5. Six to twelve months of alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10.00 monthly fee. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT tests, if any.
6. Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and follow all the recommendations until successfully completed. Defendant is to sign a release of information to allow the Court to monitor compliance. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of this screening.

### Benjamin Walker, Jr., case #17-155, \$3.305, Disorderly person – 1<sup>st</sup> offense

#### Sentencing on 07/22/2017, for 17-155, \$3.305:

1. Fine \$200.00 with \$70.00 transferred over to lodging cost.

### Paul Ekdahl, case #17-118, \$5.15, Operating under the influence – 1<sup>st</sup> offense

#### Sentencing on 07/24/2017, #17-118, \$5.15:

1. Fine \$500.00.
2. Ninety (90) days jail, credit for two days served, 88 days jail suspended pending successful discharge from probation. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. One to three months of alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10.00 monthly fee. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT tests, if any. Defendant is required as directed by the Probation Office and the Sentry System.
4. Defendant shall obtain a substance abuse screening and follow all the recommendations until successfully completed, and sign a release of information for the Court to monitor compliance. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of the screening.

### Paul Ekdahl, case #17-120, \$5.2, Involvement in accident resulting with damage to vehicles – 1<sup>st</sup> offense

#### Sentencing on 07/24/2017, #17-120, \$5.2:

1. Fine \$100.00.
2. Thirty (30) days jail, 30 days jail suspended pending successful discharge from probation. Defen-

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defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.

3. One to three months of alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10.00 monthly fee. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT tests, if any. Defendant is required as directed by the Probation Office and the Sentry System. (Concurrent with #17-118).

4. Defendant shall obtain a substance abuse screening and follow all the recommendations until successfully completed, and sign a release of information for the Court to monitor compliance. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of the screening. (Concurrent with #17-118).

### Kyle Gauthier, case #14-075, \$3.1414, Possession, use, transport of alcoholic beverages by persons under the age of 21 – 2<sup>nd</sup> offense

#### Sentencing on 07/31/2017, 14-075, \$3.1414 2<sup>nd</sup> offense:

1. Fine \$200.00.
2. Thirty (30) days jail, credit for 11 days served, 19 days jail to be served. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Payment Probation. Defendant shall report to the Probation Office within 48-hours of release from jail to develop and sign a payment probation agreement, which will require community service or payment to be made every thirty days.
4. Defendant's Tribal General Welfare Benefit Distribution Check shall to be garnished in full each year until all Court obligations are paid in full.

### Ronald Edwards, case #17-081, \$5.15, Operating under the influence – 1<sup>st</sup> offense

#### Sentencing on 07/31/2017, 17-081, \$5.15:

1. Fine \$500.00.
2. Ninety (90) days jail, credit for one day served, 89 days jail suspended pending successful discharge from probation. Defendant shall be financially re-

sponsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.

3. Three to six months of alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10.00 monthly fee. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT tests, if any. Defendant is required to report in person to the Probation Office a minimum of one time a month, and as directed by the Probation Office.

4. Defendant shall obtain a substance abuse screening and follow all the recommendations until successfully completed, and sign a release of information for the Court to monitor compliance. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of the screening.

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

### Tahala Davis, case #17-129, \$8.901, Contempt – 1<sup>st</sup> offense

#### Sentencing on 08/07/2017, 17-129, \$8.901:

1. Fine \$100.00.

### Travis Rajacic, case #17-045, \$3.1112, Shoplifting – 1<sup>st</sup> offense

#### Sentencing on 08/07/2017, 17-045, \$3.1112:

1. Fine \$150.00.
2. Twenty (20) days jail, credit for 20 days served. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing, if any.
4. Payment probation. Defendant shall report to the Probation Office within 24-hours of release from jail or the next business day to sign a payment probation agreement, which will require a minimum payment of \$20.00 each month or complete community service.
5. Restitution is to be determined and payable to the Tribal Court for processing to the victim, Ojibwa

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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.

**Travis Rajacic, case #17-085, §3.1706, Controlled substance – 3rd offense**

**Sentencing on 08/07/2017, 17-045, §3.1112:**

1. Fine \$500.00.
2. One-hundred-eighty (180) days jail, credit for 96 days served, 84 days jail to be served. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing, if any.
4. Payment probation. Defendant shall report to the Probation Office within 24-hours of release from jail to sign a payment probation agreement, which will require a minimum payment of \$20.00 each month or complete community service.
5. Defendant's Tribal General Welfare Benefit Distribution Check is to be garnished in full each year until all Court obligations are paid in full.

**Travis Rajacic, case #17-086, §8.901, Contempt of Court – 1st offense**

**Sentencing on 08/07/2017, 17-086, §8.901:**

1. Fine \$100.00.

**Shani Shelifoe, case #17-170, §8.901, Contempt of Court – 1st offense**

**Sentencing on 08/07/2017, 17-170, §8.901:**

1. Fine \$100.00.

**Chelsea Brunk, case #17-077, §5.6, Duty to report accidents forthwith – 1st offense**

**Sentencing on 08/09/2017, 17-077, §5.6:**

1. Fine \$100.00.
2. Thirty (30) days jail, credit for 18 days served, 12 days suspended pending successful discharge from probation. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. One to three months of alcohol and drug restricted probation to commence when released from jail, with a \$10.00 monthly fee. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT tests, if any. Defendant is required to report in person to the Probation Office a minimum of one time a month, and as directed by the Probation Office.
4. Restitution in the amount of \$512.75 to be paid to the Tribal Court for processing to the victim, Baraga Village.
5. Defendant's Tribal General Welfare Benefit Distribution Check is to be garnished in full each year until all Court obligations are paid in full.

**JOHNSON PLEADS GUILTY IN MINNESOTA COURT**

Michael Johnson, age 29, entered guilty pleas to two counts of Criminal Vehicular Homicide (Negligence and Sch I or II Controlled Substance Present), both are a ten-year felony; and to one count of Criminal Vehicular Homicide-Great Bodily Harm-Any Amount Sch I or II Controlled Substance, a five-year felony. His pleas were entered before the Minnesota Court at a Pre-Trial Hearing on August 8, 2017. Prosecution will dismiss another seven counts Johnson was facing per a plea agreement for the guilty pleas he entered on the stated three counts that day.

Johnson was the driver in the August 27, 2016, Beartown Firefighters tragic single-vehicle crash that occurred on I-35W in Blaine, MN, which resulted in a roll-over. There were nine firefighters in the vehicle, two of whom were fatally injured. It was with great sadness, the community lost firefighters Alan (AJ) Swartz, age 25, and James (Jimmy) Shelifoe, Jr., age 23, from Baraga, Michigan.

Michael Johnson, of Baraga, remains out on bond and will be sentenced on November 9, 2017, in the 10th Judicial District Court of Anoka County, MN. Family members and victims will be given the opportunity to address the Court with a Victim Impact Statement.



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## Vice President June & July 2017 Monthly Report

### Casino Projects

- I have attended several meetings regarding the design and budget of the expansion and renovations with Gundlach and staff as well as a Town Hall meeting we held for the residents of Chocolay Township. This has been a very difficult project. The CEO will provide additional details in his report.
- Several of us were present for the meetings with the Chocolay Township Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals. Since all of the property, where we are building is not land in trust, we are required to abide by their zoning regulations. We sought and were approved for an exception regarding the height of the hotel and the elevated water tower.
- I attended meetings of the Marquette City Commission and the Marquette Township Board. We are seeking approval to purchase 1% each of their waste water capacity for Chocolay Township for the force sewer main for the project. The City Commission approved the sale, and the Township did not. It will, however, be back on Marquette Township's agenda for August 15. They requested that their Township Manager provide data regarding projections of sewer usage. We do not anticipate any problems as their staff supports the purchase based on their current flow and the amount they predict to need in the future.
- I have been participating in meetings to change the logo of the casinos. Red Circle, our marketing company, has been working on several different options and will be presenting them to the Council within the coming weeks. The project is being lead by Jim Orr, Marketing Director, and has involved several casino staff. The logo has already come a long way, and it really does tell a story about who we are in a very elegant and classy design. I'm anxious for you all to see it.
- We are continuing to look for opportunities to assist us in funding several aspects of the infrastructure for the project, specifically the hotel and the housing units. I am currently working with the Lake Superior Community Partnership as well as reaching out to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

### Tobacco Manufacturing

- Two Board meetings have been held along with several conference calls with the staff of Seneca Manufacturing. Progress continues to be made on preparing the building for the manufacturing. The supply agreement is nearing completion and will be circulated to the board within the next week. The management agreement has been received and needs a few minor changes before being approved.
- We have been told by the Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) that they have received all the necessary documents for our application and are currently working on the background checks for the Board members. Once that is completed a phone interview will be scheduled and following that there will be a site visit.

### General Welfare Programs

- Attorney Rob Porter and I continue to work on the issues with the Social Security Administration and the State of Michigan Department of Human Services on the General Welfare payment issues. At this time it appears that the only permanent fix would be to work on an amendment of the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act. Rob has already begun working on a draft and will need our assistance on lobbying to get it introduced and eventually passed. The National Congress of American Indians is in support and did approve our Resolution last month.

### Baraga County Medical Examiner

- We have recently had an issue with the County Medical Examiner not wanting to perform autopsies of Tribal Members. This is very alarming, and we are working to resolve this problem. I did meet with the County Clerk, Prosecutor, and Chair of the County Commissioners, along with our attorney. Apparently, the Medical Examiner believes he does not have jurisdiction and wants a separate contract with us for our members. The County Prosecutor is working on a legal opinion for the County and will provide it to us once it is complete. We were assured that this did not come from anyone from the County, and they do not support the ME's decision. It was made clear to those at the meeting that KBIC members are citizens of the County, and if this is going to be the standard practice, we will develop a new method for distributing 2% funds.

### SEMCO Pipeline

- A meeting was held with representatives from the SEMCO gas company and Representative Scott Dianda regarding SEMCO's desire to construct a natural gas pipeline from Arnold to Negau-nee Township. Our THPO Director was at the meeting, and SEMCO was encouraged to work with him and to provide additional information.

### Gaming Commission

- In July I happened to be passing by a Gaming Commission meeting and overheard a very heated discussion. I went in and

listened to the conversation concerning changes to the WICs that were being proposed by Management. Because there did not seem to be any resolution, I offered to mediate discussion between Management and Commission Staff. We met the next week to try to work out a compromise that could satisfy both parties. We requested that Staff go through the proposal and assist Management in making changes that were necessary. The requested changes were made, and the WICS relating to the new Marketing positions were approved by the Commission later that same week. It was my impression that the Commission agreed because the Consulting firm, Joseph Eve, is going to be doing an actual re-write of the controls.

- Two members of the Joseph Eve team were on-site this past week and have begun working on developing new internal controls. We had an initial meeting with them and staff, and then President Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr., CEO Larry Denomie III, and I met with them after they spoke with many employees and the Gaming Commission. Both gentlemen stated that everyone had been extremely pleasant and great to work with. They praised our Casino Revenue Audit department. They will be back near the end of this month or the beginning of next month and would like to meet with the Council to discuss what they have discovered and developed.

### Political Meetings

- Democratic candidate for Governor, Bill Cobb, and his wife met with some of us last month. He was a very nice man who wanted to know the needs of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and how he could help us. We were all willing to share our needs with him.
- Matt Morgan, a Democratic candidate for the 1<sup>st</sup> Congressional District, visited last week. He too was interested in the needs of the Community. He plans to visit again and would like to meet other Council members.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Misegan

## Early Cervical Cancer Detection in Native Americans

SAULT STE. MARIE, Michigan – The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan and the American Indian Cancer Foundation are urging Native American women in Michigan to get screened for the human papillomavirus (HPV) cervical cancer.

Cervical cancer is a disease where abnormal cells grow on the cervix. According to the American Indian Cancer Foundation, "American Indian and Alaska Native women are 1.5 times as likely to develop cervical cancer and two times more likely to die from the disease compared to white women. Northern Plains American Indian women are seeing alarming rates; they are nearly two times as likely to develop cervical cancer and four times more likely to die from it when compared to white women."

Screenings should begin around age 21 and should be performed every three years until age 29. At age 30, women can begin regular pap and HPV screenings every five years until age 65. After age 65; keep in touch with your health care provider for direct recommendations.

The best methods to prevent cervical cancer and HPV are to get vaccinated, practice smart sex, quit smoking, and to get screened. The HPV vaccine is recommended for everyone ages 9-26 to protect against HPV cases that lead to nine out of ten cervical cancers. Use protection and talk with your sexual partners: anyone who has ever had anal, vaginal, or oral sex can get HPV. Smoking weakens the immune system, making it harder for the body to fight HPV infection. Cervical cancer is highly curable when detected and treated early.

If there is an abnormal pap, don't panic. An abnormal pap test is not a diagnosis of cervical cancer. Follow up with your health care provider to discuss your screening results and recommendations.

For a full list of tribal health care providers, visit <http://www.itcmi.org/healthcenters> to find the tribal health center closest to you.

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The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. (ITCM) is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation duly organized under a State Charter filed April 16, 1968. The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. is located at 2956 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. It represents eleven of the twelve federally recognized tribes in Michigan. Those being: Bay Mills Indian Community, Hannahville Indian Community, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish (Gun Lake Tribe), Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians, and the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi.

Our Agency is divided into several different divisions, which include Health Services, Behavioral Health, Environmental Services, Child, Family, and Education Services, and Administration. The Agency employs approximately 160 employees, 35 of these employees are based in the Agency's central office in Sault Ste. Marie, while member tribes have offices and staff on site.



## Purchased Referred Care: Program Guidelines

### Program Enrollment

You must be an active user of the KBIC Health System to participate in the Purchase Referred Care program. You must complete a patient registration form with the Patient Registration clerk.

You will be required to show proof of insurance, MI-Health card, Medicaid, Medicare, or other alternate resources (types of insurance) that cover medical care payment. If you do not have insurance, you will be required to apply for Medicaid as an alternate resource. Your Medicaid denial paper is needed by the Patient Benefits Coordinator to decide eligibility.

### Program Eligibility

Provide proof of enrollment in a federally recognized tribe or proof of descendancy from an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe (42 CFRE 136.12).

Proof of residency (CFR 136.220).

Obtain prior approval or self-referred care, notify Purchase Referred Care program, formerly known as CHS, within 72-hours of receiving care or 30 days for elderly and disabled (42CFR 136.24).

### Program Eligibility/ NON-Indian

A non-enrolled woman pregnant with an enrolled KBIC member's child is eligible for the PRC Program throughout her pregnancy and six weeks postpartum. You must apply for Medicaid if you do not have insurance.

A non-enrolled member of an eligible Indian's household is eligible for the PRC program in the event it is necessary to control a public health hazard or if an acute infectious disease contributes to a public health hazard.

### Residency Requirement for Eligibility

You must reside within the Keweenaw Bay Purchase Referred Care Delivery Area of Baraga, Houghton, and Ontonagon counties.

### Payer of Last Resort

The Purchase Referred Care program is a payer of last resort. All other third party recourses must be utilized before PRC monies are used. If you do not have a third-party payer, the Patient Benefits Coordinator will work with you to determine if you are eligible to obtain coverage.

### Alternate Resources

The Purchased Referred Care Program is the "Payer of Last Resort". If you are eligible for an alternate resource, you will be required to apply and utilize those resources first. You must provide your denial from an alternate program.

Failure to apply, incomplete application, or utilization of alternate resources voids your eligibility for the Purchase Referred Care Program.

Purchase Referred Care will not be responsible or authorize payment of services if the patient is eligible for alternate resources as a "payer of last resort." PRC will only pay for authorized and approved care after all other alternate resources have paid.

Submitted by: Joslyn Haataja, PRC Clerk

### Upcoming Events:

- Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group, Sept. 5th 5:30 p.m.
- Breastfeeding Support Group, September 6th 1-3 p.m.
- Childbirth Education, September 14th 1-4 p.m.
- Car Seat Clinic, September 14th by appointment
- Diabetic Foot Clinic, Sept. 13th & 27th, by appointment
- Diabetic Talking Circle, September 20th 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Parent Circle, September 25th 5:30 p.m., please register

## Suicide Prevention Efforts Continue in Baraga County –

### **WALKERS TAKE TO THE STREETS TO FIGHT SUICIDE**

The 2017 Out of the Darkness Community Walk for suicide prevention will be held on Saturday September 9, 2017, at the L'Anse Waterfront Park. Registration begins at 9 a.m. with guest speakers commencing at 10 a.m. followed by a memorial balloon release with the walk beginning at 11 a.m. This year's walk is focusing on raising awareness for military and veteran's suicide prevention needs. We invite motorcycles to join us to "Ride to Fight Suicide". Veterans, active military, and community members from around the area are invited to lead this year's OOTD walk in support of military and veterans suicide awareness.

"We are aware that the suicide rates among male and female veterans, and military service members exceeds the national rate for the general population, and how their deployment impacts many military members and veterans but also their families. I am walking to bring awareness to this leading cause of death and to let people in the community know that they are not alone. There is help out there for those who live with a mental health condition and support for those who have lost a loved one to suicide," said Pam Dove, Baraga County Suicide Prevention Chairperson.

This annual fundraising walk supports the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's local and national programs, and its bold goal to reduce the annual rate of suicide 20 percent by 2025.

Since 2014, the Baraga County Suicide Prevention Coalition Out of the Darkness Walks have raised nearly \$25,000 for suicide prevention and awareness. 50% of funds raised supports the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) efforts at the national level for ongoing research, education, advocacy, and survivorship programs; and the remaining 50% of proceeds are available for use in our own community for AFSP-approved programs or activities. To date, AFSP has provided our community with numerous educational resources which have been made available to groups, organizations, and businesses throughout Baraga County; support for our "Paint the Field Blue" suicide prevention events at high school sporting events; facilitator trainings for our Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group; and funding support for Mental Health First Aid and Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training programs. Most recently, a portion of our local AFSP funds have been utilized to purchase the Signs of Suicide Program for L'Anse Middle and High School. This program is currently offered at Baraga Middle and High Schools.

To register for this year's Out of the Darkness Walk, or to donate: <https://afsp.donordrive.com/event/BaragaCounty>. If you have any further questions you may contact Pam Dove at [pdove@bcmh.org](mailto:pdove@bcmh.org) or 906-524-3449 or Ann Marie Amsler at [annmarie@kbic-nsn.gov](mailto:annmarie@kbic-nsn.gov) or 906-353-4506.

Submitted by: Ann Marie Amsler, MSW, Clinical Social Worker

### **National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month**

One in three children in the United States are overweight or obese. Childhood obesity puts kids at risk for health problems that were once seen only in adults, like type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, and heart disease.

The good news is that childhood obesity can be prevented. In honor of National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month, KBIC Health System encourages your family to make healthy changes together.

Get active outside: Walk around the neighborhood, go on a bike ride, or play basketball at the park.

Limit screen time: Keep time spent on the computer, TV, or playing video games to two hours or less a day.

Make healthy meals: Buy and serve more vegetables, fruits, and whole-grain foods.

Taking small steps as a family can help your child stay at a healthy weight.

Submitted by: Mindy Lantz, RN, Public Health Nurse

Source: [healthfidner.gov](http://healthfidner.gov)

## KBIC Handicapped Accessible Van Guidelines



### Eligibility

Enrolled KBIC members and their non-KBIC family members who are not mobile enough to be transported without the assistance of a wheelchair lift (Eligible User), are eligible to use the Handicap Accessible Van (HAV).

### Overview

The driver of the HAV assumes the duty of obeying all motor vehicle laws, maintaining the vehicle properly at all times, and compliance with the following guidelines.

### Vehicle Purposes

The HAV shall be used for transportation to medical appointments or for other purposes approved by the CEO or Tribal President.

### Authorized Driver

Drivers must have a valid and unrestricted driver's license and must be able to drive a HAV.

The HAV is available to allow drivers to perform approved transportation activities in a safe, efficient, and economical way, while promoting a positive image of the KBIC. Drivers are required to operate the HAV in a safe and responsible manner.

First time drivers of the HAV shall be provided instruction on how to operate the wheelchair lift by the Tribal Center Receptionist prior to their trip.

The following rules apply to use of the HAV:

- Only authorized individuals may drive.
- The vehicle must be picked up at the assigned location and returned to that location after use. The vehicle must be locked and the keys secured at all times.
- The driver must record the vehicle use in the Driver Log. The

Driver Log is to be kept in the HAV at all times and returned at the end of use for review.

- The driver and all passengers must wear available personal restraints including seatbelts. Eligible Users must be secured in the rear of the HAV utilizing the available locking straps.
- Report all accidents immediately to the appropriate police and the CEO's Office (906-353-4104).

### Maintenance

Drivers and Eligible Users are required to properly maintain the HAV at all times. The HAV must be returned in the same condition it was issued: clean and fuel tank filled. Fuel cost is to be paid by the Eligible User.

The HAV should not be operated with any defect that would prevent safe operation during current and foreseeable weather and lighting conditions. Preventative maintenance such as regular oil changes, lubrication, tire pressure, and fluid checks, determine to a large extent whether Eligible Users will have a reliable and safe vehicle to drive. Please report any issues with the HAV experienced during your use to the CEO's office.

The use of tobacco products by all occupants in the vehicle is strictly prohibited and includes; cigars, cigarettes, chewing tobacco, e-cigarettes, and all other forms of tobacco.

### Traffic Violations

Fines for parking, moving violations, etc., are the personal responsibility of the driver/Eligible User.

### Accidents Involving the HAV

In the event of an accident:

- Do not admit negligence or liability.
- Do not attempt settlement, regardless of how minor.
- Get name, address and phone number of injured person(s) and witness(s) if possible.
- Exchange vehicle identification, insurance company name, and policy numbers with the other driver.
- Take a photograph of the scene of accident if possible.
- Call the police.
- Complete the vehicle accident report in the HAV.
- Turn all information over to the CEO's Office upon your return.

### Thefts

In the event the HAV is stolen, notify local police immediately.

### Driver Responsibilities

The driver/Eligible User is responsible for the actual possession, care, and use of the HAV. Therefore, responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following:

- Operate the HAV in a manner consistent with responsible practices that avoid abuse, theft, neglect, or disrespect of the HAV.

Failure to comply with the responsibilities will result in denied future use and may result in additional costs to the Eligible User.

## KBOCC's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Health Screening a Community Success.

Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College's first annual health screening touched 43 children ages 0-5 years of age. Through funding from the American Indian College Fund's TCU ECE Initiative, Restorative Teachings, four tribal early learning programs which included: Pre-Primary Program, OCC Child Care, Migiziinsag (Little Eagles), and KBIC Early Head Start and Head Start, participated in the health screening. Keri Williams, a



Hayden Bemis, Deb Herrala, and JR Bemis.

child care provider at OCC and recent graduate from KBOCC's Early Childhood Education Program stated, "The collaboration between programs and agencies was 'beautiful.'" In collaboration with KBIC Health Systems and Copper Country Intermediate School District and Copper Country Mental Health, children and their families had the opportunity to visit a pediatrician, dental hygienist, nutritional specialist, speech and language specialists, and their teachers for developmental screenings. In addition, there were programs who shared information about WIC, behavioral health, car seat safety, and more. Snacks, door prizes, and gifts were given out to the families. "It was a wonderful 'one stop shop,'" said parent Joanna Bemis. "It was quick, easy and busy!"

## Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College (KBOCC) has been approved to participate with T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood@ MICHIGAN.

T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood@ MICHIGAN is a statewide scholarship program designed to help child care center teaching staff, preschool teachers, family child care providers, group home owners, center directors, and (10) Midaaswi

administrators meet their professional development goals. It provides them the opportunity to grow as professionals and to continue their current employment by linking education, compensation, and commitment to improving the quality of early education.

T.E.A.C.H. stands for Teacher Education and Compensation Helps. It will pay tuition and approved fees for up to six credits per semester that apply to an Early Childhood/Child Development Associate Degree at KBOCC. "T.E.A.C.H. early childhood has provided thousands of early educators across the country with the opportunity to go to college, earn more money, improve their skills, and stay in the profession that they love," said CCSA President Sue Russell. Two major challenges occur in the early education and care field – low wages and high turnover. T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood@ MICHIGAN addresses these challenges through scholarships that help to increase compensation and the retention of skilled teachers.

"KBOCC is delighted to be able to offer T.E.A.C.H. scholarships to support students and early childhood professionals in our area to help improve early learning for our young children," stated Lynn Aho, Dean of Instruction. For more information contact Cheryl LaRose, Early Childhood Department Chair at 524-8305.

## MIGIZIINSAG ~ LITTLE EAGLES Pre-K Program Now Enrolling



Great Start to Readiness Program (GSRP) is a free kindergarten readiness program funded by the State of Michigan.

Children must be 4 by September 1, 2017 and meet eligibility guidelines.

- ★ Classes meet 4 days per week.
- ★ Classroom is located in the Wabanung Campus.
- ★ Early Childhood Degreed Teachers.
- ★ 1:8 teacher-student ratio
- ★ Parent involvement programs and activities
- ★ Research based curriculum that includes, literacy, math, health, and social development
- ★ Great Start to Quality 5 Star Rating.

For enrollment information contact:  
(906) 524-8513  
or  
[www.kboccchildren.org](http://www.kboccchildren.org)



**Eligible families Need:**

- Proof of Residency
- Birth Certificate
- Immunization Record
- Proof of income



# Deepest Sympathy

## Henry Melvin Madosh (October 12, 1951—July 26, 2017)

Henry Melvin Madosh, age 65 of Baraga, MI, passed away on Wednesday, July 26, 2017, at his home.

He was born October 12, 1951, in Marquette, MI, the son of Richard and Elsie (Ketchum) Madosh. Henry grew up in Marquette and spent over 20 years with the Skerbeck Brothers Carnival, and then as a chef at the casino in Mt. Pleasant prior to moving back to Baraga three years ago.

Henry was a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Ojibwa Seniors, and American Indian Movement (AIM). He enjoyed fishing, hunting, traveling, and Native American culture.

Surviving are twin sons: Peter Niemi of Tampa, FL, and Paul (Jada) Niemi of Marinette, MI; siblings: Dorothy Gove, Linda (Louis) Rabitaille, Maggie (Ron) McDaniels all of Marquette, George (Cindy) Madosh of Ishpeming, Bernadette (Jeff) Sharp of Little Lake, MI, Beverly (Craig of Gwinn) Girard of Baraga, Sara Lee Remick of Marquette, Jacqueline (Dennis Liquia) Madosh of Palmer, MI, Michelle Madosh of Fort Wayne, IN, and David (LeAnne) Madosh of Zeba; and seven grandchildren.

Preceding him in death are his parents; a brother, Richard Madosh Jr.; and numerous aunts and uncles.

On Friday, August 4, 2017, a feast was held at the Superior View Senior Living Complex in Baraga; and on Saturday, August 5, 2017, a feast was held at the Ojibwa Community Building in Marquette. The Jacobson Funeral Home assisted the family.

## Jerry Lee LaFernier (January 11, 1951—August 5, 2017)

Jerry Lee LaFernier, age 66, of Baraga, MI, passed away on Saturday, August 5, 2017, at his home.

He was born January 11, 1951, in Baraga, the son of Bernard and Virginia (Kunick) LaFernier. Jerry attended school in Baraga until going into the U.S. Marines. He worked at White Pine Mine until it had closed; then he worked at Pettibone, and last for KBIC Cultural Center, retiring this year.

Jerry was a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and Ojibwa Seniors. He enjoyed woodworking, gardening, going to the casino, and socializing down at the Legion in Baraga.

Surviving are his children: Toni (John) Sypniewski of Howell, MI, Renee McCoy of WI, Mandy (Erik) LaFernier of Ontonagon, Jerod LaFernier of Calumet, and Jimmy (Brooke) LaFernier of L'Anse; brother: Bernard LaFernier of Baraga; brother-in-law Bob Manning of Baraga; grandchildren: Brandi Watt, Adam Watt, Ashton Colborne, Brittany McCoy, Brandon McCoy, Alex McCoy, Benson McCoy, Daniel Fleury, Lexi Hill, Braelyn LaFernier, Rilee Fish, Breanne Dudo, and Carter white; aunts: Ann Swartz and Frannie Chartier.

Preceding him in death are his parents, and a sister Kathleen Manning.

A celebration of life was held on Saturday, August 12, 2017, at the American Legion Post 444 in Baraga. Burial was held at the Baraga Cemetery. The Jacobson Funeral Home assisted the family.

## 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         |

The Education Department is pleased to announce the following twenty-two KBIC college graduates for the 2016-17 academic year:

Jolene DeCota, Ojibwa Community College, Early Childhood Education, A.A.

Amanda Furr, Northern Michigan University, Clinical Lab Science, A.A.

Brittane Gauthier, Ojibwa Community College, Early Childhood Education, A.A.

Michelle Moulden, Ojibwa Community College, Business, A.A.

Colton Richard, Bay de Noc Community College, History, A.A.

Payton Shelafoe, Bay de Noc Community College, Water Resource Management, A.A.

Cynthia Thierry, Ojibwa Community College, Business, A.A.

Sierra Ayres, The University of Michigan, Sociology, B.A.

Amanda Bloxton-Kippola, Northern Michigan University, Social Work, B.S.

Durwyn Chaudier, Northern Michigan University, Criminal Justice, B.S.

Jessica Dakota, Northern Michigan University, Nursing, B.S.N.

Savannah Dakota, The University of Michigan, Women's Studies, B.A.

Paige Graham, The University of Michigan, Music, B.A.

Jacob Haapapuro, Michigan Technological University, Civil Engineering, B.S.

Nicholas Mayo, Ferris State University, Health System Administration/Health Information Systems, B.S.

Corey Pietila, Grand Valley State University, Criminal Justice/Legal Studies, B.S.

Rebecca Rasanen, Ferris State University, Nuclear Medicine Technology, B.S.

Sara Remick, Northern Michigan University, Loss Prevention/Native American Studies B.S.

Donald Stolp, Jr., Northern Michigan University, Social Work, B.S.

Rachel Sutherland, Grand Valley State University, Legal Studies, B.S.

Michaela Velmer, Ave Maria University, History, B.S.

Jennifer Westman, Central Michigan University, General Administration, M.A.

Congratulations to the graduates. We are very proud of you and your accomplishments!

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

## EDUCATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM

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. Awards are given for Honor Roll and Perfect Attendance. Students must meet the following criteria:

1. Must be enrolled KBIC members.
2. Must reside in one of the following four counties: Baraga, Houghton, Ontonagon, or Marquette.
3. Must attend a public or private school.

A student's Honor Roll status is defined according to the regulations of their school district. Students in grades 4 through 12 are eligible to receive this award.

Perfect Attendance follows the school policy also but time for doctor or dental appointments and funerals may be allowed. Please contact the following people for more information:

- L'Anse Area Schools – Shellie Denomie 524-6000 ext. 369, [sdenomie@laschools.us](mailto:sdenomie@laschools.us)
- Baraga Area Schools – Helen Jondreau 353-6661 [hjondreau@up.net](mailto:hjondreau@up.net)
- All others contact Amy St. Arnold 353-4117 [amy@kbic-nsn.gov](mailto:amy@kbic-nsn.gov)

Houghton, Ontonagon, and Marquette students must provide a copy of the student report card. If attendance is not noted on the card, please have a school official document by signature. Report cards may be mailed to Keweenaw Bay Tribal Center, Education Office, 16429 Beartown Rd. Baraga MI 49908

## An Award-Winning Program

Eight (8) – 2-hour sessions will be held on Tuesdays starting:  
September 26,  
October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31,  
November 7, and 14

2:00 to 4:00 pm  
KBIC Health System,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room

For participants 60 and older.  
Commitment to attend all sessions to benefit class.

Registration required, limited space for the first 12, need minimum of eight (8) to begin classes. Call Dawn Kemppainen at 353-4521 to register.

## Do You Have CONCERNS About Falling?

A Matter of Balance  
Can help reduce the fear of falling and increase the activity levels of older adults who have concerns about falling.



Sponsored by KBIC Community Health Department and UPCAP

## Some things you should know

- Assault is a crime!
- No one deserves to be abused.
- It is not your fault.
- You have a right to be safe.
- Help is available.
- You are not alone.
- Domestic Violence can be fatal.

### Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Office of Violence against Women - Transition House

Crisis Line: [906-353-4599](tel:906-353-4599) Phone

Email : [naadamaage247@gmail.com](mailto:naadamaage247@gmail.com)

Our Crisis line and email are  
monitored 24/7 365.

Remember you do not have to be in a crisis to  
call and get information, resources, or safety  
planning. We are always here to listen.



Mark your Calendar!

Sept 30, 2017

9th Annual Domestic Violence  
Awareness Month KICK-OFF!

“ We take care of our families by making  
sure they get their health check-ups,  
so why not take care of ourselves? ”

Janna H., Cervical Cancer Survivor



## Become a Foster Parent



Our Children Are Our Future

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

Share Your Home and Heart  
With a Native Child



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### KBIC SENIORS

Eliason Law Office is taking appointments for phone conferences for: Tribal Elder Wills and General Durable Powers of Attorney/Health Care Powers of Attorney. Please call Geneva Brennan at the Tribal Attorney's office (906) 353-4107 to schedule a phone conference and pick up intake worksheets. There is no charge for this service.

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## Baraga County Out of the Darkness Walk/Ride for Veteran & Military Suicide Prevention

All Veterans, Active Military, Community Members & Motorcycles Welcome!



**WALK TO  
FIGHT  
SUICIDE**

Veterans, Active Military and Community members are invited to join the Baraga County Suicide Prevention Coalition in raising awareness for military and veteran suicide prevention needs. Motorcycles are invited to lead this year's OOD to work in support of the cause. Register at [afsp.donordrive.com/event/BaragaCounty](http://afsp.donordrive.com/event/BaragaCounty). For more information, contact Pam at (906) 524-3449.

**Baraga County  
OUT OF THE DARKNESS Community Walk**

Saturday, September 9, 2017 - 10 a.m. to Noon  
L'Anse Waterfront Park

Register today at  
[afsp.org/donordrive.com](http://afsp.org/donordrive.com)

AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR  
SUICIDE PREVENTION

★ RIDE TO ★  
**FIGHT SUICIDE**

Saturday, September 9, 2017 - 10 am to Noon  
**Baraga County Out of the Darkness Walk/Ride**  
L'Anse Waterfront Park, L'Anse, MI  
[afsp.donordrive.com/event/baragacounty](http://afsp.donordrive.com/event/baragacounty)

Motorcycles are invited to lead the 4th Annual Baraga County Out of the Darkness Walk to help raise awareness for Veteran and Military suicide prevention needs. All veterans, active military and community members are welcome! Register for this year's Out of the Darkness Walk/Ride at [afsp.donordrive.com/event/baragacounty](http://afsp.donordrive.com/event/baragacounty). For more information, contact Pam at (906) 524-3449. Ride to Fight Suicide!

LEARN MORE  
[afsp.org](http://afsp.org)

Register to participate or donate today at  
[afsp.donordrive.com/event/baragacounty](http://afsp.donordrive.com/event/baragacounty)

Brought to you by the Baraga County Suicide Prevention Coalition, a work group of Baraga County CTC