

# WIKWEDONG DAZHI-OJIBWE

The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwe

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## EIGHT CHOSEN CANDIDATES ADVANCE TO GENERAL ELECTION



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Baraga District voters registering to cast their ballots in the Primary Election.

Voters of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community cast their ballots at the November 4, 2017, Primary Election, advancing eight candidates to the Tribe's General Election. Baraga District Precinct was held at the Ojibwa Senior Center, and L'Anse District Precinct was located at the Zeba Community Hall. Voters cast their ballot for two individuals in their district, allowing for the top four vote getters to advance. The General Election will be held on Saturday, December 16, 2017. Results are:

### Baraga District results:

Doreen Blaker (Inc.) 109 votes; Robert "Robbie" Mayo 36 votes;  
Robert D. "RD" Curtis (Inc.) 54 votes; Jerry Magnant "Mayo 42 votes;  
Kim Klopstein 50 votes; Don Messer, Jr. 37 votes;  
Mike P. Lahti 76 votes; Debbie Parrish 38 votes.

### L'Anse District results:

Randy Haataja (Inc.) 59 votes; Toni J. Minton (Inc.) 53 votes;  
Lyndon Ekdahl 36 votes; Jean Jokinen 29 votes;  
Chris C. Voakes 34 votes.

## KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY Registered Voters

The General Election will be held on Saturday, December 16, 2017.

Voters residing in the Baraga District will vote at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens Center. Voters residing in the L'Anse District will vote at the Zeba Community Hall. Polls will be open from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

### Tribal Council Seats

#### Baraga District

Doreen Blaker (Inc.)  
Robert "RD" Curtis, Jr. (Inc.)  
Kim Klopstein  
Michael P. Lahti

#### L'Anse District

Randy Haataja (Inc.)  
Toni J. Minton (Inc.)  
Lyndon Ekdahl  
Chris C. Voakes

ONLY REGISTERED VOTERS WILL BE PERMITTED TO VOTE.  
(Per Election Ordinance).

### 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

- Eight Candidates Advance To General Election
- President Swartz Gives Oral Testimony To Senate
- November 2, 2017 Tribal Council Meeting
- New Employees—Who's Who and Who's New
- A Successful Wild Rice Camp Held
- Council Receives Chi Miigwech From Youth

## COPS DONATE FOR A GOOD CAUSE



Proceeds from the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Police Casual Friday and No-Shave November Campaigns were donated to Tribal Social Services as part of their 2017 fundraising efforts to give presents to needy children within our community this holiday season.

It's nice to know that walking around in jeans and a beard can help a good cause. In all, \$226.00 was donated to help insure that no child in our community goes without a Merry Christmas this year.

Pictured left to right are: Detective Sgt. Dale Goodreau, and Chief of Police Duane Misegan, of the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Police Department, and Jacqui Gorczewicz and Holley Makela, KBIC Tribal Social Services Specialists. Picture compliments of Charles Miller, SORNA.



### Keweenaw Bay Indian Community

#### Office of Child Support Services

P.O. Box 490 Baraga, MI 49908

Phone : 906-353-4566

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"YOUR Children ... OUR Priority"

#### We provide the following services:

- Paternity Establishment
- Establishment of Child Support
  - Outreach Services
  - Mediation

## November 2, 2017 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Regular Monthly Tribal Council Meeting was held on Friday, November 2, 2017, at the Marquette Community Center in Harvey, Michigan. President Warren Swartz, Jr., presided over the meeting with Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, Toni Minton, Doreen Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Randall Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot, and Elizabeth D. Mayo present. Fred Dakota was absent.

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

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

Under recognized scheduled delegation/individuals: April Lindala, Director of Northern Michigan University (NMU) Center for Native American Studies (CNAS), addressed Council on a number of items. April introduced Violet M. Friisvall Ayres' college class who were present in the audience at today's meeting. They are students of NMU's Tribal Law and Government Class. April Lindala and Dr. Abigail Wyche shared exciting news of NMU CNAS being chosen to receive one of three awards handed out by the Department of Justice (DOJ). They were awarded a DOJ Victims' Services Award. April wanted to thank the Council for KBIC's Resolution which was submitted with their application. The center is looking forward to working with the Community to help those who are in need of these services. They are proposing that NMU offer a Native American Community Services Associates Degree. These students would be offered an internship of 400 hours, and these hours will be fulfilled by working in the Tribal Community. They are also proposing for NMU to offer a Master's Degree in Social Work and are hoping to be able to admit their first students in the program next fall. These students will need 900 hours of internship to earn the degree, and these hours will be fulfilled by working in the Tribal Community. This is a lot of internship hours and being awarded the DOJ Grant Victims Services Grant will allow for incentives to be given to the student interns serving at Tribal Communities in Victim Services Programs.

April announced to Council and others present, that the Native American Student Association (NASA) is hosting the 17th Annual First Nations Food Taster on November 10, 2017, 5 pm—7 pm. at the D.J. Jacobetti Complex Commons, Northern University Michigan, Marquette, MI. Tickets are available by cash or check at the door: \$7 NMU students w/ID, Elders, Veterans, or Children ages 5-11, \$15 General Admission.

April thanked Council for their letter of support for NMU CNAS' Indigenous Women Working in Science Project Grant. After completing the first year, they had 73 partners representing seven states. In the Summer Youth Program, 47 young students earned four credits in Native American Studies where they integrated Native Studies with Science Technology, Engineering, and Math. A highlight of this program was making a birch bark canoe.

Sandy Carlson addressed Council in regards to the Marquette Seniors' Christmas Party. Last year seniors were allowed to either choose a gas card or to attend a Christmas Dinner Party. Sandy offered to sit with the KBIC officials when they are distributing the General Welfare Support Program checks to see what

the seniors want this year, but she is unable to organize the party. Sandy asked if anyone present would like to volunteer and organize the Marquette Seniors' Christmas Party this year. She and others present noted that the seniors would like a gift card other than a gas card. Some of them do not drive and it is of no use for them. She suggested maybe a Wal-Mart card would be a better choice. Consensus of the Council is to offer choices at the General Welfare Support Program distribution at Marquette.

Joe DeRocha thanked the Council for their support and efforts in the Joe DeRocha Campaign in the Special Election for the state representative seat of the 109th District of the Michigan Legislature. He is grateful for the friendship that has been created and the continued relationship he has with the Council. Secondly, as the County Vice-Chair, "I applaud you for your efforts for your economic development project and pursuing the hurdles you address on a monthly basis to make things happen and supplying employment of quality jobs. Marquette County applauds the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community in their efforts. If there are any issues that arise where Marquette County can help the tribe get over humps or speed bumps, do not hesitate to call me."

Glen Bressette, Sr. informed Council that KBIC Tribal Veterans Wiikwedong Ogichidaa Society Honor Guard has been requested to participate by carrying the flags into the NMU Dome at the November 11, 2017, football game. It is the first time that a Native American Honor Guard in this area has been asked to do this. "At 12:00 noon on November 11, 2017, Veteran's Day there will be a special ceremony, and we will present the colors at that ceremony. We are proud to carry those flags and the KBIC Eagle Staff on to that field when they play the National Anthem." Councilor Rodney Loonsfoot added, "We will bring in the flags and the KBIC Eagle Staff dancing to our flag song. Then they will play the National Anthem. After the National Anthem, we will dance the flags back out." Also before the Marquette event, they will participate at a ceremony in Baraga at 9:00 a.m.

Rodney Loonsfoot informed Council and those present that the Wiikwedong Ogichidaa Society (KBIC Honor Guard) participated in the Eagle Staff Gathering on September 22-24, 2017, in Bay Mills, Michigan. This Eagle Staff Gathering will be held at the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community in 2018 and the organization would like to thank Tribal Council for assisting them in holding this event.

James Orr, Marketing Manager of the Ojibwa Casinos, and Chad Germann, President of the Red Circle Agency, presented a proposed logo for the Ojibwa Casinos. No action was taken.

Treasurer Doreen Blaker presented the November 2017 donations requests. **Motion by Jennifer Misegan to approve November 2017 donations as: \$5,000.00 for Keweenaw Land Trust; \$200.00 L'Anse Yearbook 2018; \$500.00 March of Dimes – Baraga Fund Drive; \$2,000.00 Republic Michigan Veteran's Memorial Fund; \$500.00 Baraga Fire Department's Children's Christmas Party; \$500.00 Calumet Art Center membership renewal; \$200.00 for the Baraga Youth Football Program's dinner for a total of \$8,900.00, supported by Rodney Loonsfoot. Ten supported (Misegan, S. LaFernier, Minton, Blaker, Curtis, Haataja, M. LaFernier, G. Loonsfoot, R. Loonsfoot, Mayo), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Dakota), motion carried.**

Council adjourned with no further business on the agenda.

~ Submitted by Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor

## President's Report for the Month of October 2017

The past few months have been very busy in the Office of the President. The following activities are intended to summarize the activities related to this office.

- The beginning of October started with our Annual Harvest Feast. This was done in conjunction with our monthly council meeting. One of the highlights of the meeting was to hear from our Congressional Representative Jack Bergman. In addition to Mr. Bergman's good words, everyone who attended was able to sit down and enjoy a meal with family and friends. Chi Miigwech to everyone who helped in one way or another.
- A couple days later here at the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, we had the honor of hosting the annual Michigan Indian Elders Association meeting. I attended sessions and was able to watch the association take up and pass a resolution related to the Sand Hill Crane hunting season. Apparently, the Michigan Natural Resources Commission is considering an open hunting season for Sand Hill Cranes. The MIEA is opposed to the hunting of these birds.
- The next day I travelled to Shelbyville, Michigan, to attend the United Tribes of Michigan meeting.
  - We elected executive officers who are the same as last year.
  - We passed Resolutions supporting funding of the USDA Tribal Food Program. Discussions before United States

Congress call for adding an employment requirement and initiate block granting of these programs that would funnel funding of Native American Nations who utilize the food programs and nutritional supplements through the states. It is not appropriate to ask sovereign tribal governments to apply for a program through a state agency. We also called upon Congress to fund the USDA Food Program at a minimum to current levels.

- We passed a Resolution supporting an amendment to the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act PL 113-168 to recognize the treatment of income for purposes of benefits eligibility. The Act enables the Tribe to provide certain benefits to its members either directly or in the form of financial support. The IRS issued additional guidance, making it clear that general welfare is not to be included as income. The State of Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has recently excluded certain payments to Tribal members from income. The Resolution supports passage of legislation to amend the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act to ensure that Tribal benefits are excluded for purposes of State and Federal benefits eligibility. This is a legislative fix to ensure that such payments are excluded for the purpose of benefits eligibility.
- It was reported that KBIC had 327 applications for the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver, and 323 were verified.

There are a number of reasons an applicant could be denied, including: an incomplete application, not an enrolled tribal member, school is not a public institution, student doesn't meet ¼-blood quantum, or the student is not a Michigan resident.

- We continue to attend VOIGT and GLIFWC Board of Commissioners meetings. These meetings help us to monitor treaty-protected activities throughout the ceded territories.
- I participated in a number of meetings related to the community's tobacco manufacturing. We had our site visit and are now waiting for a favorable opinion allowing us to open the doors and begin the manufacturing process.
- I attended a retirement party for Carole LaPointe. The party was held at the Donald A. LaPointe Health Center. A number of people spoke about the good things Carole has accomplished over the years. I took the opportunity to thank Carole for her dedicated service and wished her well in her retirement.
- I participated in an interview conducted by one of our own Tribal members. Mitch Bolo interviewed me and asked me a number of questions related to Office of the President. Mitch said the interview is part of a college project, and when he's finished, people will be able to view it.
- I signed an independent contractor agreement between the Community and Lauri Denomie for her services as the Community's Newsletter Editor.
- We met with State Representative Scott Dianda and Representatives from the Highland Copper Mining Company to discuss their operations in the Western U.P. In May of 2017, Highland Copper acquired from Kennecott Exploration Company and Rio Tinto Nickel Company ("RTX"), subsidiaries of the Rio Tinto Group, mineral properties covering approximately 447,842 acres in the Upper Peninsula of the State of Michigan, U.S.A.

(the UPX properties). The acquisition of the UPX properties establishes Highland as a dominant mining exploration and development company in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and offers the opportunity to build a pipeline of projects that could be developed in the future. There are many potential problems for KBIC, including potential for ON-RESERVATION MINING in the company's plans. These issues have not been fully vetted yet and require on-going monitoring to keep up with the activities of Highland Copper.

- I participated in a number of meetings related to Buffalo Reef in raising awareness to this issue and advocating that the EPA take steps to remediate the impacts of the Gay stamp sands on the Buffalo Reef.
  - We need a long term strategy to address this issue.
  - We need to educate the Federal agency staff about treaty rights.
  - We need consistent, sufficient funding to help us bring good science and policy to the table.
  - Advocate for a Task Force to be formed with State, Federal, and Tribal government to develop a long-term strategy to address these issues.
- The culmination of those meetings resulted in my testimony in Washington D.C. to the Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard with the United States Senate. The topic for the Subcommittee was titled "Exploring Native American Subsistence Rights and International Treaties" on October 31, 2017, at the Russell Senate Office Building, Room 253. See article that contains my oral testimony and written comments given at the Senate hearing.

Respectfully submitted,  
Warren C. Swartz

## Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr.'s Oral Testimony To The Senate on October 31, 2017, for the Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard Exploring Native American Subsistence Rights and International Treaties, given at the Russell Senate Office Building, Room 253.



U.S. Senator Gary Peters (MI) (left), Ranking Member of the Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries and Coast Guard Subcommittee, hosted Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. (right), President of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC), at a subcommittee hearing this week on how to protect Native American lands for future generations. Decades of mining and manufacturing in the Upper Peninsula have resulted in long-term pollution issues, including stamp sands: a hazardous material that is a byproduct from ore processing. Today, miles of stamp sands remain on the shore of Lake Superior and have significantly eroded shorelines, devastated fisheries, and negatively altered the landscape KBIC residents rely on.

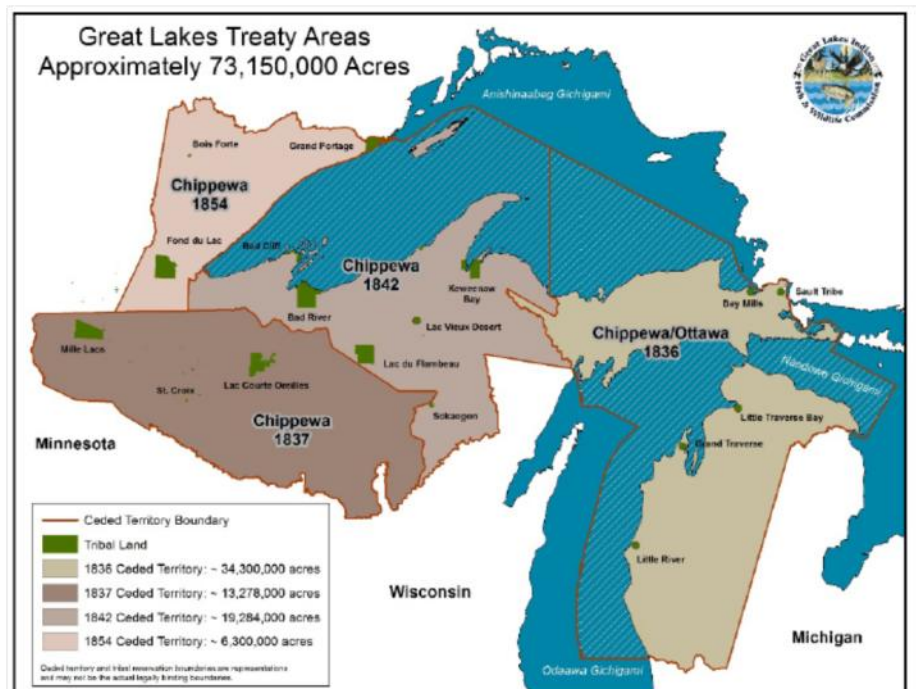
"In the Great Lakes, communities like the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community have been fishing Lake Trout and Whitefish for millennia," said Senator Peters. "We need multi-pronged solutions to solve the stamp sands problems, and all Michiganders—tribal and non-tribal, young and old—have a stake in the outcome."

"Good afternoon Chairman Sullivan, Ranking Member Peters, and members of the sub-committee. My name is Chris Swartz, and I am the President of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community is located on the L'Anse Indian Reservation, Michigan's largest and oldest reservation. We live on the shores of Lake Superior's Keweenaw Peninsula in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Thank you very much for the opportunity to appear before you today.

I am here today representing my Tribe. We are not the only federally recognized tribe that is deeply concerned about the protection of our natural resources, so we may exercise our treaty rights. The threats to those rights and intergovernmental co-management are important to all eleven tribes who are members of an organization called the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission.

The Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission is an extremely important organization made up of eleven Ojibwa tribes

who retain treaty rights to hunt, fish, and gather in territory ceded to the United States in the mid-1800's. Vast portions of Lakes Superior, Huron, and Michigan were ceded in the Treaties of 1836 and 1842.



These treaties were and are made between nations and are as relevant as the treaties with our Canadian neighbors. Over the years, Federal and State Courts have affirmed our treaty-reserved rights to hunt, fish, and gather off our reservations on these ceded lands around the Great lakes.

These rights were not granted in the treaties without purpose; they were reserved by our ancestors to provide for the continuation of our way of life.

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, as well as all other tribes with reservations on the shores of the Great Lakes, depended on a healthy and robust Great Lakes fishery for thousands of years.

Today, we struggle to maintain this culturally significant practice to provide the extremely important food source we need. This sustenance resource is not only physical; it is also spiritual, culturally important, and medicinal.

As I sit before you Mr. Chairman with my fellow witnesses from Alaska who are able to feed their communities while the fisheries in Alaska do so much to feed the world, I have to be honest with you and the rest of the subcommittee. The truth is that after they clear-cut our forests and mined copper, iron ore, and other metals across our ceded territory to build Detroit, Chicago, Milwaukee, and many other cities, our ability to thrive as a fishing tribe was decimated. While those cities were being built, our fish fed the occupants of many of those rapidly growing cities. If this had not taken place, I assure you we would be competing with Alaska on the commercial

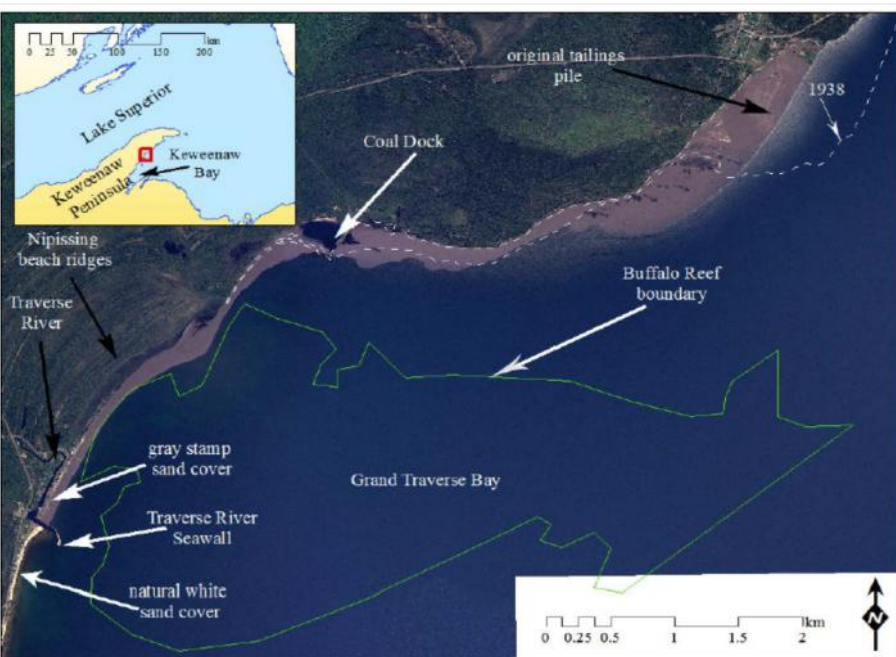
**President Warren “Chris” Swartz, Jr. Testimony to the Senate continued:**

fishing front.

Today as a result of mining activity in our ceded territory, there is an ever increasing direct threat to the fishery resource on Lake Superior, especially to Lake Trout and Whitefish. A highly important Whitefish and Lake Trout spawning reef near Grand Traverse Harbor is being literally smothered by mining waste.

This threat, if left unaddressed, will undermine the progress made in restoring a ‘self-sustaining’ Lake Trout fishery in Lake Superior. In failing to uphold our international agreement with Canada in these regards, this threat further undermines the ability of my Tribe and others to sustain themselves through the harvest and sharing of fish.

Mining waste, called stamp sand was dumped along the eastern shore of Lake Superior’s Keweenaw Peninsula during the late 1800’s and early 1900’s. The stamp sands destroy the spawning reef by filling in the cobble substrate where the fish lay eggs. The stamp sands also contain high levels of copper, mercury, arsenic, and other contaminants toxic to aquatic life. As such, juvenile fish are not found in shoreline habitats that are covered in stamp sands along this reef.



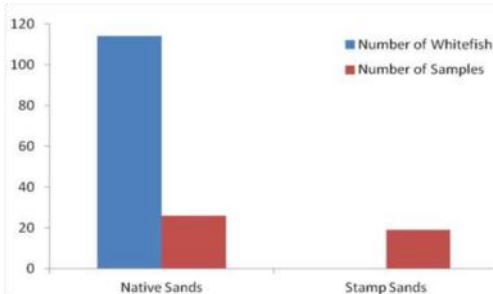
The Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission were pioneers in identifying this problem and have been more than just advocates in identifying solutions. My Tribe and the other Great Lakes Ojibwa Tribes depend on the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission to work with many others to solve this problem and fulfill the obligation of the international treaties and agreements with Canada.

We are taking action – federal, state, and tribal managers have coordinated to take immediate steps to protect the viable portion of the reef. This past summer, dredging of stamp sands occurred in Grand Traverse Harbor and the adjacent beach area. In addition, funds were committed to dredge a trench or trough that has protected the reef but which has now filled up with stamp sands. This dredging is estimated to provide three-five years of protection for the reef, but the trough will refill, and stamp sands will again encroach upon the reef. A federal, state, tribal Task Force is now being established to explore long-term solutions to the problem and identify sources of funding. There is no one partner who can accomplish this work. A commitment and cooperation by all affected governments will be necessary.

In closing, I respectfully request Congressional support of the Intergovernmental Task Force created to develop locally driven solutions. Much of this effort comes from funding made available through Congressional appropriations for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative – including and especially funding for the appropriate and legitimate role of tribes as full partners. With this effort we can prevent the damage occurring at this spawning reef and actually make some semblance of progress in restoring the tremendous potential for the Great Lakes to become on par with Alaska in feeding an ever-growing world.

After all, a healthy and well-fed world is a safer world for all of us in the United States of America. Thank you again for this opportunity. I’d be happy to answer any questions you may have.”

Additional comments were contained in President Warren “Chris” Swartz, Jr.’s written testimony, and they included:



The Great Lakes support a \$7-billion commercial, subsistence and recreational fishery, including associated tourism expenditures and more than 75,000 direct and indirect jobs. In Michigan waters of Lake Superior, Buffalo Reef is estimated to supply 23% of the tribal commercial harvest of Lake Trout,

and the loss of this habitat will likely result in the loss of approximately 125,000 pounds of Whitefish and 12,500 pounds of Lake Trout annually. If the reef is lost, over \$1-million in tribal fishing jobs would also be lost. There would be additional impacts to the recreational fishery as well as to local businesses that rely on locally caught fish. At one time, the Great Lakes fed the cities of Chicago and Detroit. As the population continues to grow, their economies can only be helped by a productive fishery. Not only can the Great Lakes Fisheries continue to feed the populations of these cities, but the recreational fishing industry is a growing source of healthy economy in this region. Both depend on the healthy ecosystems and resources.

Buffalo Reef is also an important source of genetic diversity to Lake Superior. Fish tagged on the reef have been caught as far away as Pancake Bay, Ontario, and the western arm of Lake Superior.

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In addition to the treaties with the tribes and the convention on Great Lakes Fisheries, another treaty has bearing on this issue. The Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909 obliges the US and Canada “not to pollute” the boundary waters. That obligation has been implemented through an agreement known as the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement (GLWQA) which was first signed in 1978. In 2012, it was updated with the signing of a Protocol that explicitly reaffirms “the rights and obligations of both countries under the *Treaty relating to the Boundary Waters and Questions arising along the Boundary between Canada and the United States* done at Washington on January 11, 1909 (*Boundary Waters Treaty*) and, in particular, the obligation not to pollute boundary waters.

The GLWQA is an agreement between the US and Canada, but like the Convention on Great Lakes Fisheries, its goals cannot be accomplished without the participation of the other governments with management authority over the fishery, including tribes that hold rights reserved in treaties equal in stature to the Boundary Waters Treaty. Tribes have management authority relative to their treaty rights and must be “in the room and at the table” with other governmental partners when natural resource decisions are being made. This requires that equitable funding be available to support the capacity of tribes to participate in these partnerships and to develop the science and management expertise that they need to be effective partners.

There are a number of mechanisms for coordination under the auspices of the GLWQA, including intergovernmental working groups that are producing Lakewide Action and Management Plans (LAMPS) for each of the Great Lakes. In Lake Superior, this type of coordinated, binational state, federal, tribal, and provincial partnership has been ongoing since the early 1990’s. The most recent LAMP, produced in 2015, identifies actions to restore and protect Buffalo Reef as a priority project from a lakewide perspective. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the US Army Corps of Engineers, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs as well as state and tribal governments have committed to take actions to further this work.

There is an important role for Congress here as well. Congress can:

- Support the work of the intergovernmental Buffalo Reef Task Force as it develops appropriate, locally driven long term solutions that will have benefits at a basin-wide scale.
- Support funding at no less than \$300-million for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) which is doing so much to enable the protection and restoration of the Great Lakes.
- Support the appropriate and legitimate role of tribes to be “at the table” as full partners in the development and implementation of solutions that will both restore the reef and protect it from further damage. The GLRI has provided an important source of funding to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, other Great Lakes Tribes, and the GLIFWC, so they have the capacity to carry out these roles.
- Recognize that the United States’ treaty obligations require the restoration of this reef. Habitat destruction creates a backdoor abrogation of the treaties between the United States and Tribes; treaty reserved rights are diminished when the resources that are the subject to those rights are destroyed.

Lake Superior is an invaluable resource. The restoration and protection of Buffalo Reef will have long-term benefits for tribes and the continuation of their lifeways, as well as provide broad benefits to the region and all the communities that value the greatest of the Great Lakes, Gitchigami. Finally, I respectfully invite the Chair, Ranking Member, and any and all members of the Subcommittee to tour Buffalo Reef and to visit the L’Anse Reservation, the oldest and largest reservation in Michigan.

**Tribe’s Tobacco Company Obtains License**

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tobacco Company (KBICTC) was issued a permit to manufacture tobacco products by the Federal Tax and Trade Bureau on November 27, 2017. The issuance of the permit is a huge accomplishment for the Tribe. The manufacturing of tobacco products is still several weeks away as much of the preparation to begin manufacturing could not be completed until the permit had been received.

KBICTC had filed an application to manufacture tobacco products with the Federal Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) on March 29, 2017. The process involved the initial evaluation of the application for completeness, background checks of the board members, a comprehensive interview with the KBICTC Board, and a site visit with a field investigator including examination of equipment and premises.

KBICTC will be partnering with Allegany Capital Enterprises (ACE), a subsidiary of Seneca Manufacturing, who have been in the tobacco manufacturing business for over twenty years. With their knowledge, expertise, and experience, it is believed that this will be a profitable venture for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

Several staff members including Larry Denomie, CEO; Attorneys Danielle Webb and Kevin Carlisle; Michael Lahti; Board members Jennifer



KBICTC Board Members: (left to right) Travis Herron, Jennifer Misegan, Warren “Chris” Swartz, Jr., Doreen Blaker, and Michael F. LaFerner, Sr.

Misegan, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Warren “Chris” Swartz, Jr., Doreen Blaker, and Travis Herron have put a tremendous amount of work and effort into developing this Company and obtaining the permit.

## Vice President November 2017 Monthly Report

The Vice President gave a verbal report which was transcribed by the Newsletter Editor with the Vice President's approval.

- The Enrollment Office had a new software system installed last week. Be advised, with adjusting to the new system, there will be delays when requesting enrollment cards, registrations, and hunting/fishing licenses. I do apologize for this.
- The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tobacco Company, LLC, (KBICTC) had their site visit on October 27, 2017. The entire Board, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr., Doreen Blaker, Travis Herron, and I; as well as Larry Denomie; Attorney Kevin Carlisle; and Michael Lahti, who has been assisting the Board, were present for the site visit. We had a good conversation with the inspector, Paul DuChateau, from the Federal Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) Detroit Office, regarding requirements prior to touring the facility. Inspector DuChateau indicated his primary duty with the TTB is inspecting microbrews and wineries, and this was the first tobacco facility he had seen in Michigan. The inspection at the facility included a few pictures and more conversation where we actually asked more questions of him than he of us. Inspector DuChateau did inform us that we passed the inspection, and he would be preparing a report to the TTB and the National Revenue Center (NRC). I plan on contacting the TTB early next week to acquire any new information I can get from them. Inspector DuChateau indicated to us that the TTB is not in the business to say no, and they would work with us until we are actually issued the license. We are very excited about this, and hope our tobacco endeavor will begin as soon as possible.
- We have been working on the General Welfare Support Program benefit checks. They will be available for distribution in Baraga at the Tribal Center on November 20, 2017, 9:00 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Marquette's distribution will be at the Harvey Community Center on Tuesday, November 21, 2017, from 12 noon – 6:00 p.m. Marquette residents are reminded to bring verification of their addresses with them.
- I met with Congressman Jack Bergman at our Community's Harvest Feast. We talked about the General Welfare Exclusion Act and how it affects some of our most vulnerable members as they have to include the distribution amount as income when they apply for benefit programs and social security. This past week, Attorney Rob Porter, who works for us in Washington D.C., had the opportunity to sit down with Congressman Bergman's Chief of Staff, Michelle Jelinsky, who indicated the Congressman is receptive to actually introducing some legislation to help our members. We began this one year ago, and it has been a long process. I don't know if it will be introduced this year, but hopefully by next year, we'll have this resolved.
- I've continued to work on the casino projects. We've recently had some fairly good news in relation to this. CEO Larry Denomie III will report on this in his report. President Swartz and I sat down this week and worked on a grant application with our grant writer, Jean Jokinen. We are applying for a grant through the Shakopee Nation for some additional funding for what we are doing on the Baraga Project. We hope to get that application out early next week.
- We have been working with Sylvain Collard of the Highland Copper Company. President Swartz spoke about the visit we had with them in his report. Since then, they contacted us regarding a Memorandum of Understanding they proposed to us. We've asked them for a draft of the MOU as it is their proposal, and we want to see what they are willing to do for us. They are working on the draft, and they have invited us for a site visit. They have reached out to our TERO Director as they need resources, suppliers, and contractors, and they want to hire tribal members and tribal businesses.
- I've been working with Superior National Bank (SNB) regarding ATM machines. They have an ATM located at the Pines Convenience Center, and they want to move it. SNB has an agreement of paying \$600 monthly to KBIC, however; they haven't been able to make that much from the machine location. We will have to do something with the ATMs that we currently have.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Misegan

## CHORE SERVICES

The KBIC Housing Department runs a Chore Services Program which was developed to assist qualified Tribal Elders with house cleaning in their homes. For more information or an application please contact Natalie Mleko at (906) 353-7117 ext.112.



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

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

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

Remember to continue to pray for each other, our police officers, military, firefighters, and all emergency personnel. Also remember those who are ill, having economic struggles, have lost loved ones, and for our world. Another season is approaching with elections, remembering our Veterans, and we wish everyone a blessed Thanksgiving.

*Mino-Bimaadizin "Live Well"*

During September, the Tribal Council held nine Special or Finance Council meetings. Following are the September 7, 14, 18, 19, 20, 21, 25, 26, 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.

### September 7, 2017 Special Council Meeting:

- Tabled the Upper Peninsula Health Care Solutions Business Associate Agreement for more information from the Health Administrator.
- Approved the Tier IV Services Agreement with Henley Boat Manufacturing for the purchase of a marine research vessel for the Natural Resources Department for \$200,399.00.
- Approved the Tier III Services Agreement with Steve Lloyd Construction to provide an Isolation Building/Well Building for the Natural Resources Department for \$13,400.00.
- Approved the Sweet Grass Spa Business License renewal with Angela Kelly.
- Approved the September 2017 Donations: \$2,000.00 for the MTU Parade of Nations; \$250.00 to Advance America for backpacks and school supplies; \$250.00 to the Superior Health Foundation; \$520.00 for two teams to attend the 3rd Annual Mike Hazen, Sr. Memorial Golf Scramble; \$2,000.00 for the MTU AISES Pow-wow and a KBIC flag; \$1,000.00 to Congressman Dan Young; \$1,000.00 to House Finance Committee member Devin Nunes; and \$240.00 to Lori LaFernier to attend the 36th Annual U.P. EMS Conference in Marquette plus gas, use of a company vehicle if available, and to include any other KBIC member who serves with Bay Ambulance.
- Approved the August 10, and 17, 2017 Tribal Council meeting minutes.
- Approved Resolution KB 045-2017 Modifications to the residential and recreational leases of Joseph C. LaBeau, Sr. (transfer/add son).
- Approved the U.P. Engineers & Architects, Inc. Amendment No. 1 to Owner-Engineer Agreement for the non-motorized trail in Baraga, MI.
- Tabled the "Attendance Procedure (Point System)" at the Ojibwa Casinos for more information.
- Approved to appoint Heather Chapman as a Justice to the Appellate Division (contract for next week).
- Approved the KBIC Housing Department policy waiver request in case #003-2017.

### September 14, 2017 Special Council Meeting:

- Approved the Upper Peninsula Health Care Solutions Business Associate Agreement effective July 26, 2017, for the purpose of providing technical assistance services to improve quality reporting at the Department of Health and Human Services.
- Approved the Appellate Justice Contract with Heather Chapman October 1, 2017 – October 1, 2020.
- Approved to amend the Health Board By-Laws Article III Board Membership: Section 1 Change the number of regular members from seven to nine, add that one member will be an employee from the KBIC DHHS, and one will be a Tribal Council representative; Remove Section 7; Article V Meetings: Section 2 change to five board members shall constitute a quorum from four.
- Approved the C&C Tire Business License renewal with Jeremy Hebert.
- Approved the "Jimaganish Wadokaged" (American Legion Post 444) liquor license renewal.
- Approved the Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center Direct Care Services Reimbursement Agreement to facilitate reimbursement provided by KBIC for certain health care services and improve access to direct care services.
- Approved the Memorandum of Cooperative Agreement with the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. for the REACH 2017-18 Journey to Wellness Project.
- Approved the proposed removal of the Reapply/Rehire/Recall from Layoff in the Drug Free Work Place Policy for the Govern-

# New Employees - Who's Who and Who's New!



Sarah Woodruff has joined the behavioral health staff at the Donald A. LaPointe Health and Education Center as the new School Counselor. She will be working with youth at Baraga, L'Anse, L'Anse-Baraga Community Schools, and at the Niiwin Akeaa Center. In addition, she will be coordinating classroom-based prevention activities. Sarah holds a Master of Science Degree in Rehabilitation Counseling from the University of Arkansas - Fayetteville.

Sarah moved to Baraga with her husband (who works in the KBIC Natural Resources Department) and three children a little over a year ago. She enjoys spending time outdoors with her family and experiencing the U.P. seasons.



"Hello. My name is Courtney Jones and I am thrilled to be hired as a new pharmacy tech for the KBIC Health System. I've recently moved back home after attending college in Wyoming and am grateful to be given the opportunity to serve our community.

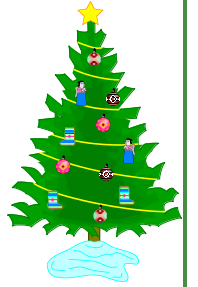
In my free time I enjoy spending time with friends and family, offer vocal and instrumental lessons, and enjoy being part of leading the newly formed L'Anse High School Choir."



"I am Rachel McDonald, the new Forester for KBIC. I'm originally from Wisconsin, but went to school at Michigan Tech, and then stayed and worked in forestry in the western U.P. My family and I have lived in Colorado and Wisconsin since then, but we finally found our way back to the Keweenaw. We are very happy to be here! I live in Chassell with my husband, seven year-old daughter, and five year-old son. In my spare time I garden and explore by bike, snowshoe, ski, and canoe.

## December 2017 Calendar

- **Dec. 2: Saturday Council Meeting at Big Bucks Bingo, Baraga, 9 a.m.;**
- **Dec. 16:** General Election 10 am—6 pm;
- **Dec. 25—27:** Christmas Holiday, Gov't offices closed;
- **Jan. 1-2, 2018:** New Years Holiday, Gov't offices closed.



## Kids Thrive Between 3 and 5

The developmental milestones reached during the ages of 3, 4 and 5 are critical to your child's later success in school. A child who is not meeting milestones, or is struggling to learn, may not be ready for kindergarten. The good news is, through the Michigan Department of Education, Build Up Michigan can help make sure your preschooler gets the needed support.

If you think your child needs additional help preparing for kindergarten, visit [buildupmi.org](http://buildupmi.org).



# Don't get STUCK with a Disease

Beware of dirty needles



REACH has a new walking program tracking our steps around the shores of Lake Superior, 350 miles to go all the way around.

The walking program will start December 6, 2017 and end on March 31, 2018. Pedometers will be given out if you need one. The Niiwin Akeaa gym will be open at 10:30am to 1:30pm Monday through Friday to allow those to walk indoors.

To participate in the program, track your daily steps along with your water intake.

There are four segments. After each segment if your daily goals are met, you can turn in your monthly log sheet to Popcorn or Mary Dee and receive an incentive. We will also be tracking where you are around Lake Superior at the health center. This will be displayed where everyone can see the progress of those who join.

This program is for everyone age 18 and older; come and enjoy the fun. Encourage friends and family to join.

GRAB A BUDDY AND WALK DURING YOUR LUNCH BREAK, BE SURE TO BRING A SACK LUNCH AND LEAVE A FEW MINUTES TO EAT!

Great incentives

**Register before December 4th.**  
**Contact:**  
**Popcorn 353-4531**  
**or**  
**Mary Dee 353-4530**

## NATIVE AMERICAN MODELS WANTED:

The Indian Health Service Meth & Suicide Prevention Grant will be running a media campaign for the prevention of picking up dirty needles. The Community Policing Group will be distributing brochures and posters against picking up dirty needles.



The poster and brochure campaign is in need of Native Models (child and parent) to pose for the brochures and posters. Models will be compensated \$50.00 for each photo chosen. If interested, bring a picture of the child, a picture of the parent, documentation of who are in the pictures, and contact information to: the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Tribal Police Department or CEO Office prior to Tuesday, January 9, 2018, 4 p.m.

KBIC Tribal Police:  
(906) 524-6626

Emergency Dispatch:  
911



Keweenaw Bay  
Indian Community

## Making Bread with Santa!

- A free, public, and consistent event promoting family engagement— children must be supervised
- Focus group is ages 0-5 and their siblings
- Santa is coming to visit!
- Snacks will be provided
- Book for each family



Parent Circle

2nd Monday!

December 11, 2017

5:00-6:30PM

KBIC Health System, 2nd floor

This month's make-and-take activities will be making a photo frame and stocking decorating!

## 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



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

Sponsored by KBIC Family Spirit and Healthy Start Programs

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).

## **Secretary Report continues:**

ment/Casinos/Enterprises.

- Approved to appoint Elizabeth D. Mayo to the Aanikoosing, Inc. Board as the Tribal Council member per the Articles of Incorporation.
- Approved a donation of 81 Pines Gift Cards at \$10.00 each for the Bayside Village employees for the Staff Appreciation Day on September 15, 2017.
- Approved to support the request to apply for the Wounded Warrior's Family Support Program application for a vehicle.
- Approved the Ainsworth Game Technology, Inc. rental agreement for the Baraga Casino.

### **September 18, 2017 FINANCE/Special Council Meeting:**

- Reviewed ten Department Budgets.
- Approved to amend the CNAP Policy Approved Medical Travel Allowances to include spouse in the additional medical travel assistance section.

### **September 19, 2017 FINANCE/Special Council Meeting:**

- Reviewed nine Department Budgets.
- Approved the effective date of September 15, 2017, to add the spouse to the CNAP Additional Medical Travel Assistance section.
- Approved the bid from Frei Chevrolet for the purchase of two standard 15 passenger 2018 Chevy vans in the amount of \$59,194.00 for the KBIC Youth Department.

### **September 20, 2017 FINANCE/Special Council Meeting:**

- Reviewed eight Department Budgets.

### **September 21, 2017 Special Council Meeting:**

- Tabled the Policy Amendments regarding Corrective Actions for the Government, Casinos, Enterprises, Youth, and Police.
- Approved the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. Memorandum of Agreement for Tribal Opioid Use Disorder Prevention Initiative for \$43,709.00.
- Approved Resolution KB 046-2017 transfer of the home on 16343 Beartown Road, Baraga, MI, and purchase agreement to the KBIC Housing Department.
- Approved Resolution KB 047-2017 Sarah L. Rantanen Recreational Lease in L'Anse Township.
- Approved Resolution KB 048-2017 Krystie S. Ozanich Recreational Lease in L'Anse Township.
- Approved the School Counselor's Employment Agreement with Sarah M. Woodruff to provide counseling services within the Community's Health System.

### **September 25, 2017 FINANCE/Special Council Meeting:**

- Reviewed ten Department Budgets.

### **September 26, 2017 FINANCE/Special Council Meeting:**

- Reviewed three Department Budgets and reviewed the financial summary for 2017-18.

### **September 28, 2017 Special Council Meeting:**

- Approved the Grant Agreement with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services for Public Health Emergency Preparedness for coordination and collaboration to protect the health and safety of all citizens \$19,666.00.
- Approve the Grant Agreement with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services for the VOCA Targeted Victim Services to expand and enhance local services available to crime victims \$117,390.00.
- Approved the Grant Agreement with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services for the WIC Special Supplemental Program \$68,297.00.
- Approve the Tier III Services Agreement with Windsor Solutions, Inc. to provide an Environment Management Database for the Natural Resources Department \$47,252.00.
- Approved the T.E.A.M.S. Software and Operating Hardware Installation and License Agreement with Automated Election Services for the Ink Impression Contract Extension to September 29, 2018, \$29,743.95.
- Approved Option 1 for the multi-year rate cap guarantee for the Blue Cross and Blue Shield renewal for 2018.
- Approved the Amendment to the Independent Contractor Agreement with Lauri Denomie for the Community Newsletter extending the date to October 22, 2017.
- Approved the Physician's Employment Agreement with Dr. Rian D. Mintek October 16, 2017-January 16, 2018 (with automatic renewal in 30 day increments).

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susan J. LaFerner

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

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

### **Harvest Feast/Community Meeting**

- The annual Harvest Feast was held at the Ojibwa Seniors Center on October 7. This year, Tribal Council held their regular meeting and a community meeting also took place where updates on several subjects were provided.
- Jennifer Misegan, KBIC Tobacco Company Board Chair, provided an update on the tobacco manufacturing business which included details on the process to date and the upcoming milestones.
- Doreen Blaker, Tribal Council Treasurer, provided information related to the Fiscal Year 2018 budgeting process. Notable approvals included a 2% wage increase for all employees and \$1,800 for this year's General Welfare Support Payment, formerly known as the Christmas/Sovereignty check. The Tribe received great news with options related to the healthcare plan it provides its eligible employees which provided a guaranteed no increase in premiums for the current renewal and around a 5% decrease for the following year.

### **Casino Projects**

- We continued to meet with Gundlach Champion throughout the month of October to get the budgets for the casino projects in-line with the funding sources available. Following the project update presentation at the community meeting earlier this month, the work on making adjustments to the projects has resulted in balancing the budgets.
- The additional changes that were made to the Marquette project were significant in cost while keeping the marketability of the facility and related amenities intact. Exterior changes included design changes to the restaurant, siding changes for the hotel, and wall lighting on a portion of the building. Interior changes included removing the pool and changing the space to a meeting room, minor changes to door types, removal of color changing lights around the perimeter of the casino and several other areas, a change in the grade of carpet in the event center, textured drywall was changed to a flat finish, and the convention space will not be split initially.
- The Baraga project was amended significantly throughout the balancing process but has not changed since the community presentation. The changes that are planned include upgrading of the water and electrical service, new flooring, ceilings and LED lighting in the casino, drain tile installation for the Press-box, and a new HVAC system that will provide 100% air exchange essentially eliminating the extremely smoky environment.
- Now that the numbers are in balance, finalization of the financing will take place along with Council's consideration for approval of the Guaranteed Maximum Price proposal with our General Contractor, Gundlach Champion.

### **Staffing**

- There are number of staffing updates to share. Carole La-Pointe, who served as the Tribe's Health Department Administrator, retired, and her last day of work was October 25. We have updated the job description and are actively recruiting her replacement. In the interim, Kathy Mayo, Assistant Health Administrator, has taken on the role and will do so until the position is filled.
- We have two director level positions who are on leave. Our office is handling the duties for one of the areas, and we have hired a part-time temporary worker to handle the other.
- The Tribe's Youth Department is undergoing staffing changes. The director and facility lead have resigned, and those positions are posted as well. With the significant reduction in staff, programming for the youth will be affected until the positions are filled. We are reviewing options for the annual youth Christmas events and will communicate on those changes very soon. Our office is handling oversight of the remaining staff which includes two facility attendants and two cleaners. The Free Spirit Fitness Center will remain open.
- The Tribe has brought on a new Forester. Rachael McDonald began working on October 16 and is settling into the new role nicely. Rachel's office is located in the Tribe's Planning and Development building located on US41 in Baraga.
- It has taken a long time to finally fill the School Counselor position that we were doing recruitment for. Sarah Woodruff has been hired and will provide counseling services at the Tribe's health center as well as in the L'Anse and Baraga Schools. The funding for the position comes from a grant that is targeting the prevention of suicide.

### **Other**

- During the FY18 budget review sessions, it was determined that the revenues of the Ojibwa Building Supply Do it Best Center located on US41 in Baraga, didn't provide the ability to sustain operations. The business' inventory will be liquidated, and the store will officially close at the end of the day on No-

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





**CEO Report continued:**

vember 30. The three employees will be transferred to other positions within the Tribe.

- An accident involving one of the Tribe's fleet vehicles occurred in Lower Michigan which resulted in damage that made it not drivable, but thankfully, the employee was not injured. The vehicle is being repaired by a local dealership.
- The Sandpoint Lighthouse property has undergone significant erosion issues due to the higher than normal lake level and recent storms. Arlan Friisvall, Public Works Director, has been working closely with staff of the US Army Corps of Engineers to develop a mitigation plan. The Corps has issued a written notice that the Tribe can proceed with the initial plan to address the stop of further land loss of which cost estimates will be presented at your next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Larry Denomie III, CEO

**2018 KBIC MERIT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE**

The KBIC Education Department announces the availability of the 2018 KBIC Merit Scholarship application. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community supports college education for its members. Many students receive outstanding grades during their college careers. The Tribal Council has approved four scholarships for college students pursuing degrees during the Winter/Spring 18 semester based on merit. The scholarship amount is \$2,500 for the 2018 Winter/Spring semester. Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Enrolled Tribal member.
- Legal resident of the State of Michigan.
- Attending an accredited college/university for the 2017-18 academic year.
- Enrolled as a full-time student.
- Must currently be a minimum of Sophomore status.
- Must be in pursuit of an Associate, Bachelor, Master, or doctoral degree documented by their college.
- Must provide a copy of most recent official transcript verifying a minimum GPA of 3.00.

Eligible students must complete an application, submit a copy of their most recent official transcript, and submit an essay detailing their interest in their chosen major and how it might one day benefit the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

For more information and to request an application, contact Amy St. Arnold, Education Director at 906-353-6623, ext. 4117 or at [amy@kbic-nsn.gov](mailto:amy@kbic-nsn.gov). The application deadline is December 29, 2017, at 4 p.m.

**Gratitude for a successful Wild Rice Camp, by Valoree S. Gagnon, 1/17/2017**

It began as an idea sparked in the mind of Lac Vieux Desert tribal member Roger LaBine, "Do you think we could host a Wild Rice Camp here this fall?"

Roger and I were sitting in the Ford Center dining hall in Alberta, Michigan, with Scott Herron, Ferris State University Faculty member; Evelyn Ravindran, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Hatchery/Nursery Manager; and Ken Vrana, Center Director. We'd just finished cleanup of a two-day Wild Rice Camp for the KBIC summer youth. "Of course we can," Ken chimes in.

Knowing that manoomin (wild rice) will be ready for harvest in a few short weeks, Roger points around our circle and says, "If we all work together, I think we can make this happen."

Wild Rice Camp came together at the Ford Center and Forest in Alberta, Michigan, Sept. 22-24, through the tremendous efforts of volunteers, donors, and a partnership team that was established in just two days: the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Natural Resources Department; Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College; Michigan Tech's School of Forest Resources and Environmental Science and the Ford Center and Forest; Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission; and our teachers, Roger and Scott.

More than 20 individuals—including staff, technicians, and college interns—got to work on the registration process; securing funds and in-kind donations; planning the menu; plus inventorying and collecting hundreds of tools, tarps, drills, processing equipment, and two dozen canoes, paddles, and life jackets from Upper and Lower Michigan and Wisconsin. Some went to Minnesota to bring back more than 1,000 pounds of manoomin that was seeded in our local waters during the camp.

Other volunteers collected forest materials. Michigan Tech Forester Jim Schmierer gathered and transported several 15-foot hardwoods to Alberta. Alan and Canon Gagnon, alongside College interns, located and sawed more than 30 "forks." Pam Nankervis, of the US Forest Service, helped to find the much needed *giizhik* (cedar); Harry Miron and Clifford Nankervis each harvested and donated a truckload. These gifts led to the construction of more than 100 knocking sticks, parching paddles, and push poles by camp participants.

Seventy-five people of all ages participated in Wild Rice Camp this year including -- members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, and members from Red Cliff, Sault Ste Marie, Lac Vieux Desert, Sokaogon, and Little Traverse Bay; students and faculty from Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College (KBOCC), Northern Michigan University, and Michigan Tech; natural resource specialists and experts from KBIC Natural Resource Department and Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission; and folks from Baraga, Houghton, and Marquette Counties, Wisconsin, and as far away as Massachusetts.

Wild Rice Camp 2018 is already on the calendar for the Memorial Day holiday weekend next year – everyone is invited to participate at the Ford Center and Forest! We hope many more of you will join us in creating wild rice camp memories for our community.

In my final words, I acknowledge manoomin—for being in the heart of my friend Roger, for inspiring our partnership and the hard work of many, for teaching us the importance of gathering and harvesting together, and for reminding us to forge new friendships and to strengthen existing ones, with each other and our other-than-human relatives. For all these gifts, *Chi miigwech manoomin*.

**FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS (FDPIR)  
FY 2018 NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS\*  
(Effective Oct. 1, 2017 to Sept. 30, 2018)**

\*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:				<u>Use this amount</u>	
Household Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standard	SNAP Standard Deduction		FDPIR Net Monthly Income Standard	
1	\$1,005	+	\$160	=	\$1,165
2	\$1,354	+	\$160	=	\$1,514
3	\$1,702	+	\$160	=	\$1,862
4	\$2,050	+	\$170	=	\$2,220
5	\$2,399	+	\$199	=	\$2,598
6	\$2,747	+	\$228	=	\$2,975
7	\$3,095	+	\$228	=	\$3,323
8	\$3,444	+	\$228	=	\$3,672
Each additional member					+ \$349
Alaska:					<u>Use this amount</u>
Household Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standard	SNAP Standard Deduction		FDPIR Net Monthly Income Standard	
1	\$1,255	+	\$273	=	\$1,528
2	\$1,691	+	\$273	=	\$1,964
3	\$2,127	+	\$273	=	\$2,400
4	\$2,563	+	\$273	=	\$2,836
5	\$2,999	+	\$273	=	\$3,272
6	\$3,435	+	\$285	=	\$3,720
7	\$3,870	+	\$285	=	\$4,155
8	\$4,306	+	\$285	=	\$4,591
Each additional member					+ \$436



Diligent wild rice participants sort and clean processed manoomin at the Ford Center and Forest in historic Alberta, MI: students from Northern Michigan University and KBOCC, KBIC Natural Resources and Ford Center staff, folks from Marquette and Big Rapids MI, and KBIC community members Marsha Pharr and Kristine Maki. Photos by Valoree Gagnon.



Wisconsin camp participants learn from wild rice teacher Scott Herron how to attach the "fork" in the construction of a push pole. (left to right), David Stack (Wauwatosa, WI), Scott Herron (wild rice teacher, Big Rapids, MI), Mark Sherman (KBIC community member, Crivitz, WI), and Mike Chier (East Troy, WI).

**Ojibwa Senior Citizens Christmas Party!**

*Come and celebrate the holiday season with good friends, great food, and holiday cheer!*

**When: Sunday, December 10th, 2017**

**Time: 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

**Place: Ojibwa Seniors Citizen Center, Baraga, MI 49908**

**RSVP by December 6th.**

**Sign up at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens or call (906) 201-4736 and leave a message.**



# Deepest Sympathy

**Cheryl Ann Suojanen**  
(August 13, 1957—November 9, 2017)

Cheryl Ann Suojanen, age 60, of Zeba, MI, passed away on Thursday, November 9, 2017, at her home. She was born August 13, 1957, in L'Anse, MI, the daughter of Wayne and Helen (Miller) Koski. Cheryl grew up in Zeba and graduated from L'Anse High School in 1975. She then went to Bemidji, Minnesota, for general studies. She worked construction with the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) for 25 years, then with Celotex for 15 years, retiring in 1993.

Cheryl was a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and the Ojibwa Seniors. She was a supervisor at the KBIC Summer Youth Camp, and was a Traditional Woman Dancer. Cheryl was a life-long softball player with the Baraga County Women's Softball league, and a member of the Baraga County Bowling League. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren.

Surviving are her children: Sarah (Douglas) Garver of Ishpeming, Yancey (Sarah) DeCota of Zeba, and John Wayne (Brittane) DeCota of Zeba; siblings: Richard (Miina) Holappa of Baraga, Carol Koski of Zeba, and Butch (Gail) Koski of Zeba; 11 grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

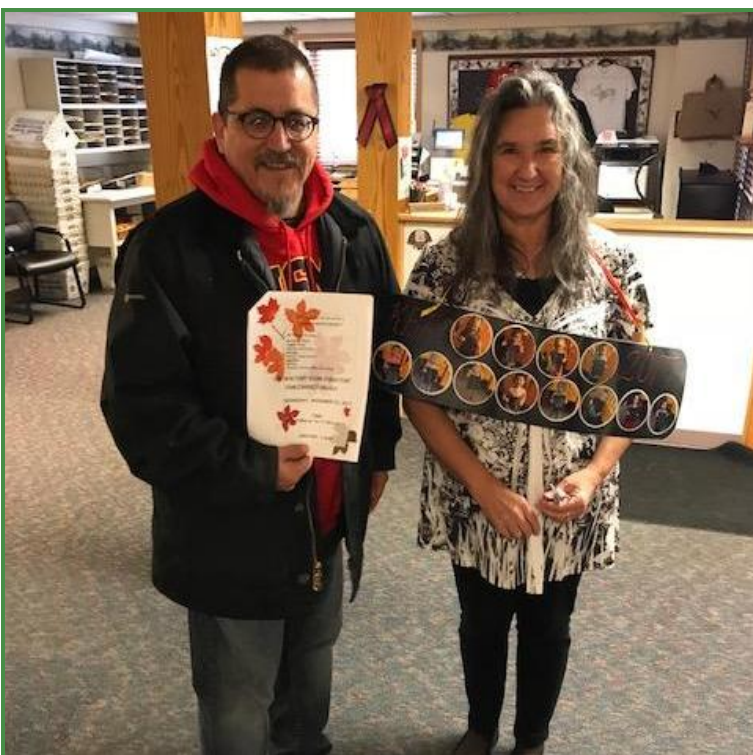
Preceding her in death were her parents; a special friend Mark Bruder; and brother Wayne "Tinker" Koski.

A Traditional Funeral Ceremony was held on Tuesday, November 14, 2017, at the Zeba Community Hall with interment at the Pinery Cemetery. The family greeted family and friends prior to the services. A luncheon followed the services. The Jacobson Funeral Home assisted the family.

# Chi Miigwech!



Tribal Council received a surprise "Thank You" visit on Tuesday, November 21, 2017, from the children of the KBIC Head-Start Center located in Zeba, Michigan. Tribal Council approved a \$1,786.36 request at their August 5, 2017 Council Meeting to purchase the program Smart Board Projectors.



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**Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College**  
Spring 2018 Schedule of Courses  
January 8 - April 27, 2018

Admissions: call  
Betti at 524-8304  
or see  
[www.kbcc.edu](http://www.kbcc.edu)

Course	Instructor	Day	Time	Room
<b>Anishinaabe Studies</b>				
AS102 Anishinaabe Values and Philosophy (4 credits) <i>Humanities and Anishinaabe Awareness elective</i>	D. Cadeau	Tues, Thurs	3:00pm-4:50pm	WAB 211N
AS200 History of Michigan Tribes (4 credits) <i>Social Science and Anishinaabe Awareness elective</i>	D. Cadeau	Mon, Wed	10:00am-11:50am	WAB 211N
AS215 Contemporary Anishinaabe Issues (4 credits) <i>Social Science and Anishinaabe Awareness elective</i>	D. Cadeau	Mon, Wed	1:00pm-2:50pm	WAB 211N
OS205 Ojibwa Language and Culture II (4 credits) <i>Anishinaabe Awareness elective; Prerequisite: OS110</i>	L. Julio	Mon, Wed	3:00pm-4:50pm	WAB 211N
AS297 Capstone Seminar for Anishinaabe Studies (3 credits; 2hrs lecture, 1hr mentor) <i>Prerequisites: sophomore status, EN202; Course fee \$20</i>	D. Cadeau & Team	Tues	10:00am-11:50am	WAB120E
<b>Art</b>				
AR105 Ojibwa Beadwork (3 credits) <i>Anishinaabe Awareness elective; Course fee \$50</i>	L. Julio	Fri	10:00am-12:50pm	WAB 19LL
AR116 Sculpture (3 credits) <i>Course fee \$180</i>	D. Mues	Mon	5:30pm-8:20pm	WAB 13LL
<b>Business</b>				
BS149 Business Administrative Procedures (4 credits)	M. Haataja	Tues, Thurs	2:00pm-3:50pm	WAB 117E
BS202 Accounting II (4 credits)	P. Wemer	Tues, Thurs	2:00pm-3:50pm	WAB 112E
BS208 Management and Supervision (3 credits)	M. Haataja	Tues	5:00pm-7:50pm	WAB 112E
BS209 Human Resources Management (3 credits)	M. Haataja	Mon, Wed	10:00am-11:20am	WAB 112E
BS210 Marketing (3 credits)	P. Wemer	Mon, Wed	1:00pm-2:20pm	WAB 112E
BS297 Capstone Seminar for Business (3 credits; 2hrs lecture, 1hr mentor) <i>Prerequisites: sophomore status, EN202; Course fee \$20</i>	M. Haataja & Team	Tues	10:00am-11:50am	WAB 120E
<b>Early Childhood Education</b>				
CE105 Health, Safety, and Nutrition (3 credits)	C. LaRose	Mon, Tues	8:15am-10:00am	WAB114E
CE111 Infant and Toddler Programming (3 credits) <i>Prerequisite: CE101 or instructor's permission; Course fee \$45</i>	C. LaRose/Staff	Thurs	5:00pm-7:50pm	WAB 114E
CE115 Child Guidance (3 credits)	C. LaRose	Thurs, Fri	8:15am-10:00am	WAB 114E
CE223 Children's Literature for EC Educators (3 credits) <i>Course fee \$45</i>	C. LaRose	Mon, Wed	12:30pm-1:50pm	WAB 114E
CE237 Children with Special Needs (3 credits) <i>Prerequisite: CE110 or instructor's permission</i>	C. LaRose/Staff	Tues	5:00pm-7:50pm	WAB 114E
CE297 ECE Professional (2 credits) <i>Prerequisites: sophomore status, EN202; Course fee \$20</i>	C. LaRose & Team	Tues	10:00am-11:50am	WAB 120E
<b>English</b>				
EN101 College Reading Strategies (1 credit)	R. Frost	Mon	3:00pm-3:50pm	WAB 113E
EN102 College Composition I (3 credits; 3hrs lecture, 1hr recitation) <i>Prerequisite: EN095 or placement; Composition requirement</i>	R. Frost	Mon, Wed	1:00pm-2:50pm	WAB 113E
EN202 College Composition II (3 credits; 3hrs lecture, 1hr recitation) <i>Prerequisite: EN102; Composition elective</i>	J. Koenig	Mon, Wed	4:00pm-5:50pm	WAB 113E
EN105 Public Speaking (3 credits)	R. Frost	Tues, Thurs	1:00pm-2:20pm	WAB 113E
EN255 Modern Anishinaabe Literature (4 credits) <i>Humanities &amp; Anishinaabe Awareness elective</i> <i>Prerequisite: EN102 or instructor's permission</i>	J. Koenig	Tues, Thurs	1:00pm-2:50pm	WAB 120E
LS299 Research and Special Projects (1 credit) <i>Prerequisite: Department Chair approval</i>	J. Koenig	Arranged	Arranged	Arranged
<b>Information Systems</b>				
IS105 Computer Concepts (2 credits)	T. Makela	Wed	5:00pm-6:50pm	WAB 119E
IS203 Advanced Word (2 credits) <i>Class meets first half of semester; Prerequisites: IS110</i>	M. Haataja	Mon, Wed	2:00pm-3:50pm	WAB 119E
IS204 Advanced Spreadsheets (2 credits) <i>Class meets second half of semester; Prerequisite: IS110</i>	M. Haataja	Mon, Wed	2:00pm-3:50pm	WAB 119E
<b>Liberal Studies</b>				
LS103 College Success Seminar (2 credits; 2hrs lecture, 2hrs recitation) <i>Course fee \$50</i>	C. Collins	Mon, Wed	12:00pm-1:50pm	WAB 115E
LS297 Capstone Seminar for Liberal Studies (3 credits; 2hrs lecture, 1hr mentor) <i>Prerequisites: sophomore status, EN202; Course fee \$20</i>	J. Koenig & Team	Tues	10:00am-11:50am	WAB 120E
<b>Mathematics</b>				
MA096 Basic Math (2 credits) <i>Does not count toward graduation credits</i>	J. Bugni	Tues, Thurs	12:30pm-1:50pm	WAB 121E
MA103 Quantitative Reasoning (4 credits) <i>Prerequisite: C or better in MA096 or placement; Math elective for BS, ECE, LS</i>	G. Maclean	Mon, Wed	9:00am-11:20am	WAB 121E
MA104 Intermediate Algebra (4 credits) <i>Prerequisite: C or better in MA101 or placement</i>	J. Bugni	Tues, Thurs	9:30am-11:50am	WAB 121E
MA105 College Algebra (4 credits) <i>Prerequisite: C or better in MA104 or placement; Math elective for all majors</i>	G. Maclean	Mon, Wed	12:00pm-2:20pm	WAB 121E
MA201 Probability and Statistics (4 credits) <i>Prerequisite: C or better in MA101 or placement; Math elective for all majors</i>	K. Colbert	Mon, Wed	2:00pm-3:50pm	WAB 115E
<b>Science</b>				
GS105 Introduction to Earth Science (4 credits; 3hrs lecture, 3hrs lab) <i>Lab Science elective; second science elective; Course fee \$120</i>	A. Kozich	Tues, Thurs	12:00pm-2:50pm	WAB 210N
BI206 Principles of Ecology (4 credits; 3hrs lecture, 3hrs lab) <i>Lab Science elective; second science elective; Course fee \$100</i> <i>Prerequisite: BI101, BI130, ES110, or instructor's permission</i>	G. Mensch	Mon, Wed	5:00pm-7:50pm	WAB 210N
ES130 Tribal Environmental Management (4 credits) <i>Course fee \$20</i>	V. Gagnon & A. Kozich	Tues, Thurs	3:00pm-4:50pm	WAB 120E
ES297 Capstone Seminar for Environmental Science (3 credits; 2hrs lecture, 1hr mentor) <i>Prerequisites: sophomore status, EN205, MA105 or MA201, ES298</i> <i>Course fee \$20</i>	A. Kozich & team	Tues	10:00am-11:50am	WAB 120E
ES298 Internship (1 credit) <i>Prerequisite: Department Chair approval</i>	A. Kozich	Arranged	Arranged	Arranged
ES299 Research and Special Projects (1 credit) <i>Prerequisite: Department Chair approval</i>	A. Kozich	Arranged	Arranged	Arranged
<b>Social Science</b>				
CJ202 Corrections Institutions/Facilities (3 credits) <i>Field Trip Required</i>	J. Bouchard	Thurs	5:00pm-7:50pm	WAB 115E
CJ204 Client Relations in Corrections (3 credits) <i>Field Trip Required</i>	R. Sackett	Wed	5:00pm-7:50pm	WAB 115E
CJ205 Legal issues in Corrections (3 credits) <i>Field Trip Required</i>	W. Jondreau	Tues	5:00pm-7:50pm	WAB 115E
HS110 Introduction to American Government (4 credits) <i>Social Science Elective</i>	V. Friisvall-Ayres	Tues, Thurs	1:00pm-2:50pm	WAB 115E
PY210 Child Psychology (4 credits) <i>Social Science Elective; Prerequisite: PY101</i>	F. Taddeucci	Wed	4:00pm-7:50pm	WAB 112E
SO202 Minority Groups in America (4 credits) <i>Social Science Elective; Prerequisite: SO101 or instructor's permission</i>	F. Taddeucci	Mon	4:00pm-7:50pm	WAB 115E
SO203 Environmental Issues (4 credits) <i>Social Science Elective</i>	A. Kozich	Tues, Thurs	5:30pm-7:20pm	WAB 120E
<b>Vocational Instruction</b>				
FN102 Cooking Methods: Bread and Meat (2 credits; 1hr lecture, 2hrs lab) <i>Prerequisite: FN101 or instructor's permission; Course fee TBA</i>	J. Schutte	Tues	5:30pm-8:20pm	WAB 113E
FN202 Essential Elements of Restaurant Management (3 credits)	J. Schutte	Thurs	5:30pm-8:20pm	WAB 112E
VI207 Automotive Electrical Systems (4 credits; 3hrs lecture, 3hrs lab) <i>Prerequisite: MA101 or equivalent course or placement</i>	J. Bugni II	Tues, Wed, Thurs	7:00pm-8:50pm	TBA



### Holiday Hours

KBIC Health System will be closed Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, December 25, 26, and 27; Monday, Tuesday, January 1 and 2. This includes our pharmacy.

Please plan accordingly for medication refills and pickups. There will be no medication pickups or refills after hours or during days we are closed. All prescriptions must be filled during open hours.

For more information about care options after hours or during closed days please call Joslyn Haataja, PRC Clerk at 906.353.4537.

**Happy Holidays from our Family to Yours!**

### REACH Walking Challenge

Get ready for the REACH Journey to Wellness Walking Challenge. REACH's new walking program will be tracking our steps around Lake Superior. Can we make it the 350 miles to go all the way around? Call Elizabeth 'Popcorn' Mayo, REACH Coordinator at 906.353.4531 for details about how to join.



The REACH Journey to Wellness is striving to improve the health and wellness of our community. REACH goals include improving access to smoke/commercial tobacco free environments, increasing access to physical activity opportunities, broadening access to environments with healthy food and beverage options, expanding opportunity for chronic disease prevention, and risk reduction or management through clinical and community linkages.

REACH Journey to Wellness has already helped the environments of some of our tribal divisions become healthier. REACH assisted with the development and implementation of smoke free grounds policy for Tribal Government buildings and the KBIC Pre-Primary Program. REACH is currently working with the KBOCC and their day-care program to create and implement smoke free policies. REACH assists with health related programming like Matter of Balance, PATH, and an indoor walking program. REACH is helping the community reach its health goals one step at a time.

Submitted by: Heather Wood-Paquet, BS  
Health Promotions Coordinator  
Grant information collected from REACH Grant  
Coordinator Elizabeth 'Popcorn' Mayo, CHR.

### Upcoming Events:

- Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group, Dec. 5th, 5:30 p.m.
- Diabetic Foot Clinic, Dec. 6th & 20th, by appointment
- Breastfeeding Support Group, Dec. 6th, 5 - 7 p.m.
  - January 3rd, 1 - 3 p.m.
- Ride & Learn: Diabetes Event, Dec. 9, please register
- Parent Circle, Dec. 11th, 5:30 p.m., please register
- Diabetes Talking Circle, Dec. 13th, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Car Seat Clinic, Dec. 14th, by appointment
- REACH Walking Challenge, call for details

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

### National Flu Vaccination Week Message from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

The flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses that infect the nose, throat, and lungs. It can cause mild to severe illness and at times can lead to death. People of every age, including those in good health, are at risk. Influenza can cause illness and sometimes severe disease in people of any age. Flu causes millions of illnesses, hundreds of thousands of hospitalizations, and thousands or tens of thousands of deaths each year in the United States. Although a majority of hospitalizations and deaths occur in people 65 years and older, even healthy young children and younger adults can have severe disease or even die from influenza. Over 100 pediatric deaths from influenza were reported to the CDC last season.

An annual flu vaccine is the best way to protect against this potentially serious disease. Flu vaccination can reduce flu illness, doctor visits, missed work and school due to flu, as well as prevent flu-related hospitalizations. Flu vaccination may also make your illness milder if you do get sick. Getting vaccinated protects people around you, including those who are more vulnerable to serious flu illness, like babies, young children, older adults, and people with certain chronic health conditions.

Despite the unpredictable nature of the flu, you need the 2017-18 flu vaccine for optimal protection against the flu this season. Flu viruses are constantly changing and this season's vaccines have been updated to protect against the viruses that surveillance data indicate will be most common this flu season. A person's immune protection from vaccine declines over time, so annual flu vaccinations are needed for the best protection against. It takes about two weeks after vaccination for antibodies to develop in the body that protect against influenza virus infection. While seasonal flu outbreaks can happen as early as October, flu activity is usually highest between December and February, though activity can be as late as May. As long as flu viruses are circulating, it's not too late to get vaccinated. With flu activity increasing, and family and friends gathering for the holidays, now is a great time to get a flu vaccine if you haven't already this season. A flu vaccine can protect you and your loved ones from the flu.

Call the KBIC Health System, (906) 353-8700 to find out more information about how and where you can get the 2017-18 seasonal flu vaccine.

### Easy Apple Sweet Potato Bake

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| 2 1/2 pounds sweet potatoes           | 1/8 tsp. salt          |
| 1/3 c. packed brown sugar             | 1 tsp. ground cinnamon |
| 1/2 c. walnuts halved or pieces       | 3 tbs. butter, divided |
| 3 c. thinly sliced peeled tart apples |                        |

1. Place sweet potatoes in large saucepan and cover with water. Bring to a boil.
2. Reduce heat, cover, and simmer 30 minutes or until tender. Drain.
3. When cool enough to handle, peel potatoes and cut into 1/2 in. slices.
4. Preheat oven to 375°. In small bowl, combine walnuts, brown sugar, cinnamon, and salt; set aside.
5. In large skillet, sauté apples in 2 tbs. butter 3-4 minutes or until tender.
6. In greased 1 1/2 qt. baking dish, layer half the sweet potatoes, apples, and brown sugar mixture. Repeat layers.
7. Dot with remaining 1 tbs. butter. Cover and bake 30 minutes. Uncover, bake 15 min. longer or until bubbly.

*Yields 6 servings Prep time 45 min. Bake time 45 min.  
290 calories, 11g fat (4g saturated), 140 mg sodium,  
48g carbs, 2g protein*

Adapted from Taste of Home® recipe by Dr. Dale Schmeisser, RD



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- On Saturdays, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup> from 7PM – 11PM, we're giving out over **\$2,500** to lucky winners.
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**KBIC 5-Year Recreation Plan**

*For future State of Michigan, Department of Natural Resources (DNR)  
Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant Proposals*

On November 21<sup>st</sup>, at the Zeba Hall, we held a community input meeting to obtain the views of attendees on creating an inventory of our parks and recreational areas, plus any projects or activities they would like to see in or on these areas over the next five years.

A draft of the plan will become available at the end of December for a 30-day public review and comment period prior to an open meeting for adoption by the Tribal Council in February. Please review its contents and submit comments to Jean Jokinen using the contact information provided below. Copies of the final draft will be provided at the Tribal Center, Health Center, KBOCC, the Library, and on our Homepage at [www.ojibwa.com](http://www.ojibwa.com). In addition, please fill out the survey for the Baraga County Recreational plan; the survey asks if you are a Tribal member and whether you live on the reservation or not (results will be shared with the Tribe and used in our plan as well). The survey forms will be available at our Tribal Offices mentioned above and online at <http://www.wupdr.org>. Please respond to the survey by mid-December and the plan draft by the end of January.



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**KBIC TRIBAL VETERANS WIIKWEDONG OGICHIDAA SOCIETY HONOR GUARD**

The KBIC Tribal Veterans Wiikwedong Ogichidaa Society Honor Guard had a busy day this Veteran's Day, November 11, 2017. They first visited the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Center grounds and participated in a 9:00 a.m. Veteran's Ceremony. Displaying the colors with much pride, they were accompanied by the Woodland Singers. The Ojibwa Casino sponsored the event and held a lunch afterward to say thank you to all Veterans.

Much appreciative for the thank you lunch, but with no time left the KBIC Tribal Veterans Wiikwedong Ogichidaa Society Honor Guard were immediately off, traveling to the NMU Dome in Marquette, Michigan, for a 12:00 noon presentation of the colors. They very proudly danced the flags and the KBIC Eagle Staff on to the field for the November 11, 2017, football game. Photos are compliments of Machai Loonsfoot and Jammie Loonsfoot.

~ Submitted by Lauri Denomie



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**Recreation Survey Available for Baraga County**

Baraga County is working with the Western Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Region (WUPPDR) to update its five-year recreation plan. In addition to guiding improvements to the county's recreation facilities and sites, the plan will ensure the county is eligible for certain grants from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Members of the public can have a voice in the planning effort by taking a short survey. **Online responses are preferred** and can be provided at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BaragaCountyRec> beginning November 22. Alternatively, paper copies can be obtained starting November 22 in **L'Anse** at the County Administration Building (at intersection of Broad & S. Main Streets), Baraga County Public Library (in L'Anse Schools building), and Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College campus (east entrance); and in **Baraga** at the KBIC Tribal Center and Health Center.

Please note that L'Anse Village and Township are also updating their joint recreation plan and have a separate survey available. The Baraga County online survey includes a link to the L'Anse survey, and paper copies are available at the same locations as above.

Both surveys will accept responses through **December 13, 2017**. For further information, contact Jerry Wuorenmaa at [jwuorenmaa@wupdr.org](mailto:jwuorenmaa@wupdr.org) or (906) 482-7205 ext. 319.