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The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwe

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Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tobacco Committee, (KBICTC) Have Machines Rolling and Stacking Shelves

Production of tobacco products began at the KBIC Tobacco Company, LLC, on March 1, and the cigarettes were available on the shelves of the Pines Convenience Center on March 12. The Sands and Heron brands are those that are being manufactured here. So far sales are doing very well, even better than expected.

A Grand Opening Ceremony of KBICTC, LLC. and Asemaa Wholesale and Distribution Company will be on Tuesday, April 17, at 2:00 p.m. at 16360 Ojibwa Industrial Park Rd., Baraga, Michigan. The public is invited to tour the facility and see how cigarettes are made.



End of an Era at KBOCC — Parrish Officially Retires

President Debra Parrish, the strong drive in establishing the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College (KBOCC), officially retired on January 26, 2018. A retirement celebration was held at the Ojibwa Resort Conference Rooms in Baraga, Michigan, on March 2, 2018, to honor her life-long career and strong desire in establishing a high learning opportunity for the people of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

Interim President Cherie Dakota said, "Debbie has a long history of program development with the Tribe, but by far her greatest legacy will be the reestablishing the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College as a viable institution of higher learning right here in the middle of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

As you may know KBOCC was chartered in 1975 and honored its first dually-enrolled student with Michigan Tech in 1979. Unfortunately, the College closed in 1980.

Close to two decades later, Debbie Parrish,



a woman armed with experience in education from Suomi College, and a vision for education within KBIC, was given the support by the Tribal Council to reopen the College.

In 1998, KBOCC was reborn in a small corner of the Ojibwa Senior Citizens' Center. Bob Zasadnyj taught the first computer class at the L'Anse Library. JoAnne Racette taught beading and Ojibwa language in the Ojibwa Seniors' Lunchroom.

In 2000, KBOCC made the big move to its own buildings – in Baraga on Superior Ave. Courses were held at the old post office and the former Darcy house was used as the administrative building. KBOCC was small with a handful of students and a few instructors, but was growing.

Along the way, KBOCC became a member of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium and began to outgrow their mini campus on Superior Avenue.

In 2004, a new building was built to house the ever growing college: the Niiwin Akeaa or Four Directions Center. It was a beautiful addition to our community and to the students who were increasing in numbers.

In 2009, KBOCC obtained candidacy status with the Higher Learning Commission. In 2013, KBOCC became fully accredited, and the college continued to grow.

In 2014, KBOCC obtained Land Grant Status through the USDA and recognition through the Bureau of Indian Education which in turn allowed KBOCC to continue expansion. Armed with a dollar and some grants, Debbie forged ahead and purchased the old hospital and renovated, which was completed in August of 2014, and it became KBOCC's main

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.

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Randall R. Haataja

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Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.

Rodney Loonsfoot

Elizabeth D. Mayo



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- March 3, 2018 Tribal Council Meeting
- KBICTC Machines Rolling and Shelves Stacked
- KBIC Participates at 25th Annual NMU Powwow
- KBOCC President Parrish Retires
- Ojibwa Library News
- Criminal Report
- New Employees
- Deepest Sympathy

MARCH 3, 2018 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Regular Monthly Tribal Council Meeting was held on Saturday, March 3, 2018, at the Big Bucks Bingo Hall in Baraga, Michigan. President Warren Swartz, Jr., presided over the meeting with Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, Toni Minton, Doreen Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Randall Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot, and Elizabeth D. Mayo present.

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

Vice President Jennifer Misegan gave the Vice President's Report (page three), Secretary Susan J. LaFernier gave the Secretary's Report (page five), and CEO Larry Denomie III gave the CEO Report (page three). Council approved the Department Head Reports for January 2018.

Under new business: Treasurer Doreen Blaker presented the March 2018 donation requests. **Motion by Jennifer Misegan to approve March 2018 donations as: \$500.00 for the Diabetes Outreach Network; \$250.00 for the Grand Rapids Metro Ministry; and \$1,000.00 for the U.P. Home Health and Hospice Dancing with the Stars event for team (Brigitte and Mariah) LaPointe-Dunham (donations total of \$1,750.00); supported by Randall Haataja. Ten supported (Misegan, S. LaFernier, Minton, Blaker, Curtis, Dakota, Haataja, M. LaFernier, G. Loonsfoot, R. Loonsfoot), one opposed (Mayo), 0 abstained, motion carried.**

Vice President Jennifer Misegan presented Resolution KB-007-2018 Native Farm Bill Coalition for Council's approval. The Congress of the United States is preparing to deliberate the nature of agriculture policy for the nation and the world in the form of the 2018 Farm Bill which will authorize all farm programs, rural development, and nutrition initiatives with the United States Department of Agriculture. Economic development in Indian Country is tied to agriculture production which is among the largest industries in Indian Country; it provides \$3.4 billion per year, and the policies provide the framework within which this production happens, and it constitutes a large portion of the Farm Bill. Not only is an overwhelming majority of the land in Indian Country involved in agriculture production, a great many Tribal Members live in rural areas and communities where basic infrastructure costs are often prohibitively high. The 2018 Farm Bill will provide an authorization of federal funding for rural infrastructure initiatives. The Tribal Members of these areas are often afflicted by a poverty of place wherein they are unable to find suitable employment to provide adequate income that supports good nutrition for their families; thus they may rely on federal nutrition programs authorized in the Farm Bill. In spite of the great strides made for Indian Country agriculture in previous Farm Bill negotiations, from going virtually unmentioned in the 90's to many thoughtful provisions scattered across all Titles, the \$3.4 billion generated annually through Indian agriculture efforts is still more than 99% raw commodities, instead of the healthy, local, economically

beneficial, and nutritious food needed in Indian Country communities and rural areas. An effort is underway by the Native Farm Bill Coalition, led by the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community (SMSC), the Intertribal Agriculture Council (IAC), the Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative at the University of Arkansas School of Law (IFAI), and the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), to preserve and expand upon the gains made in the previous 30 years of Farm Bill discussions in each of the aforementioned areas. This effort is the best opportunity in decades for Indian Country to effectively advocate and lobby for enactment of truly relevant and targeted legislation to ensure that federal agriculture policy seeks to enhance the development of this industry beyond raw commodities. This Farm Bill will allow tribes to get this funding directly instead of going through a pass-through. This bill impacts the KBIC through its Commodity Food Program, Conservation Trade through Nations with nutrition programs, world development funds, resource projects through the Tribe's Community College and Natural Resources Department, energy projects (solar), and many other grants will be available. Resolution KB-007-2018 states, **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Council joins the Native Farm Bill Coalition and supports the "Regaining Our Future" report, and the policy initiatives generated there from; the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community requests Senators Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters and Congressman Jack Bergman to lend their support to effective deliberation and swift passage of those priorities set out by the Native Farm Bill Coalition. **Motion by Toni Minton to approve Resolution KB-007-2018, supported by Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. Eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**

Council member Rodney Loonsfoot expressed some concerns from Community members on how the recent fishing tournament was marketed (advertised), rules of entry, etc. The event was organized by Council Member Gary Loonsfoot, Jr. who started it intended to increase revenue at the Baraga Casino and other area businesses. Gary Loonsfoot, Jr. said, "Due to availability of ice, this (ice-fishing) tournament was organized and advertised within a one-month time frame due to the availability or unavailability of ice. One-hundred-twenty individuals representing 35 teams registered at the \$20 entry fee. The event was open to anyone who wanted to register. People got out of the house, our Casino parking lot was full, and revenues came in." The event was done without a budget and was made possible with volunteers and donations, and it was an overall success.

Council adjourned with no further business on the agenda.

~ Submitted by Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor

EDUCATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM AWARDS STUDENTS

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

The following forty-four students were placed on the Honor Roll for the second marking period of the 2017-18 academic year:

Baraga – Jenna Carlson, Ireland Chosa, Robert Curtis, Alexxus DeCota, Allison Durant, Dhanya Ekdahl, Richard Geroux Jr., Rylee Holm, Jayla Isaacson, Steele Jondreau, William Jondreau Jr., Kamrin Kahkonen, Keegin Kahkonen, Georgia Lofquist, Machai Loonsfoot, Nevaeh Loonsfoot, Shawna Lussier, Steven Maki, Jenna Messer, Liliana Messer, Kylie Michaelson, Kylie Peterson, Presley Rasanen, Alana Schofield, Tyler Shalifoe, and Javon Shelifoe.

L'Anse – Dysean Allen, Erica Bartle, Daniel Curtis, Deija Dakota, Keira Dakota, Rion Fountain, Ti'ia Friisvall, Robert Genschow III, Rayleah Jacobs, Rowen Rexford, Alicia Stein, Mariana Teikari, Rachael Velmer, Cassandra Zasadnyj, and Paige Zasadnyj.

Marquette – Neebin Ashbrook-Pietila and Zoe Hamalainen.

Sacred Heart Catholic – Robert Webb-Grisham.

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

Baraga – Robert Curtis, Starr Dunleavy, Allison Durant, Destin Gauthier, Bailey Harden, Rylee Holm, Kamrin Kahkonen, Keegin Kahkonen, Adrianna Kyllonen, Steven Maki, Kevin McIntyre Jr., Kylie Michaelson, Presley Rasanen, Alana Schofield, and Katie Strong.

L'Anse – Dysean Allen, Tokala Chosa, Wakinyan Chosa, Alice Curtis, Deija Dakota, Kydan Dean, Gregory Dowd, Kobe Forcia, Brendon Friisvall, Nathan Friisvall, Chase Larson, Kaylee Loonsfoot, Elsie Madosh, Jaycee Maki, Rowen Rexford, Mason Spruce, Alicia Stein, and Paige Zasadnyj.

Gwinn – Kaitlyn Shelafoe, Kimber Shelafoe, Destinee Stanton, and Lacie Stanton.

Negaunee – Brayden Velmer.

MICHIGAN INDIAN ELDERS ASSOCIATION 2018 SCHOLARSHIP NOTICE

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

QUALIFICATIONS – the student:

- Must be an enrolled member (*copy of Tribal Card*) or be a direct descendant of an enrolled member of one of the MIEA constituent Tribes/Bands (*must be verified in writing by your Tribal Enrollment Department*).
- Must have successfully completed and passed all five General Education Development (G.E.D.) equivalency tests with a minimum score of 40 and an average score of 45 and must possess a G.E.D. certificate; or must have graduated from an accredited high school with a 3.00 grade point average; or if currently enrolled at a college, university, or trade school, must have an accumulated grade point average of 3.00.
- Must, except for special and extenuating circumstances, attend college, university, or trade school on a full-time basis.
- Must complete the provided application form and submit it with required supporting documentation, and the mailing must be **RECEIVED BY THE COORDINATOR** postmarked no later than June 15, 2018. (PLEASE NOTE, incomplete or late applications will not be considered).

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

Vice President February 2018 Monthly Report

- The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tobacco Company began manufacturing tobacco product on March 1. We are very excited that all of our hard work is coming to fruition. We are still waiting for approval from the Federal Trade Commission before we are able to sell our product. It is taking much longer than anyone expected. Product is being made through the weekend. There have been questions about the hiring of employees. This time we needed a few people to work outside of our maintenance staff, so we hired two unemployed tribal members. We were looking for members who had machine or manufacturing experience. It's difficult to get anyone who can only work a few days. I did look through the couple of applications in the TERO job bank. One was very young, and I was unable to reach the other by phone. The next production run that we do, we will have a posting for temporary workers listing the duties, requirements, and necessary experience.
- We are planning a ribbon cutting and grand opening ceremony for next month. We will host tours of the facility, so members are able to view the manufacturing process. The date will be announced soon.
- The Tobacco Ordinance of 2018 was passed by the Tribal Council on March 1. This Ordinance now allows for the manufacturing and regulation of tobacco products on the L'Anse Indian Reservation. Some of the key changes in the law are the requirement of a KBIC Fee Stamp. The fees collected from the stamp will now fund the General Welfare Support Program. The Tribe will have a Tobacco Agent whose duty it will be to oversee the compliance of our regulations as well as federal regulations. We have also implemented a limit on the sale of cigarettes to 49 cartons at the retail level, to insure compliance with the Cigarette Contraband Trafficking Act.
- On February 9, the CEO, Tribal Attorney, Realty Officer, and I attended a meeting with Chocolay Township Manager, Jon

Kangas (who is new), Suzanne Sundell, and Brad Johnson. We discussed several issues with the water tower and the force sewer main. We are all aware of the agreements that need to be entered into, and Attorney Danielle Webb has begun working on them. We are happy with the working relationship we have with Chocolay and where it is going forward.

- Treasurer Doreen Blaker and I attended the NCAI Executive Session in Washington DC, the week of February 12. We met with Congressman Jack Bergman and the staff of Senator Stabenow. We discussed the ongoing issue that our members are having by being penalized by several federal programs for the GWSPB. There is now the possibility of including language in the upcoming Farm Bill to assist those who receive SNAP benefits or BridgeCards. We also talked to them about our Canal Land claim and have asked them to assist by sending letters to the Department of Interior.
- We had a meeting with John Tahsuda, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, along with Counselor Kyle Scherer and Attorney Matthew Kelly regarding the status of our Canal Land Claim. Unfortunately, they did not have any answers for us and gave us a time frame of two weeks. We will be calling them on Monday.
- NCAI's Executive Session was, as always, very good. We had the opportunity to hear Senators Catherine Cortez Masto, Lisa Murkowski, Heidi Heitkamp, and Jeff Merkley; our Congressman Jack Bergman; Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke; HUD Secretary Ben Carson; Congresswoman Norma Torres; and others. The Session is a great opportunity for us to get a feel for the pulse of Washington, DC first hand and network with other tribal leaders. We also participated in several listening sessions and government to government consultations.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Misegan

CEO's Report for the Month of February 2018

As I reported last month, on January 9, Push, Inc., a subcontractor hired by our General Contractor Gundlach Champion, accidentally ruptured the active waterline near the east side entrance to the Baraga Casino and caused the casino to close for just over a 24-hour period. Because of the closure, the Tribe experienced a loss in revenue and additional expenses were incurred to repair the broken line. Gundlach has taken care of the additional expenses and was also considering handling the lost revenue. We have provided Gundlach the information related to the lost revenue, and they are currently reviewing it. If Gundlach decides they aren't able to reimburse the Tribe, we will move forward with processing an insurance claim. We will follow up with Gundlach next week, and I'll provide an update on the issue.

We have received the draft market study from Klas Robinson related to the casino projects. The new market study was required by our financing partners based on the scope of changes that occurred for both the Baraga and Marquette casino projects. The final study should be ready within the next two-three weeks. Our project team will be meeting with our financing partners this coming Tuesday at the Marquette Casino to review the draft report and work on next steps.

The casino projects workgroup is also at work on finalizing the updated design of the new Marquette Casino hotel. Once we were informed that the hotel couldn't be branded Comfort Inn & Suites, the hotel design needed modifications. Those changes are expected to be complete within the next two weeks.

We have received several applications for the vacant Health Director position. The selection committee has met and performed an initial review of the applicant pool and determined that it is time to close the posting which had been deemed open until filled. The committee feels we have several candidates who meet our needs and the required qualifications. The closing date is set for 4 p.m. on March 16. Following the closing, the selection committee will review the final applicant pool and schedule interviews.

The applicant pool for the Director of Fire and Emergency Management was reviewed by the selection committee. The pool consisted of two applicants, one of whom was a KBIC member. The position has been offered to the member, and we expect to have a response on the offer next week.

Darrell Kingbird, former Language Teacher for the Tribe, has been replaced with George Howard Kimewon. Mr. Kimewon began teaching in the L'Anse and Baraga schools mid-February. Both schools have indicated that he is working out very well, and the students are very accepting of Mr. Kimewon. I would like to extend a Chi Miigwech to Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., Cultural Resources Director, for his work in finding Mr. Kimewon and working through the required processes quickly to ensure that teaching continued with very little interruption.

Sarah Smith, Asst. CEO, has taken the lead role in the development and construction of the new Halfway House project. The

Tribe received Indian Community Development Block Grant funds to construct the building. The preliminary plans and budget for the project have been developed and are under review by staff. The plans have also been reviewed by Indian Health Services staff, and their comments will need to be addressed. Sarah will provide an update in the next couple of weeks.

A "descendant" of the Tribe is now defined. Through the work of the Enrollment Board at the request of Tribal Council and approval of Resolution KB-008-2018, a descendant will be considered a person who is the biological child of a Member of the Community. I will be providing notice to all departments to ensure the approved term is utilized for determining eligibility for programs that descendants may access.

In a final note, the hard work and persistence in making tobacco manufacturing a reality has come to fruition. It was exciting and rewarding to see the first KBIC Tobacco Company cigarettes come off of the manufacturing equipment this week. It has taken a dedicated and supportive team to accomplish this goal – Chi Miigwech to all who had a hand in it!

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Denomie III, CEO



WHERE:
Ojibwa Community Library

Not sure how to use your smartphone or tablet? Can't get online with your laptop?

WHEN:
Thursday, April 19th
6:00-7:30 PM

Stop by the library for a free session with the Breaking Digital Barriers group from Michigan Tech! Student tutors will be available to coach you through all of your technology questions.

MORE INFO:
ocl@up.net
906-353-8163

All participants are registered to win a door prize!
Light refreshments will be served!



This session is sponsored by: The Institute of Museum and Library Services, Michigan Tech's Breaking Digital Barriers group, and The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

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



"Hello. My name is Kristy Clisch, and I've recently been hired as a Community Health Worker for the KBIC Health System. I'll be working in conjunction with the American Cancer Society to promote preventative screenings, as well as the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan and the Michigan Tribal Food Access Collaborative to encourage healthy nutrition for our youth. I am thankful for the opportunity to serve in this capacity, and I look forward to working with the community. In my free time, my interests include reading, spending time with family, and enjoying the local art and music scene."

There are two familiar faces recently hired in the KBIC Office of Child Support Services. (Left) Laura Mayo recently accepted the job duties of the Office of Child Support Services Specialist. She was previously employed as the Office of Child Support Services



Outreach Worker. Laura is a KBIC member who lives in Baraga with her husband, Joel, their two children: JoJo and Megan. Laura's oldest daughter, Katie lives in Green Bay, Wisconsin, and will enrich Laura's life as a grandmother in two months.

(Right) Holley Makela has accepted the job duties of the KBIC Office of Child Support Services Director. She has been employed with KBIC for four years. Most recently as a Social Service Specialist, and prior to that she was the Healing To Wellness Court Coordinator. Holley lives in L'Anse with her husband, Taylor, and their two children: Hollynd and Ronin.



George "Howard" Kimewon has recently accepted the position of KBIC's Ojibwa Language Teacher. Howard, as he prefers to be called, is from Manitoulin Island, Ontario, Canada. He lived away from his people and worked in the construction field. Back in 2007, he was on a two-week vacation in the Bay Mills Indian Community area and ran into his cousin, Phyllis. She told him that she was in Bay Mills for an emersion program for the weekend and invited him to join them. He did and

enjoyed it so much he shut his phone off and his mother worried about him as he was unable to be reached for the whole weekend. She was delighted that he was relearning the language. She kept asking him, "When you going back there? You should do that, you should help the people." As time went by, Howard made a promise to his mother that he would help native communities who wanted to learn the native language. Howard said, "I still keep that promise today. I quit my job and been on that two-week vacation since, teaching the people."

Howard is currently teaching in the L'Anse and Baraga Area Schools, grades K-12, and will soon begin an elders' class. "I don't teach with a computer, I teach from the heart."

Howard resides in a temporary housing arrangement at this time but will soon move his wife and their cat to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

Parrish Retires continued:

campus, the Wabanung Campus. Along the way, KBOCC surpassed 100 students in five different disciplines: Anishinaabe Studies, Business, Early Childhood Education, Environmental Science, and Liberal Studies.

KBOCC has had students take first place in the AIHEC Student Conference Science Bowl, work with NASA projects, and one graduate went on to attend and graduate from an Ivy League College. KBOCC's first students in their Criminal Justice certificate program were all accepted into the Michigan Academy of Corrections.

The path of education continued as a KBIC Tribal Member could take one step through the door and later end up in graduate school or Washington, D.C. Members can also return and bring their education and ideas home to continue to strengthen the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community."

Cherie Dakota concluded with, "It all started with one Anishinaabikwe with a vision...Debbie Parrish."

Debbie Parrish began her career at KBIC in 1972 as a legal secretary to Tribal Attorney Gar Hood. He worked on the hunting and fishing rights case with Buck Chosa, William Tyosh, and Boysie Jondreau. During this time, she was also instrumental in assisting the late Georgianna Emery and others, to set up the first National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) meeting at the Tribal Center.

Debbie worked on a number of other endeavors as well. She worked as a secretary and administrative assistant for the Young Adult Community Corp (YACC) program; the Chairman's Office; and as Don LaPointe's Administrative Assistant. She worked with James Schutte on the Elderly Nutrition Programs; assisted with setting up the Ojibwa Seniors Gift Shop; as a Program Coordinator for a job training programs; and in the Business Development Office. She also worked with Mike Chosa and Tim Shanahan on the Ojibwa Lanes and Lounge project, creation of the Ojibwa Industrial Park, and development of the Economic Development Corporation. Debbie also volunteered in helping establish KBIC's Big Bucks Bingo at the Zeba Bingo Hall.

Debbie managed the Even Start Program at its beginning and established the indoor Play Center which later became part of the current Pre-Primary Program.

Debbie served on the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Council in 1987 and was the Council's Secretary for many years. She also served on many committees throughout the years: Hiring Committee, Powwow Committee, Economic Development Committee, Education Committee, Constitutional Task Force, Health Board, and presently serves on the Ojibwa Senior Board.

The Community celebrated 46 years of dedicated service from Debbie Parrish and wished her a happy retirement knowing full well we will continue to see great strides from her throughout future years.

~ Submitted by Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor



Michigan Indian Legal Services Free Legal Aid Clinic

For Low-Income Native Americans



Do you need advice or assistance with a pressing legal problem and you think your income may fall lower than federal poverty guidelines? If so, come to the free legal clinic on:

Friday, May 25, 2018

9:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

(No appointment necessary)

1st Floor Conference Room

KBIC Tribal Center

- Family law
- Housing
- Child Welfare and ICWA
- Treaty rights
- Juvenile delinquency case
- Garnishment and attachment of per capita distributions

PLEASE MAKE SURE TO BRING ALL THE PAPERWORK RELATED TO YOUR LEGAL PROBLEM.

If you have any questions, cannot make it to the clinic but would still like free legal advice:

Please call MILS at 1-800-968-6877.



Tribal Council Secretary's Report for the Month of February 2018 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.

Spring begins March 20! We wish everyone a happy and blessed Easter on April 1, 2018.

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

During February, the Tribal Council held one Regular meeting on February 3, 2018, one Work Session on February 26, 2018, and four Special Council meetings on February 1, 8, 15, and 22, 2018. Following are the 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.

February 1, 2018 Special Council Meeting (unapproved):

- Closed session: Ojibwa Casino I and II Financial and Marketing updates; Radio Stations Operational Plan update; Language Instructor update; Nepotism request; and Tribal Attorney update.

February 3, 2018 Regular Council Meeting (unapproved):

- Approved the President's Report (Warren C. Swartz, Jr.) January 2018 Report.
- Approved the Secretary's (Susan J. LaFerner) January 2018 Report.
- Approved the CEO's (Larry Denomie III) January 2018 Report.
- Approved the Department Head Reports for January 2018.
- Approved the February 2018 Donations: \$500.00 to the Baraga Senior Class of 2018 Lock-in; \$500.00 donation for new equipment to the Marquette County Youth Football; \$1,000.00 to Deena Misegan, NMU student to attend interdisciplinary study in global health care in Central America.
- 1st Reading of the Proposed Tobacco Ordinance 2018-01. Scheduled the 2nd/3rd Readings for February 22, 2018

February 8, 2018 Special Council Meeting (unapproved):

- Approved the January 6, 2018 Tribal Council Meeting Minutes.
- Approved the waiver of nepotism request for Tyler Rasanen for the on-call Facility Attendant position at the Youth Department.
- Approved Resolution KB 005-2018 that formally approves the re-affirmation of the adoption of the Official Flag and Insignia of the Community and sent to the Commissioner for Trademarks, US Patent and Trademark Office, for entry into the Native American Tribal Insignia Database.
- Approved the Tier III Services Agreement with Mary Hindelang, Ph.D., to provide a Terrestrial Invasive Species Management Plan (TISMP) under the Natural Resource Department for \$17,000.00, February 1, 2018-June 30, 2018.
- Approved the Tier III Services Agreement with Windsor Solutions, Inc. to provide an environment management database (Phase II) for \$79,907.00, February 26, 2018-September 30, 2018, with the Natural Resource Department.
- Approved the bid from Northwest Marine Technology, Inc. for the purchase of a quality control device (QCD) for the coded wire tag injector for \$13,300.00 for the Natural Resource Department.
- Approved the proposal from Grand River Anishinaabeg Community, LLC for consultation services for the Community Halfway House Project for \$100,000.00.
- Approved the bid from Northern Auto for (3) 2018 Dodge Chargers for the Tribal Police Department patrol cars for \$25,975.00 each.
- Approved Amendment Two with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation Grant to extend the term to December 13, 2019, and add \$300,000.00 to complete Phase 2 of the non-motorized pathway connecting Zeba with Sand Point in Baraga.
- Approved to offer the position of Gaming Commissioner to William Seppanen.
- Approved to accept the resignation of Darrell Kingbird, acknowledge that he has abandoned his position and is not providing duties as of January 30, 2018.

February 15, 2018 Special Council Meeting (unapproved):

- Approved the January 12, 18, and 22, 2018 Tribal Council meeting minutes.
- Approved by a poll of the Tribal Council-Resolution KB 006-2018 which approves (George) Howard Kimewon as a fluent speaker with a Credential for the Mastery of the Anishnaabe Language.
- Approved to allow James Denomie, who has been a loyal employee for 20 years, to retire.
- Approved the Language Instructor Employment Agreement with George Howard Kimewon at Baraga and L'Anse Schools

for five months: February 15, 2018-July 15, 2018.

February 22, 2018 Special Council Meeting (unapproved):

- Council met with the Lundin Mining Company regarding Eagle Mine: partnership, closure planning, business development.
- Approved Personnel Policy 7.3 Closures of Governmental Offices with the changes.
- There will not be a 16th Annual Kid's Fishing Derby this year; it was decided to hold the derby every other year.
- Approved Resolution KB 004-2018 "2018-2020 Five Year Recreation Plan" to serve as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for the KBIC.
- Approved the Tier III Services Agreement with Glenn Sarka PLLC, Marquette to provide Guardian Ad Litem/other services assigned by the Chief Judge of the Tribal Court, November 1, 2017-December 31, 2018.
- Reviewed the Constitution Committee's review of the BIA's technical comment letter to proposed amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws of the KBIC to add Article IX-Judicial Branch and to conduct a secretarial election.
- Approved Peggy Loonsfoot, Jeanne Emery. and Clayton Ekdahl to the Election Board for three year terms.
- Approved Tashina Emery to the Youth Committee.
- Denied approval of a Retainer Agreement with Joseph P. O'Leary to provide Guardian Ad Litem/Other services assigned by the Chief Judge of the Tribal Court February 11, 2018-February 10, 2019 and renegotiate the expenses/compensation.

February 26, 2018 Work Session-Special Council Meeting (unapproved):

- 3rd Reading and Review of Motion to Amend Proposed Ordinance 2018-01. The Tobacco Ordinance of 2018 to add the provisions on the manufacture of tobacco products amending Title 21B-The Tobacco Ordinance of 2008 and moving the criminal provisions to Title 3.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan J. LaFerner

Library Events during the month of April ~ By Angela Badke, Librarian

The Ojibwa Community Library is celebrating Poetry Month, National Library Week, and Children's Book Day throughout the month of April. Take a peek at our list of events below to see what's going on.

Starting April 2:

Poem in Your Pocket: April is Poetry Month! Stop in and pick up a pocket-sized poem (or two!) for a little inspiration. Keep one and give one to a friend.

Children's Book Day Book Giveaways: April 30th is Children's Book Day. To celebrate, the Library has several children's books on display to giveaway to a few lucky winners. Enter your child by filling out a drawing slip at the display in the library throughout the month. The lucky winners will be drawn and announced on April 27th.

"Book Face" Facebook Photo Challenge: Take a picture of yourself reading, and post it to our Facebook page. Participants who post to our page will be entered to win some cool prizes! This is a family friendly challenge, so please encourage all readers to enter. Winners will be drawn and announced during National Library Week.

Throughout National Library Week (April 9 – April 14):

Fine Forgiveness: Return library materials and we'll waive the fines for you. Certain restrictions do apply, so stop by the library's circulation desk for more info.

Sugar Rush: All week long the library will have sweet treats for our sweet patrons! Guess how many "bookworms" there are to be entered to win the whole jar.

Book Sale Flash Sale: This week only Hardcover are \$.50 a piece and Paperbacks are \$.25 each!

Building Adult Skills in Computing (B.A.S.I.C) (April 19th at 6:00-7:30 PM):

The Library will be hosting the Breaking Digital Barriers group on Thursday, April 19 for those who have questions about their smartphones, tablets, iPads/iPhones, and laptops. Student tutors from Michigan Tech will be available to walk you through any questions you might have about your device. If you don't have a device of your own, but still have questions, the Library has computers and tablets participants can use during the event.

We also want to remind everybody that the library still subscribes to Ancestry.com, but only until this July. If you want to use it, pop on in and give it a try!

For more information about these, or any other library events, feel free to call us at 353-8163. Hope to see you soon!

Tribal Social Services Establishes Foster Care Closet



KB Tribal Police "Fill The Truck" was a success. Above (left) Tyler Larson, Tribal Social Services Director accepts the delivery from (right) Officer Jake Misegan.

In January of this year, Tribal Social Services created the Foster Care Closet. Tyler Larson, Tribal Social Services Director, said, "We thought of this as an idea to have items readily available in those emergency situations. Often times we run into problems where children will be removed and parents refuse to send any clothes with the children, or they might not even have any to offer. Some of the items don't fit, or are worn out beyond repair. Other times, clothes



Tyler Larson, Tribal Social Services Director accepts a donation check from Melissa Treadeau, KBOCC Student Government Treasurer.

may be exposed to hazardous material that we don't want to take from the home.

Our Foster Care Closet gives us an opportunity to have items immediately accessible to our workers at any time of the day or night. Typically, when kids enter foster care, there is a clothing allowance provided to the foster parents, but when a kid is sent with nothing, the money can only be stretched so far. Foster parents get paid only a small stipend per day to care for the kids. Having this closet established will allow us to get some of the basics for them, and the parents can use the allowance and daily stipend to help supplement that.

The closet will also be used as a means for foster parents to exchange and replenish outgrown clothing for the kids. We have a very limited amount of foster homes, so we want to be supportive in any way we can.

On 02/02/18, the KBOCC student government conducted a bake sale/clothing drive as a part of their volunteering opportunities. They saw our request for donations and thought of this as a great way to help. As a result of their event, the group donated a check in the amount of \$337.70 in addition to several boxes of clothing.

On 02/23/18, the Tribal Police Department held their Fill the Closet Event in an attempt to fill the trunk of a police cruiser with donations to support the Foster Care Closet. In no time, the police car was filled, and they had to upgrade to their Tahoe in order to fit all of the donations for the event. This was much more than anyone anticipated. In addition to the clothing donations, the police also accepted multiple cash donations totaling \$165.00.

The cash donations will be used as a slush fund to help cover miscellaneous costs to develop the closet and to simply have cash available for emergency situations that the department handles after regular business hours. The Department also extends a special thank you to all of the community members who donated, including the staff at BCMH who held a clothing drive for the closet, and Gene Mensch who donated a washer and dryer.

We are very appreciative of all the support we have received in establishing this closet and hope this will be a valuable resource for the community. We are not accepting any further donations as we will take this time to organize and go through everything we have received thus far."

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OWENS GRADUATES BASIC MILITARY TRAINING

Randy Steven Owens III graduated from BMT, (Basic Military Training), on March 9, 2018, in Lackland, Texas. He is now an Airman in the United States Air Force where he will continue his technical training to become a member of the Air Force Security Forces.

Randy is a 2017 graduate of Baraga High School. After graduation he worked as a Police Cadet for the KBIC Tribal Police.

Randy, a KBIC member, is the son of Randy and Jami Owens and the brother of Leah, Nico, and Maddan. He is the grandson of Donald Shalfoe Sr., Melissa Koepf, Randy Owens Sr., and Kimberly Owens.



KBIC Participates at the 25th Annual "Learning To Walk Together" Powwow



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Northern Michigan University's Native American Student Association Powwow is an event held in early spring. Many KBIC community members participated in the event held Saturday, March 24, 2018, at the Marquette National Guard Armory. Pictured above are: (left) Donald Chosa, Jr. (Head Male Dancer), Karlene Chosa (Head Female Dancer), and (back) Bnaaswi Biiaswah (Head Veteran Dancer), the Wiikwedong Ogichidaa Society (KBIC Honor Guard), and fellow Veterans.

The event was well attended with three drums providing drumming and songs. Co-host drums were Four Thunders and Sturgeon Bay. Joe Medicine and Mitch Bolo emceed the event.

~ by Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor.

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.



APRIL

National Child Abuse
Prevention Month



We All Can Play a Part in Keeping Children Safe and Families Strong

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

Research shows that protective factors are present in healthy families. Promoting these factors is among the most effective ways to reduce the risk of child abuse and neglect:

- ◆ Nurturing and Attachment
- ◆ Knowledge of parenting and youth development
- ◆ Parental resilience
- ◆ Social connections
- ◆ Concrete supports for parents
- ◆ Social and emotional competence of children.

April is a time to celebrate the important role communities play in protecting children and strengthening families. Everyone's participation is critical. Focusing on ways to connect with families is the best thing our community can do to strengthen families and prevent child abuse and neglect.

In support of these efforts, the US Department of Health and Human Services' Children's Bureau, Office on Child Abuse and Neglect, its Child Welfare Information Gateway, the FRIENDS National Center for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention, and over 30 National Prevention Partners have created *2018 Prevention Resource Guide: Keeping Children Safe and Families Strong in Supportive Communities*. The resource guide, designed for service providers who work throughout the community to strengthen families, is available online at <http://childwelfare.com/topics/preventing/preventionmonth/resources/resource-guide/>.

Look for the KBIC Health System Pinwheels for Prevention pinwheel garden during the month of April. Contact the KBIC Health System or KBIC Tribal Social Services at (906) 353-4201 for more information about prevention, detection, and reporting.

Resource information from childwelfare.gov

Upcoming Events:

- Aqua-Fit, Tuesdays, 10 a.m.
- Breastfeeding Support Group, 4th, 1 - 3 p.m.
- Car Seat Clinic, by appointment
- Diabetic Foot Clinic, 11th & 25th, by appointment
- Diabetes PATH, 23rd, please register
- Drum Away the Pounds, Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m.
- Every Body Yoga, Thursdays, 5:30 p.m.
- Parent Circle, 9th, 5:30 p.m., please register
- REACH Walking Challenge, ongoing, call for details
- Smart Gardening w/Vegetables, 11th, 18th, 25th, 5 p.m.
- Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group, 3rd, 5:30 p.m.

For more information about these or other services and programs call Dawn at (906) 353-4521.

Keep Babies Safe at Sleep

Every time I read the statistics or take another class on Safe Sleep, I feel compelled to warn people all over again. The headlines are terrifying: "In Michigan, a baby dies from accidental suffocation during sleep every five days." Native babies are nearly three times as likely to die of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) as Caucasian babies. Native babies have died in our Tribal Communities in all of the following ways:

- Sleeping with an adult in an adult bed
- Sleeping face down
- Overheated or smothered by pillows or blankets
- Sleeping in an adult bed and getting stuck between the mattress and the wall
- Sleeping on a couch or easy chair.

We can reduce the risks of this terrible tragedy by following some simple rules. These rules apply every time baby sleeps, including naps during the day and sleeping at night. Baby should sleep on a firm, flat mattress, on her back, in her own bed. Nothing else belongs in baby's bed – no pillows or blankets, no puffy bumpers, no toys. Don't smoke around your baby. Keep baby's bed near you – a bassinette is nice when they are small. Do not let baby get overheated.

We are all tempted to pile blankets on our little ones when the cold winter winds blow. There are safer alternatives! Sleep Sacks are like little sleeping bags with arm holes for babies to sleep in and keep cozy. As spring returns, there are lighter weight sacks available too. Our local Healthy Start - Family Spirit office can help you find them. There is a lot of information available there, too. Call us at (906) 353-4521 to find out more. Make sure everyone who cares for baby knows the safe sleep rules.



Never leave your sleeping baby alone in the car or car seat! Car seats need to be tilted back to a safe 45 degree angle for the little tiny ones who sleep there while shopping. Do not leave them sleeping in there without tilting it back, they can suffocate. Be sure to remove them from the car seat and place them on their back in a safe sleep environment like a crib, bassinet, or cradle as soon as possible.

Everyone at your house needs a good night's sleep! Make sure your baby is safely in his bed, and then you can all rest easier.

Submitted by Cindy Miller, RN
Maternal Child Health Nurse



KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK - I LOVE THAT - NICE JOB -
YOU MAKE ME PROUD - AWESOME - YOU ROCK -
SUPER - MAGNIFICENT - YOU'RE SO SMART -
RIGHT ON - I KNEW YOU COULD DO IT -
THAT'S GREAT - MARVELOUS - KEEP GOING -
DON'T GIVE UP - GOOD FOR YOU - WELL DONE -
OUTSTANDING - YOU SHOULD BE PROUD OF THAT -
WOW - FANTASTIC - THAT'S INCREDIBLE - FAR OUT -
YOU'VE GOT IT - REMARKABLE - GREAT IMAGINATION
- VERY BRAVE - HOW THOUGHTFUL - YOU MADE MY
DAY - WAY TO GO - EXCELLENT - I LIKE THAT -
YOU'RE TOPS - YOU'RE DOING A GREAT JOB - SUPER -
BREATH TAKING - EXTRAORDINARY - AMAZING EFFORT
- AMAZING - YOU'RE A JOY - WONDERFUL - YOU'RE
SPECIAL - YOU TRIED HARD - YOUR HELP COUNTS -
TERRIFIC - EXCEPTIONAL - YOU'RE UNIQUE - WHAT A
GREAT JOB - YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE -
YOU'RE SENSATIONAL

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.



John LaFerner, case #18-004, §3.1706, Controlled substance – 1st offense Sentencing on 02/21/2018, #18-004, §3.1706:

- One-hundred-eighty days jail, 90 days jail to be served, 90 days suspended pending successful completion of all terms of probation. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.

Paquin, David, case #17-203, §5.6, Duty to report accidents forthwith – 1st offense Sentencing on 02/21/2018, #17-203, §5.6:

- Fine \$100.00.
- Defendant shall pay restitution in the amount of \$1,571.83 for the Baraga Telephone Company, which shall be paid to the KBIC Tribal Court for processing.
- Ninety days jail, 15 days to be served, 75 days shall be suspended pending successful completion of all terms of probation. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
- If the Defendant can provide proof of wage garnishment, the Court will consider suspending his jail days to be served to commence at the end of the winter season.
- Twelve months standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10.00 monthly fee. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of PBT and drug testing, if any.

Paquin, David, case #17-204, §16.515, Improper use of plates – 1st offense Sentencing on 02/21/2018, #17-204, §16.515:

- Fine \$125.00.
- Thirty days jail, 30 days to be served. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated. Jail time is concurrent with #17-203.
- If the Defendant can provide proof of wage garnishment, the Court will consider suspending his jail days to be served to commence at the end of the winter season. (Concurrent)
- Twelve months standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10.00 monthly fee. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of PBT and drug testing, if any. (Concurrent)

DeCota, Nora, case #17-062NR, §10.412, Special fishing provisions: Prickett Dam – 1st offense Sentencing on 03/07/2018, #17-062RN, §10.412:

- Fine \$100.00.
- Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging, random drug and alcohol testing, if any.
- Three to six months standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with the \$10.00 monthly fee.
- The Defendant shall report once per month to the Probation Office.
- The Defendant shall review the Community's Title Ten Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping Code for fishing restrictions and prepare a two-four page typed report summarizing why there are fishing restrictions for Prickett Dam Spillway and two other local bodies of water of her choosing.
- The Defendant shall submit to a baseline drug test today.

Friisvall, Dale, case #18-020, §5.15, OUIL – 1st offense Sentencing on 03/12/2018, #18-020, §5.15:

- Fine \$500.00.
- Forty-five days jail, 45 days jail shall be suspended pending successful completion of all terms of probation. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.

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- Three to six months standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with the \$10.00 monthly fee. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing, if any.
- The Defendant shall submit to a baseline drug test today.

Friisvall, Dale, case #18-021, §5.61, Penalties: Driver's license required – 1st offense Sentencing on 03/12/2018, #18-021, §5.61:

- Fine \$100.00.
- Ninety days jail, credit for one day served, two days (16-hours) community service in lieu of two days jail, 87 days to be suspended pending successful of all terms of probation. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated. A Remedial Order is ordered in this matter. Every time the Defendant is caught driving, he shall do 30 days in jail automatically.
- Three to six months standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with the \$10.00 monthly fee. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing, if any.
- Defendant shall report one time a month to the probation office, and at any other time as instructed by the probation office and the Sentry Call-in System.



CAREER FAIR

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

APRIL 6

10AM-2PM

KBOCC Wabanung Campus
770 N Main St, L'Anse, MI 49946

Companies will be looking for full-time, part-time,
paid internships and seasonal positions

This event is sponsored by the KBOCC Business Department

www.kbocc.edu/careerfair

Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College Summer 2018 Schedule of Courses May 7 - August 3, 2018

Admissions
524-8304 or see
www.kbocc.edu

Course	Instructor	Day	Time	Room
Anishinaabe Studies				
AS225 Anishinaabe Education (4 credits) <i>Social Science & Anishinaabe Awareness Elective</i> Class meets May 7-June 29	D. Cadeau	Tues, Thurs	4:00pm-7:50pm	WAB 211N
OS135 Keweenaw Bay Indian Community History (2 credits) <i>Social Science & Anishinaabe Awareness Elective</i> Class meets May 7-June 29	V. Friisvall-Ayres	Tues, Thurs	1:00pm-2:50pm	WAB 115E
Business				
BS103 Personal Finance (4 credits) Class meets May 7-June 29	M. Haataja	Mon, Wed	11:00am-2:50pm	WAB 112E/ WAB 117E
Early Childhood Education				
CE119 CDA Preparation Seminar (2 credits) Prerequisite: Instructor permission; Course fee: \$45 Class meets May 7-June 15	C. LaRose	Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs	8:15am-10:00am	WAB 114E
Humanities				
EN250 Anishinaabe Images in Literature and Film (4 credits) Prerequisite: EN102 or instructor permission <i>Humanities & Anishinaabe Awareness Elective</i> Class meets May 7-June 15	J. Koenig	Mon, Wed	11:00am-3:50pm	WAB 113E
EN210 World Literature (4 credits) Prerequisite: EN102 or instructor permission <i>Humanities Elective</i> Class meets May 7-June 29	R. Frost	Tues, Thurs	1:00pm-3:50pm	WAB 113E
Science				
BI211 Plant Taxonomy (4 credits; 3 lecture, 3 lab) <i>Lab science elective</i> Course fee \$140; 3 day-long field trip; dates TBD Class meets May 7-June 29	E. Johnston	Tues, Thurs	5:00pm-8:50pm	WAB 210N
ES242 Wetlands (4 credits; 3 lecture, 3 lab) Prerequisite: BI101, BI130, ES110, GS105, or instructor permission <i>Lab science elective</i> Course fee \$140; 2-day field trip; dates TBD Class meets May 7-August 3	A. Kozich	Tues Thurs	12:00pm-1:50pm lecture 12:00pm-3:50pm lecture/lab	WAB 210N
Social Science				
CJ101 Introduction to Corrections (3 credits) Field Trip required Class meets May 7-June 29	J. Bouchard	Thurs	5:00pm-8:50pm	WAB 115E
CJ110 Introduction to Criminal Justice (3 credits) Field Trip required Class meets May 7-June 29	W. Jondreau	Tues	5:00pm-8:50pm	WAB 115E
EC201 Microeconomics (4 credits) Web-based class Prerequisite: Instructor permissions Class meets May 7-June 29	M. Haataja	Online	Online	Online
PY260 Social Psychology <i>Social science elective</i> Class meets May 7-June 29	F. Taddeucci	Tues, Thurs	9:00am-12:50pm	WAB 115E
SO207 Contemporary Social Issues (4 credits) <i>Social science elective</i> Class meets May 7-June 29	F. Taddeucci	Mon, Wed	4:00pm-7:50pm	WAB 115E

(8) Ishwaaswi



Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College has the following employment opportunities:

- ~ Adjunct Math Instructor – Fall 2018
- ~ Adjunct Culinary Arts Instructor – Fall 2018
- ~ On-Call Child Care Provider – ASAP!

Job descriptions and applications are available at: www.kbocc.edu or for more information, call Jody Joki at (906) 524-8412.



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Now Hiring — KBIC Tobacco Company, LLC
Positions Announcement — KBIC Members Only!
Manufacturing Cigarette Packing Team Member,
closes April 9, 2018, 4 p.m.
Tobacco Manufacturing Maker and Material Handler,
closed April 9, 2018, 4 p.m.
Part-Time, dependant on duration on manufacturing session; \$11 — \$13 an hour, depending on experience.
Application can be obtained by contacting: Debbie Picciano, TERO Officer, 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49908 or calling (906) 353 – 4715, or e-mailing: tero@kbic-nsn.gov.

Deepest Sympathy

Francis C. Darcy
(July 10, 1953—March 15, 2018)

Francis C. Darcy, age 64, of Baraga, MI, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Thursday, March 15, 2018. He was born in Hancock, MI, on July 10, 1953, the son of the late Ellsworth "Sonny" and Eleanor "Stubby" (Rabideaux) Darcy. Francis was a Baraga High School graduate. He proudly served in the US Navy. Francis married the former Shirley Hinkson in Bellefortain, Ohio, on March 11, 1993. He retired from the auto industry where he had been employed as a fork lift operator. Francis was a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, the Ojibwa Senior Citizens, Baraga American Legion Post 444, Wiikwedong Ogichidaa (KBIC Honor Guard), and had been an original member of the Drum and Bugle Corp. His greatest passion was music and had played drums, guitar, and the piano. He enjoyed traveling, including going to his niece's buffalo ranch, going on side-by-side rides, partying and taxiing around anyone who needed a ride. He had driven the van for Michigan Indian Elders Association for many years and will be remembered as the "Baraga County Clumsy Clown."

Francis is survived by his wife: Shirley of Ohio; son: Jared Darcy of North Dakota; daughters: Stacy Colgin of Ontonagon and Kassandra Tousignant of East Lansing; step-children: Billy Jack Samuelson, Tom Neeley, Bobbie Jo Anderson, and Roseann Neeley; grandchildren: Henry, Connor, Nathan, and Marissa; brother: Thomas (Val) Darcy of Baraga; and sisters: Barbara Swartz of Baraga, Sandi (Boone) Pittsley of Baraga, and Anne (Jim) Miller of Pelkie. Numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins also survive.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Vicki; his brother, Larry; his brother-in-law, Clyde; and two step children: Scott Neeley and Jeff Neeley.

Funeral services for Francis was held on Monday, March 19, 2018, at the Reid Funeral Service and Chapel, L'Anse, Michigan, with Deacon John Deacon officiating. Military honors, under the direction of the Baraga American Legion Post 444 was conducted at the funeral chapel prior to the services. Immediately following the funeral service, the family invited friends to join them for fellowship and a luncheon at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens Center, Baraga, MI. Spring interment will take place in the Baraga Cemetery. The Reid Funeral Service and Chapel, of L'Anse, Michigan, assisted the family.

Gloria A. Galer
(December 17, 1946—March 20, 2018)

Gloria A. Galer, age 71, of L'Anse, MI, and formerly of Ontonagon, MI, passed away Tuesday, March 20, 2018, at Bayside Village, L'Anse, MI. She was born in Pontiac, MI, on December 17, 1946, the daughter of the late Richard and Elizabeth (Miller) Galer. Gloria graduated from Madison Heights High School in 1963. She had worked as a waitress at the Chicago Steak House in Dearborn, MI. Gloria was a member of Holy Name of Jesus Church, Assinins, MI, and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. She enjoyed coloring, art work, listening to music, and Tiger Baseball.

Gloria is survived by her loving family, brothers: Robert Galer of L'Anse, and Foster Galer of Baraga; and sisters: Margaret (Pete) MacDonald of Sun City West, AZ, and Diane (Jim) Czech of Harper Woods, MI. Numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins also survive. She was preceded in death by her parents, and sisters: Doreen and Rosemary.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated on Friday, March 23, 2018, at Holy Name of Jesus Church, Assinins, MI, with Father Corey Litzner, Celebrant. The family greeted friends on the evening of Thursday, March 22, 2018, at the Reid Funeral Service and Chapel, L'Anse, MI. Immediately following the Mass, friends joined the family for a fellowship and luncheon at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens Center, Baraga, MI. A spring interment will take place in the Evergreen Cemetery, L'Anse, MI. The Reid Funeral Service and Chapel, L'Anse, MI assisted the family.

NOTICE OF COMMUNITY MEETINGS

The Constitution Committee will be holding Community Meetings regarding the Amendment to the Constitution Article IX Judicial Branch. KBIC Members are encouraged to attend one of the sessions.

May 15, 2018, at 5:00 pm
Bingo Hall, Baraga, MI

June 18, 2018, 5:00 p.m.
Zeba Community Hall, Zeba, MI

April 2018 Calendar

- **Apr. 1:** Happy Easter!
- **Apr. 7:** Saturday Council Meeting at Big Bucks Bingo, Baraga, at 9 a.m.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS (FDIR) 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:				Use this amount
Household Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standard	SNAP Standard Deduction	=	FDIR Net Monthly Income Standard
1	\$1,005	+	\$160	= \$1,165
2	\$1,354	+	\$160	= \$1,514
3	\$1,702	+	\$160	= \$1,862
4	\$2,050	+	\$170	= \$2,220
5	\$2,399	+	\$199	= \$2,598
6	\$2,747	+	\$228	= \$2,975
7	\$3,095	+	\$228	= \$3,323
8	\$3,444	+	\$228	= \$3,672
Each additional member				+ \$349

Alaska:				Use this amount
Household Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standard	SNAP Standard Deduction	=	FDIR 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

SCHEDULE

TUESDAYS

AQUA-FIT

10:00 AM
MARCH 13TH - MAY 8TH
Ojibwa Casino Pool
Swim, Move & Stretch with water aerobics, Elders encouraged.

TUESDAYS

DRUM AWAY THE POUNDS

5:30 PM
MARCH 21ST - MAY 16TH
Seniors Center
Get your heart pumping in this energetic, sculpting, and fun way to play the drums. Open to all ages. Sticks provided.

THURSDAYS

EVERY BODY YOGA

5:30PM
MARCH 15th - MAY 10TH
Zeba Hall
Yoga for every body type, families encouraged. Enjoy views of Lake Superior and reawaken the soul. Mats provided.

24/7

FREE SPIRIT FITNESS

Niiwin Akeaa Community Center
FREE for all KBIC Tribal Members!

SPRING FITNESS 2018

"Taking the privilege out of fitness and making getting active the norm!"
KBIC HEALTH SYSTEM

MARCH - MAY

A physical activity for every BODY! Please join us this spring, every session is a great way to get moving, get fit and relieve stress! All Courses are drop-in style. We have started a continuing seasonal fitness calendar of courses in collaboration with the KBIC Youth Programs, Free Spirit Fitness, Seniors Elders Program, Intention Yoga and Wellness, the BALAC Grant and the REACH Grant. In case of weather cancellations, all courses will be updated on KBIC Health System Facebook. All courses require parent supervision for children under 12.

KBIC Health System
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APRIL IS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH — “YOUR VOICE HAS POWER”

Embrace your voice

How you talk about sexual violence matters.

The things you say every day sends a message about your beliefs and values.

When you stand up for survivors of sexual violence, you send a powerful message that you believe and support them.

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How Your Words Affect Others

- Chances are someone you know is a survivor of sexual violence. They might not have told anyone out of fear of being blamed or judged.
- If someone in your life is considering sharing something personal with you, they are likely listening to your opinions or attitudes for clues on how you will respond.
- A comment or joke based on assumptions or stereotypes might not seem like a big deal, but it could make someone feel unsafe about sharing personal or painful things with you.

For example: “I could never tell her what happened to me. She said if victims of sexual assault don’t go to the police, then it wasn’t serious.”

What can you do?

- Don’t wait for a critical moment to say the right things. The words you choose every day communicate your values.
- When you hear comments that blame victims or make light of sexual violence, speak up so others know you don’t agree.

Even if you don’t have a perfect response, this shows you do not believe in stereotypes, you believe survivors, and you’re a safe person to talk to.



For example: “That commercial made me uncomfortable. I don’t know exactly why, but I think everyone should be treated with respect.” or, “I don’t think that’s true — I believe people when they say that someone has hurt them.”

You can become an agent of change.

- Our words shape the world around us.
- Whether you are showing your support for a survivor or helping someone better understand these issues, your voice is powerful and necessary in this conversation.

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Sasquatch Returns to the L’Anse Township Park for the 5th Year!



Baraga County Trails in Motion! A group of local volunteers dedicated to promoting all-season recreation in Baraga County created a fun and unusual event on Cathy’s Path and Soup’s Loop in L’Anse Township’s Curwood Park. Some of these volunteers included workers from the KBIC’s NRD such as Evelyn Ravindran, Karena Schmidt, Alan DesRochers, Keith Denomie, William Genschow, Robert Genschow, Christian Hebert, and Ti’ia Friisvall.

This event happened Saturday, February 24, 2018, at 4:30 p.m. A bonfire, refreshments, and the return of Bigfoot were all parts of the mid-winter festivities. Fifty to seventy-five people

came to enjoy the fun on the warm February evening. This was the fifth year of the popular event. There were three Bigfoots on hand for a photo opportunity. In addition, there was a drawing for two sets of snowshoes—Tubbs 30-inch shoes, one of which was donated by Indian Country Sports. Admission was free. There was also a donation box for non-perishable food items and hygiene products. The community donated 17 bags of goods and \$50 for the needy in Baraga County. Donated goods were sent to St. Vincent de Paul in L’Anse. In addition to the non-motorized trail opportunities in L’Anse’s Curwood Park, there is a large trail system in Baraga near the Ojibwa Campground, with over two miles of beach trails to enjoy! Sights to see are more than beautiful sandy beaches, fitness stations, and a garden full of pollinator friendly native plants with interpretive signs.

BCTM members extend thanks to L’Anse Township and the many volunteers from all over the community who help make possible these beautiful all season, non-motorized trails. For more information, call the Baraga County Convention and Visitors Bureau at (906) 524-7444, or go to Baraga County Trails in Motion on Facebook.

BIA SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

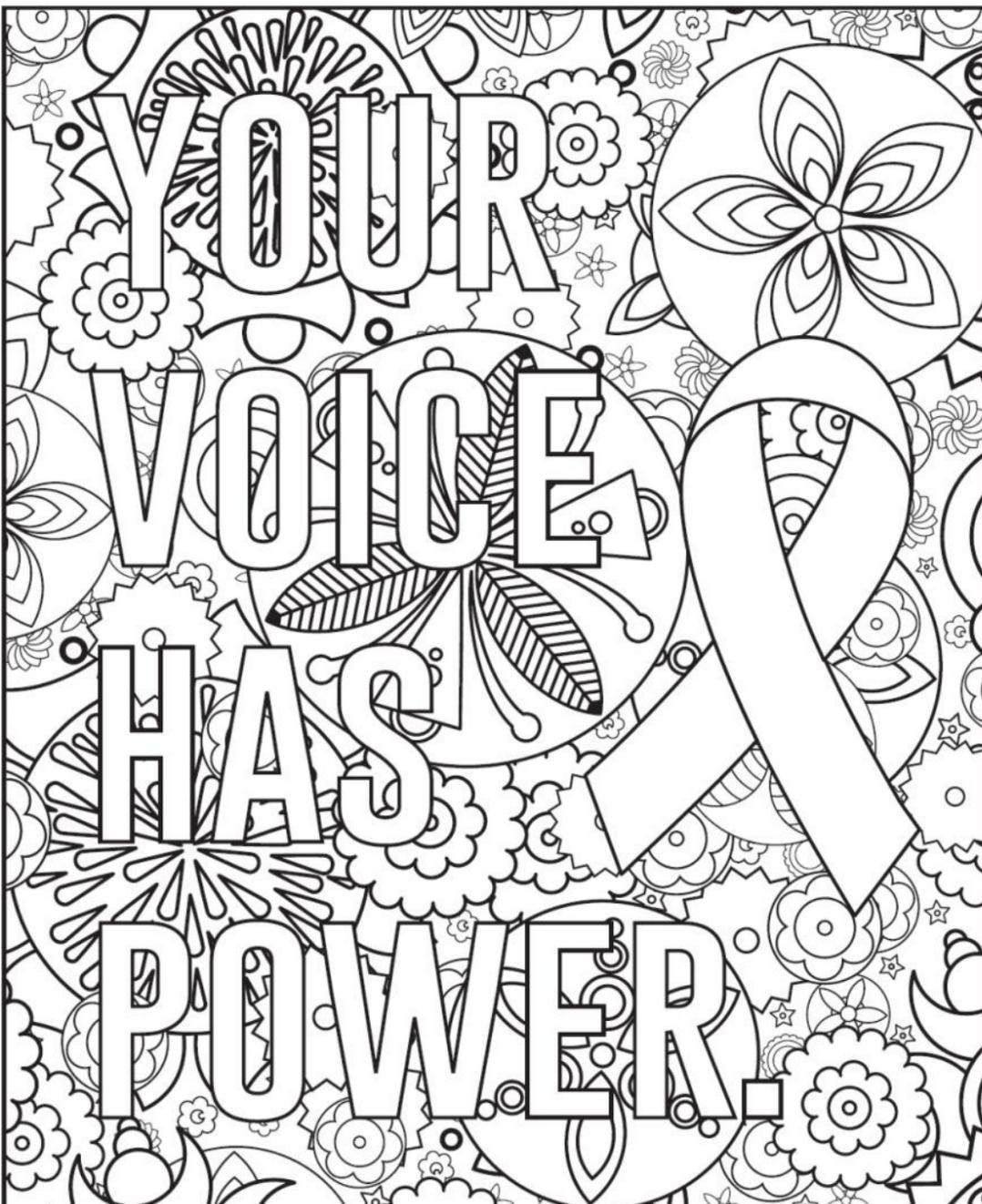
The deadline to apply for a BIA Scholarship for the 2018-19 academic year is May 1, 2018.

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

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

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

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KBIC Natural Resource Staff Present at Native Species Symposium - Targeting Gardeners



Evelyn Ravindran, Hatchery and Nursery Manager (above), and Karena Schmidt, Ecologist, for the KBIC Natural Resources Department (below) were invited speakers at a Native Plants Symposium that took place on March 17th. Members of the Keweenaw Garden Club, Wild Ones, and the Keweenaw Land Trust were all involved in hosting this event that took place in the Carnegie Museum in Houghton, Michigan. Financial donations from Copper Country Audubon and Hancock Public Schools Foundation helped to fund the symposium.



Together Evelyn and Karena gave the opening presentation, “Shaping Enduring Relationships: Lessons from Native Plants and their Pollinators” to an audience of over 50 people. Evelyn gave insights about the people of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and shared some of our migration story. She spoke of our respect for Grandfather Birch and Grandmother Cedar, and when we are with them in the forest, we are with our family and safe. Our relatives, Birch and Cedar, can give us everything we need to survive. Part of the vision of the Natural Resources Departments as stated in the Integrated Resource Management Plan is to “Live in harmony while enhancing the resources of the KBIC for the Seventh Generation.” In accord with this, Evelyn spoke of how KBIC members practice the principles of the Honorable Harvest and Reciprocity when we are out gathering plants. These principles include:

- Know the ways of the ones who take care of you, so you can care for them;
- Introduce yourself, be accountable;
- Ask permission and abide by the answer;
- Never take the first or the last;
- Take only what you need;
- Take only what is given;
- Never take more than half;
- Harvest in way to minimize harm;
- Use it respectfully;
- Share;
- Give thanks for what you have been given. (Allegiance of Thankfulness);
- Give a gift in reciprocity for what you have taken;
- Sustain the ones who sustain you, and the earth will last forever.

Briefly, she touched on Manoomin, the good berry, and our relationship with wild rice. Insights on sweet grass, cedar, sage, and tobacco, the four sacred plants, which are medicines for all the people were shared. After giving this foundational information she spoke of some of the long-term plants projects that are being carried out by the Natural Resources Department that include the native plants restoration at Sand Point, The Forest Recovery Project, which involves the removal of invasive Japanese barberry and replacing those with medicine plants. Our garden projects on Brewery Road include a seed orchard and pollinator plots that provide us with locally grown seed sources for our restoration projects. Also at Brewery Road are the elements of our Food Sovereignty Projects which include the People’s Garden, which makes available for KBIC members garden plots to grow their own vegetables, a hoop house which extends the growing season for strawberries and raspberries, a small fruits (blueberry) and fruit tree orchard, and beehives to provide housing for pollinating insects required by the fruit trees and other plants.

Following Evelyn’s presentation, Karena spoke of how very important insects are to the success of the many plant’s projects. She learned from an elder that insects are known as the Manidoosheg, or little spirits. Without the Manidoosheg the flowers would produce no seed, the fruit trees would bear no fruit, the hives would have no honey. To more fully appreciate all the many services insects provide is so important. In turn, there are many actions gardeners can take to express gratitude for insects. Here are some ideas offered:

- Use plants that are rich in nectar and pollen;
- Use a diverse range of plants that bloom at different times of the growing season;
- Use specific host plants that serve as larval food for the caterpillar stage of butterflies;
- Include some native plants in the landscape that have a natural relationship with native pollinators;
- Consider leaving a small patch of flowering non-invasive weeds to create;
- Supply a source of water for butterflies, beneficial insects, and some bee species – (small dish with damp sand or pebbles and water);
- Supply and/or protect nesting and hibernation sites -- patches of bare earth for soil dwelling bees, hollow stems or tubes for cavity dwelling bees, leaf litter, and small brush piles for butterflies;
- Avoid the use of chemical pesticides. Instead, to control pests, use cultural and mechanical techniques, and encourage the pest’s natural enemies in the garden.

Karena also gave tips on helping to distinguish between bees, wasps, and flies, and details on providing habitat for different sorts of bees. Bumblebees are unique in that they “buzz pollinate” flowers, something they alone are capable of. To buzz pollinate, a bee approaches a flower and is able to disengage its flight wings and then vibrate its body. The resulting vibrations shake the pollen loose from the flowers and accumulate on the bees’ legs. They then visit another flower, and the pollen is successfully transferred from one blossom to another. Blueberry blossoms, tomatoes, and tobacco depend on the beneficial bumblebees to buzz pollinate them. A beautiful aspect of the blueberry blossom is that it faces downward so that when it is receiving the “buzz pollination” treatment the bumblebee is beneath the blossom and out of view of a potential predator. In a sense, the blueberry blossom is protecting its pollinator.

Evelyn and Karena concluded their talk with several take home messages including:

- Our First Treaty is with the Plant Nation, and we must respect and honor the whole nation of plants;
- Some plants are more commonly used, yet ALL are important;
- We don’t have to justify why all plants are important; they just are; We may not yet have received the teachings on their significance;
- As humans, we do not know what all the nations need; therefore, we must dedicate ourselves to protect biodiversity, pristine environments, and high quality habitat;
- Need to practice reciprocity toward ancestors and 7th generation;
- People, the world over, may need our plants for healing, and we must safe-guard them;
- Life is all about relationships and building relationships takes time to feel acceptance -- through a gradual adoption of plants a purpose becomes recognized.

Their presentation was well received and followed by Research Assistant Professor Sigrid Resh of Michigan Tech, who spoke on “Avoiding Invasives—Beautiful or Not”. The Natural Resources Department has worked with Sigrid in previous summers to control several weed species of concern including Japanese Knotweed, garlic mustard, and Japanese barberry.

In addition, three local gardeners—Liz Gerson, Marcia Goodrich, and Valorie Troesch—told of their experiences gardening with native plants. They are all knowledgeable gardeners and shared their stories and advice for creating beautiful, nature-friendly gardens. They gave information on rain gardens, garden design, and plant selections that work well in our region.

The keynote speaker was Neil Diboll, a pioneer in the native plant industry and recognized internationally as an expert in native plant community ecology. He has guided the growth of Prairie Nursery, a wildflower seed company in Wisconsin, for 30 years. He is enthusiastic about the propagation of native plants and their promotion as uniquely beautiful, ecologically beneficial, and sustainable solutions for landscapes and gardens.

Please be welcome to call Evelyn or Karena at the Natural Resources Department if you are interested in learning more about the work we do with plants or would like to sign up for a garden plot at the Brewery Road People’s Garden this summer.

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KBIC Natural Resources Dept is looking for your help in the naming our new research vessel. The vessel is currently being built to our specifications and will be ready for delivery by summer! We are looking to the community for ideas for a name for our new vessel. Send us your suggestions by May 1st.

Please call or E-mail Lori Ann Sherman with suggestions:

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