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Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tobacco Committee (KBICTC) and Asemaa Wholesale and Distribution Company Grand Opening Held



Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Tobacco Board Vice Chair/KBIC Tribal Council Member and Jennifer Misegan, Tobacco Board Chair/KBIC Vice President cut the ribbon at today's Grand Opening event. Photo credit: Katrice Perkins.

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tobacco Company (KBICTC) and the Asemaa Wholesale and Distribution Company held their Grand Opening on Tuesday afternoon, April 17, 2018. Chair of the Tobacco Board and KBIC's Vice President, Jennifer Misegan, welcomed the Community to the Grand Opening Ceremony. "The Tobacco Company is owned by the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, and it is operated by a Tobacco Board. KBICTC is actually the manufacture of the tobacco products that we see at this facility. Today is also the official opening of

our Asemaa Wholesale Distribution Company, and this company is an enterprise of the tribe, just like the Pines and the Radio Station. This has been a long time coming and it actually began in 2008 when a group of us traveled to the Seneca Nation in New York. We met Gary Sanden and Travis Heron, the owners of the Seneca Manufacturing. It was during this visit that we toured their production facility, and our relationship and friendship began. A few years later, the Tribal Council purchased their cigarette making machine, and it is actually the one that we are using today. It wasn't until we had several seizures of our cigarettes by the State of Michigan that we were forced into the difficult process of obtaining our federal license to manufacture tobacco products. We applied for our license in March of 2017, and after a lot of preparation, documentation, and many lessons learned, our license was finally granted in November of 2017. We still had to wait for clearance from the Federal Trade Commission which seemed to take much longer than expected. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community could not have done any of this without our extraordinary, successful, business partners at Allegany Capital Enterprises (ACE) and Seneca Manufacturing, Gary Sanden, Travis Heron, and Odie Porter. They have years of experience and as Gary likes to say, have learned the hard way of what not to do. We are very grateful to them, and they have definitely become friends of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Commu-



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Left to right, (front) Jennifer Misegan (KBIC Council Vice President/KBIC Tobacco Board Chair), Doreen Blaker (KBIC Council Treasurer/KBIC Tobacco Board Secretary), Susan J. LaFerner (KBIC Council Secretary), Michael F. LaFerner, Sr. (KBIC Council Member/KBIC Tobacco Board Vice Chair), Randall Haataja (KBIC Council Member), Ode Porter (Seneca Manufacturing and Allegany Capitol Enterprises), (back) Rodney Loonsfoot (KBIC Council Member), Larry Denomie III (KBIC CEO), Toni Minton (KBIC Tribal Council Asst. Secretary), Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. (KBIC Tribal President/KBIC Tobacco Board Treasurer), Gary Loonsfoot, Jr. (KBIC Council Member), and Travis Heron (KBIC Tobacco Board Member/Seneca Manufacturing).

Tribal Council Members:

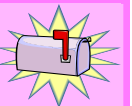
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Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr.
Rodney Loonsfoot
Elizabeth D. Mayo



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- April 7, 2018 Tribal Council Meeting
- KBICTC/Asemaa Grand Opening Held
- Asher Selected Editor's Choice
- Loonsfoot Appointed to Veteran Affairs Agency Trust Committee
- BIA will hold Election for Amendment to KBIC Constitution.
- Criminal Report
- Deepest Sympathy

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Grand Opening continued:

nity. This venture isn't just about cigarettes, although we are making an excellent quality product. It is much more than that; it is truly about sovereignty - the sovereignty of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. It is about us determining our own destiny. It also isn't just an economic development project; it is a method for us to provide for the needs of our membership through employment opportunities, and the revenues that it provides. The endeavor will not only fund our General Welfare Support Program, but a percentage of the revenue will go to our Health Clinic for Tobacco related programs."



Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Jennifer Misegan (shown above) expressed appreciation of the dedicated work from a number of individuals to open these doors up today. "I want to thank the Board for their commitment and work on this project; the Tribal Council and past Tribal Councils, and Larry Denomie our CEO -he jumped right in and did the majority of the work needed to get our license. Also a huge thank you to Michael Lahti, who is the Assistant Manger of our gas stations. Mike took on a lot of extra work and has been amazing in learning the actual production, sales, and marketing. He is a one-man show up here, and we do appreciate all he does. Vicki Dakota is our first ever Tobacco Agent for the tribe, and we want to thank her for accepting that position. A thank you to Tashina Emery for her very creative and impressive logos which she designed for each company. Lastly, a definite Chi miigwech to our Public Works Department for all the extra work they put into this facility getting us ready for production."



President Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. (shown above) shared a few words at today's celebration as well. "This project is a combination of work we've been doing since 2008. This project goes a long way with our sovereignty; we are always looking for ways to diverge our portfolio, and this is one of the ways we get to take that opportunity to exercise our sovereignty and our culture. It is important for us that we don't lean on Indian gaming, look toward our sovereignty, and find ways we can diverge from our portfolio. This is one of those things that

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will help the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community do that. I'm proud of what we've done here, and it has taken a number of people working hard together. It was like they say, 'Pull up your boots, lace up your boot straps, and get to work.' That is exactly what happened here. With the support of the Council, forming of the Board, and our partnership with ACE, we're seeing the fruits of our labor here today at our grand opening. We are opening up to the world today!

I look at our mission and value, and normally every five or ten years we upgrade that. Some of the core values for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community includes: a tribe that preserves the Anishinaabe culture, advances economic diversity, provides outstanding opportunities to enhance independency, and promotes the health and well-being of our community. I think we are well on our way of meeting some of those vision statements. In addition to our vision statement, we also have a mission statement, and our mission here at the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community is to

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.

Jodie Chosa, case #18-016, \$3.904, Domestic animals – required restraints – 1st offense

Sentencing on 03/26/2018, #18-016, \$3.904:

1. Fine \$100.00.
2. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and random drug and alcohol testing, if any.
3. One to three months standard drug and alcohol restricted probation with a \$10.00 monthly fee.
4. The animal must be restrained at all times.

Jodie Chosa, case #18-035, \$3.904, Domestic animals – required restraints – 2nd offense

Sentencing on 03/26/2018, #18-035, \$3.904:

1. Fine \$150.00.
2. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and random drug and alcohol testing, if any.
3. One to three months standard drug and alcohol restricted probation with a \$10.00 monthly fee (concurrent with #18-016).
4. Defendant shall write a one page paper on what you understand offense \$3.904, Domestic animal – required restraints to be. The paper must be completed prior to being released from probation.
5. Restitution shall be determined. The Defendant reserves the right to object if the amount seems unreasonable.
6. The animal must be restrained at all times.

Sandman Shelifoe, Minogheezhig, case #17-227, \$3.203(A)(3), Timing of registration – 1st offense

Sentencing on 03/26/2018, #17-227, \$3.203(A)(3):

1. Fine \$500.00.
2. One-hundred-eighty days jail, credit for 78 days jail served, 12 days jail to be served, 90 days jail shall be suspended pending successful completion of all terms of probation. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Six months of standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10.00 monthly fee. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing, if any.
4. Defendant shall obtain a substance abuse screening and shall comply with the recommendations of the screening until successfully completed. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the cost of screening, if any. Defendant shall sign a release of information for the Court to monitor compliance. This appointment is to be made within two-weeks of being released from jail.
5. Defendant shall obtain a mental health assessment and shall comply with the recommendations of the screening until successfully completed. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the cost of the assessment, if any. Defendant shall sign a release of information for the Court to monitor compliance. This appointment is to be made within two-weeks of being released from jail.
6. Defendant shall report to the Probation Office within 24-hours of being release from jail. If released on the weekend, Defendant shall report on Monday morning.

provide exceptional services for our membership, a safe and positive work environment for our employees, and to sustain economic prosperity while protecting our sovereignty and preserving our culture for future generations. That is exactly what we plan on doing here, working on that mission and continue to work for all member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and all members of our surrounding Community. We are a major player in the local economy, and we are happy to contribute to that. When we think about businesses, we always think of the big home run, the big one that is going to be big for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. It is a struggle to figure out how to diversify from our portfolio and come up with some ways to assure an increase in the revenue for our Community. This may not be a grand slam right now, but hopefully, it will be a major home run someday. Maybe we can begin the run around the bases now. We have a lot of work to do, and we are committed to doing that work."

~ Submitted by Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor

Sandman Shelifoe, Minogheezhig, case #17-234, \$8.901, Contempt – 1st offense

Sentencing on 03/26/2018, #17-234, \$8.901:

1. Sixty days jail. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated. (Consecutive to #17-227). Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.

Lussier, Shiloh, case #18-001, \$3.305, Disorderly person – 1st offense

Sentencing on 03/28/2018, #18-001, \$3.305:

1. Fine \$250.00.
2. Twenty days jail, credit for 10 days jail served, 10 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.
3. 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.
4. Defendant shall obtain a substance abuse screening within 10 days of sentencing and shall comply with the recommendations of the screening until successfully completed. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the cost of screening, if any. Defendant shall sign a release of information for the Court to monitor compliance.
5. The Defendant shall provide a valid prescription to the Court for Buprenorphine.

Lussier, Shiloh, case #18-032, \$8.901, Contempt – 1st offense

Sentencing on 03/28/2018, #18-032, \$8.901:

1. Six to twelve 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.

Tolonen, Tyler, case #18-005, \$3.202, Assault and battery (domestic) – 1st offense

Sentencing on 04/10/2018, #18-005, \$3.202:

1. Fine \$500.00.
2. One-hundred-eighty days jail, credit for 82 days jail served, serve eight days jail, 90 days jail shall be suspending 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 any.
3. Defendant shall obtain a substance abuse screening within 14 days of being released from jail and shall comply with the recommendations of the screening until successfully completed. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the cost of screening, if any. Defendant shall sign a release of information for the Court to monitor compliance.
4. Must obtain an anger management screening within 14 days of being released from jail and shall comply with all recommendations until successfully completed. Defendant shall sign a release of information for the Court to monitor compliance.
5. Defendant shall obtain a mental health assessment and shall comply with the recommendations of the assessment until successfully completed. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the cost of the assessment, if any. Defendant shall sign a release of information for the Court to monitor compliance.
6. If the Defendant fails to comply with any of his probation orders, he will be ordered to serve the remaining 90 days immediately.

APRIL 7, 2018 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Regular Monthly Tribal Council Meeting was held on Saturday, April 7, 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.

President Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. gave the President's Report (page five), Vice President Jennifer Misegan gave the Vice President's Report (page nine), and Secretary Susan J. LaFernier gave the Secretary's Report (page eight). Council approved the Department Head Reports for February 2018 and Council Meeting Minutes for March 1, March 3, and March 8, 2018.

Under recognized scheduled delegation/individuals: Vice President Jennifer Misegan initiated Council's recognition for KBOCC's President Debbie Parrish's Retirement. Vice President Misegan said, "Debbie's career began in 1972. She was a legal secretary to Tribal Attorney Gar Hood. She then went on to work as a secretary and administrative assistant for the Young Adult Community Corp (YACC) program; the Chairman's Office with Fred Dakota; and she worked as Don LaPointe's Administrative Assistant. Debbie worked with James Schutte on the Elderly Nutrition Programs; assisted with setting up the Ojibwa Seniors' Gift Shop; as a Program Coordinator for job training programs; and in the Business Development Office. She also worked with my dad, Mike Chosa, 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. She 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 1986 and 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, Election Board, and Enrollment Board, and she currently continues to serve on the Ojibwa Senior Board and the Health Board.

Debbie's legacy here will be her commitment and her massive accomplishments with the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College. While serving as the President, KBOCC became fully accredited by the Higher Learning Commission; obtained Land Grant Status through USDA; and recognition through the Bureau of Indian Education. She then went on to expand the college to the old hospital location, which is absolutely a beautiful facility and one this whole Community is extremely proud of.

Debbie did all of this while being a devoted mom, grandmother, and a foster parent. Debbie Parrish has most definitely served our Community well, and we are very proud to celebrate 46-years of dedicated service. *Chi miigwech!*"

Concluding the presentation, Debbie Parrish said, "It has been my honor to be a part of this Community and to serve the members of our Community in various capacities. There are a few things still in the works and will need Council's continued support, one of which is making the recognition of the Indian Tuition Waiver a reality for our students here. At the federal level, please remind Senator Stabenow and Congressman Bergman, the Title III, Part F is under consideration for elimination, and KBOCC needs to keep that grant to support our student services, our construction, and our other programs. We still need to work closely with the BIA on getting our land into trust for the L'Anse Campus. We've had some issues, and we'd like to get Council's support on those. It actually surrounds Lute's Store (located near the L'Anse Campus) and because of the underground tanks they are on the State List. We've tried to get them off the list, we've tried to work with the BIA, and they're just not budging. Thank you for all of your support, and please remember to keep the college in your budget each year because it is going to be important as we move forward, and if we increase our student enrollment, it will help with all financial ability from the Bureau of Indian Education. On another note, I've worked with Fred since 1972, and it's been a journey and a ride. I will be around, so if you need anything let me know. I will still be in the background working as a consultant on a few projects. In the meantime I'm just going to relax, enjoy my grandchildren, and do some hobbying."

President Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr., shared a draft letter he'd written to the L'Anse Township Supervisor related to the wind project. "Dear Supervisor LeClaire, as you are aware, Renewable Energy Systems (RES), a global energy company with a 13 GW energy capacity portfolio, is engaging activities related to the construction and operation of up to 55 wind turbines, each up to 492 feet in height in L'Anse Township. We note the following statement in the Executive Summary on page 22 of the 2012 L'Anse Township Master Plan. L'Anse Township, like many other communities should up their zoning ordinance to include regulations to include wind turbines to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the community. We agree that the L'Anse Township must have a robust all encompassing ordinance that specifically applies to utility grid wind energy systems in place prior to issuing any special land use permit or any other approval for the construction and operation of the project that RES is proposing. While this is a significant undertaking which will require a complex and substantial effort, we want to assist in any way possible because we believe the authority possessed by municipal governments to take action to advance the public health, safety, and welfare is very important. We also believe that the L'Anse Township Authorities have an obligation to at least consider the cumulative impact of its decision that includes the potential impacts to the treaty rights belonging to our Community. Regardless to the stated purpose of this proposed project with more than two dozen massive sulfide deposits identified in this vicinity it could have the ability to industrialize the southern flank of what would amount to the largest district in the entire mid-western region. Therefore, I strongly recommend that the L'Anse Township immediately enact a moratorium on a temporary basis on the establish-

ment, placement, construction, enlargement, and/or erection of wind energy conversion systems within the Township and on the issuance of any and all permits, licenses, or approvals for any property subject to the L'Anse Township's Zoning Ordinance for the establishment or use of wind energy conversion systems, and that this Ordinance shall apply to any applications pending before any Township Board or Commission including the Township Board, Planning Commission, or Zoning Board of Appeals. This will give L'Anse Township the ability to exercise your obligations in full measure while we work together to discharge our responsibilities to ensure that our communities, our collective communities, are protected. Sincerely, Warren Swartz, Jr., President of Keweenaw Bay Indian Community."

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Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Pictured above is Debbie Parrish (center) with the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Council. Debbie was presented with a beautiful beaded necklace set designed by one of KBIC's most talented beadlers, Frances Drift.

Council Meeting continued:

Friends of the Huron Mountains met with Council in regards to these wind turbines. Ms. Whitman said, "We wanted to come to the Tribal Council to inform you of our concerns. This is a British Company coming to put up these wind turbines that are approximately 500 feet in height, and they will take up a lot of room. They will affect the whole environment, the wildlife, the bats, the birds, etc. The roads will have to be made wider, straightened, and will open up a whole corridor." A map was distributed showing where the turbines are proposed to be placed, and another map showing annual average wind speeds. Fran Whitman continued, "The main winds are in the middle of the U.S. We are in a brown area on Lake Superior which doesn't have a lot of wind to support the production of this electricity from wind turbines. The RES British Company gets artifact subsidies to put these there. The subsidy period will expire in 2020, so they are in a rush to get these placed. We've been passing out petitions on this issue and have acquired over 300 signatures thus far, and the majority of the people we have spoken with do oppose this project." In regards to a third map distributed, Ms. Whitman said, "The highlighted area is reservation. This map shows a transmission line from the mine site to the substation. They will be taking out all

the trees along there. Also there is drill site where they have been doing ore sampling within the highlighted area. The L'Anse Township Board has the final say in this. The Zoning Planning Board makes the recommendation to the L'Anse Township Board. I have been to the last two meetings, and these Boards have been bullied. They've been yelled at by government entities that want this to come in, like the county government, the administration people, and the Road Commission. The Road Commission wants them to come in as they will receive \$200,000 the first year. So there is a lot of pressure. I am requesting that your Council attend the Planning meeting and be supportive of the Township officials. The next Township Board meeting is on Wednesday, April 11, at 4:00 p.m. at the L'Anse Township Hall. The L'Anse Board of Commissioner's meeting is on Tuesday, April 10, at 4:45 p.m. In a final note, I'd ask if the Council would consider a Resolution or a motion in opposition of the wind turbines." **Motion by Susan J. LaFernier to oppose the Summit Lake Wind Project and for Council to draft a Resolution stating so prior to the L'Anse Township Board meeting, supported by Jennifer Misegan. Eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**

Under new business: Treasurer Doreen Blaker presented the April 2018 donation requests. **Motion by**

Rodney Loonsfoot to approve April 2018 donations as: \$250.00 to Clean Water Action Organization Great Lakes Awards Celebration honoring Desmond Berry; \$500.00 for the L'Anse Senior Lock-in; \$250 to the Paulette Jordan for Governor of the State of Idaho; \$350 and use of a tribal vehicle to Tina Durant for her daughter's (traveling) basketball tournament; refer the donation request for the Warrior Relief Fund American Legion Post 349's Golf Outing to the Ojibwa Casinos; and for \$1,000 and a gift basket to Holy Cross Lutheran Church's fund raiser for Jackie Jones Budreau and Jim Knuutila medical expenses (donations total of \$2,350 plus a gift basket), supported by Jennifer Misegan. Eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.

Council Member Elizabeth Mayo discussed the Fourth of July Holiday schedule due to scheduling proposes. **Motion by Rodney Loonsfoot to approve an additional day off for the Fourth of July Holiday to include July 5, 2018, supported by Randall Haataja. Eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**

Council moved into closed session with Attorney Danielle Webb with HUD Monitoring Report on the agenda prior to adjournment.

~ Submitted by Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor




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 a direct descendant of an enrolled member of one of the MIEA constituent Tribes/Bands (*must be verified in writing by the 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).



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Contact Terri, Robyn, or Rhonda at (906) 524-6626



May 2018 Calendar

- **May 5:** Saturday Council Meeting at Big Bucks Bingo, Baraga, at 9 a.m.
- **May 13:** Happy Mother's Day!
- **May 28:** Memorial Day Holiday, Gov't Offices closed.



President's Report for the Months of February and March 2018

The following is a summary of activities that occurred in the Office of the President for the months of February and March 2018.

- Early in the month of February, I attended a United Tribes Meeting in Lansing, Michigan. I met with Tribal liaisons from state departments and agencies, participated in a meeting about the Line 5 pipeline agreement, and ate at the annual legislative reception. At this meeting, we discussed support for the Native Farm Bill Coalition and annual funding for a functional State Geological Survey. A resolution passed at the meeting to support both bills.
- I attended a number of funerals on behalf of the community in Baraga, L'Anse, and Zeba.
- I approved the Community's Natural Resources Department to enter into another services agreement with White Water Associates to complete a third year of sampling in wild rice waters and develop a technical report summarizing all of the data collected allowing us to prioritize wild rice waters for restoration in our region. White Water, under EPA funds, completed two years of sampling for KBIC (2016 and 2017). For the results of the 2018 study to be comparable to those of the previous two years, it is important to stick with White Water as the contractor completing the field sampling and laboratory analysis.
- I also approved the Village of L'Anse to utilize the road going through a parcel of land owned by the Community off Pinery Road to apply bio solids to the pine trees on the Village's property. Additionally, they said they will maintain and widen the road.
- Chris Miller from Merchant Solutions installed our debit/credit card machine. We are now able to process credit/debit cards at the front desk of the tribal center.
- I received an update from Matt Johnson from Lundin Mining Company about proposed legislative changes to the regulatory laws that affect Eagle Mine and the ceded-territory resources for the Indians. Matt said in his view, he felt the amendments are minor changes. He outlined why they would like to see the changes to Part 632 and Part 301. Proposed changes to part 632 include amendments to allow the MDEQ to determine whether a full permit review process is required. I think a full permit review is required to determine the impacts to treaty-protected resources.
- Tribal Chairman Rick Peterson from Red Cliff e-mailed me and requested an informal meeting to discuss issues of mutual concern or interest. This week at the GLIFWC Board of Commissioner's Meeting, I met with Chairman Peterson to inform him that we are interested in talking with him and his entire council regarding the issues. He said he would inform his Council of the offer and get back to me on some proposed meeting dates. I'm assuming he would like to have a discussion on treaty rights for Lake Superior.
- The Community is informed about Indians from the Mole Lake Tribe desire to come in our Home Territory with the intention of harvesting Walleye in Worm Lake during the upcoming spring spearing season. Worm Lake is also known as Vermilac Lake located on the southern end of our Home Territory. I informed Mole Lake Tribe that the lake is within our Home Territory, and there are some Inter-tribal discussions regarding regulation on Indians exercising treaty protected resources within our Home Territory. To that end, Chairman McGeshick and his Council have been issued an invitation to come to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community to address their request to come into our Home Territory.
- The Tribal Council approved a list of potential candidates for the Board of Regents for the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College as required by the MOA.
- NAHASDA requires HUD to assess, at least annually, each recipient's performance under the Act regarding Indian Housing. We received a letter regarding the review of the Annual Performance Report for the program year that ended September 30, 2017. During the assessment, the following measures were considered as to whether the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community:
 - carried out its eligible activities in a timely manner;
 - carried out its eligible activities;
 - has continued capacity to carry out activities;
 - complied with the Indian Housing Plan;
 - submitted an accurate Annual Performance Review (APR).

The review determined that the APR is complete and the community has complied substantially with the IHP in carrying out its eligible activities in a timely manner.

- The National Park Service participated in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to address the wolf population at the Isle Royale National Park. The purpose of the EIS was to determine how and when to bring wolves back to Isle Royale. The EIS includes three alternatives to bring wolves back to the isle as well as not bringing wolves to the isle. The National Park Service preferred the alternative method to reintroduce 30 to 40 wolves over a three to five year period of time at Isle Royale. The Grand Portage Tribe Band and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community expressed interest in a waiting period before action could be taken. Since then, the National Park, within the last week, issued a final EIS and will make it available. It is likely they will have a final decision within 30 days.
- I had the opportunity to meet with 109th District Representative, Sara Cambensy, in regards to the mascot issue of Marquette High School. As you know, her opponent was Rich Rossway, the President of the Marquette Area School Board. I informed her that we need to work together to improve education for our Native American students who attend Marquette Area Schools. She indicated that she would work with us, and I did follow-up with an e-mail to Rich Rossway attempting to schedule a sit-down meeting to discuss potential avenues that could be completed to help improve education for our children at schools that have demeaning mascots.
- There have been some issues with the Half-way House budget trying to stay within the money available. We've looked at the schematic and design. Our Assistant CEO, Sarah Smith, eliminated and modified a few areas, and we are now within budget and will move forward with project.
- I was contacted by Anne-Marie Griger from the Renewable Energy Systems (RES) Group, related to the Summit Lake Wind Project that is going to be occurring here. I participated in a telephone planning conference with a number of L'Anse Township people in regards to the wind project that is proposed to come here. I wanted to be more informed on this project, so I participated in the conference. I was surprised to hear the number of things that this proposed wind project may or may not do. My biggest concern is on the impact it will have on treaty protected resources, and the offsets each one of these turbines displaces in regard to land. During this call and subsequent calls, I have learned that each windmill displaces about an acre to an acre-and-a-half of land. If they have 33-100 windmills going up, imagine the amount of land that will be displaced. All of this land is within the ceded territory reserve for the Indians to utilize through the treaty resources. I am concerned about the taking of the land. Sooner or later all of these takings are going to amount to standing maybe on Isle Royale seven-generations from now. I'm concerned with all of these accumulative impacts from industry corporations that are going to have an impact on generations to come. There is a push to improve the infrastructure between here and Eagle Mine. There is a need for a new Pit Lake and more power in the U.P. Look at what is being built around us; the gas station being built here is going to need an infrastructure line to get all of the power up to the gas station. If there are windmills coming, and there is already a power plant here, a big long interconnection line to connect all of this power together will be needed. When they get that, then the infrastructure is here. I also think there may be a mill or something going up between here and Eagle Mine now. I am definitely concerned about this matter.

Respectfully submitted,
Warren C. Swartz

KBIC SPRING CLEAN-UP, Curbside Pickup

Who: KBIC Tribal households within KBIC. No businesses or non-tribal households included. L'Anse—May 14th and 15th, Baraga—May 16th and 17th. Please put waste on the curbside at 7 a.m., we will not return. No need to register. For more information call 353-8024.

Asher Selected Editor's Choice – Inspiring Artist in the *Western Art Collector* Publication

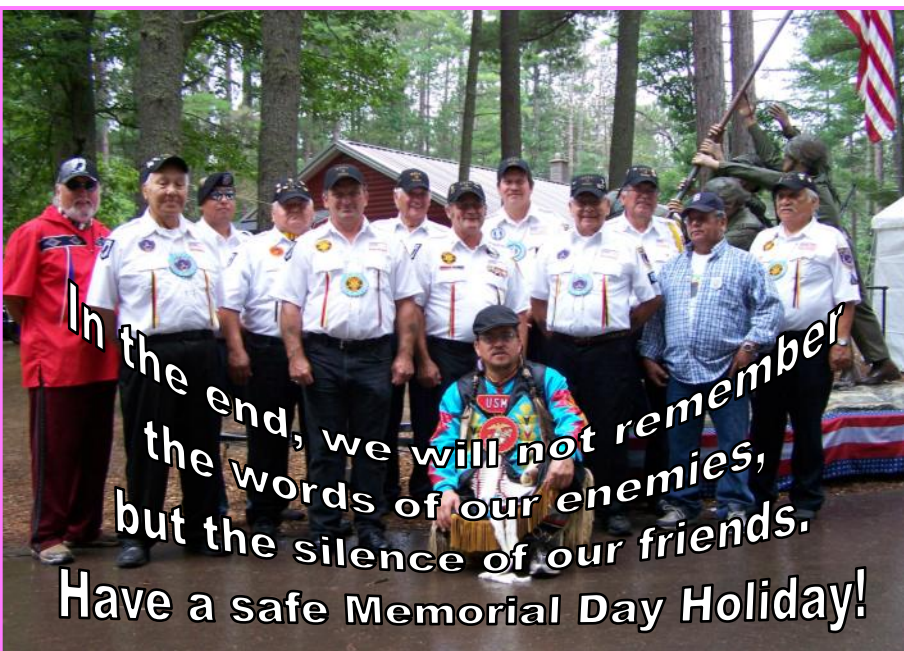
Le'Ana Asher, a Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Member, has been recently featured in the April 2018 issue of the publication *Western Art Collector* for her paintings as an emerging artist. Le'Ana was selected as the editor's choice special edition. (View www.westernartcollector.com.)

Le'Ana's paintings are inspired in part by her Native American Indian culture, contemporary American culture, and her classical fine art training. She examines cultural identity, tribal symbolism, traditional storytelling, and contemporary Indian life through the lens of a modern indigenous woman living in two cultures.

Le'Ana said, "I was born and raised near Pontiac, Michigan. I have been making art as long as I can remember. It has always been a part of me. Growing up I was confronted with living the diverse landscapes of my home reservation and my suburban home near Chicago, Illinois. These dual perspectives helped shape who I am and where my art comes from. I am both a citizen of the U.S. and my home reservation, at times not feeling like I fit into either world. Art seemed to be this place where I could go to process, lose myself, and find myself all at the same time."



Le'Ana Asher (above) and her brother Corey Asher are the children of the late Ellery Asher. Her grandparents were the late John (Moose) Asher and Gladys (Chix) Knapp Asher. Le'Ana's mother is Anetia Nichols Pace, a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribe. Le'Ana lives near Chicago, Illinois, with her two children: Akiwan Banks and Nitaawe Banks.



Le'Ana is a first generation college graduate. After seven years, three schools, and changing her minor three times, Le'Ana received her Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts with a triple concentration in drawing, painting, and photography from Eastern Michigan University, in 1999.

Le'Ana said, "My Artistic process includes traditional media (acrylic, oil, and photography) as well as some mixed media. I have experienced years of seemingly unproductive art then followed by years of intense prolific art making. I've learned to trust this process, and I've learned that taking breaks can be just as important as pushing through. I keep coming back to this desire to find my voice through art, connect to what is meaningful, and live a more expansive life. My painting style dances somewhere between realism and abstract expressionism. My mission is to help reshape the dominate cultural narrative we contemporary Indians live in. To help celebrate and preserve Native American art, culture, and a way of life by using my paintbrush as my vision and voice to inspire others to live the life they've imagined and desired. I am sharing my story with the hope of inspiring other tribal members and giving some tribal pride."

Le'Ana has a website displaying more of her talent which are available as originals and prints at www.leanaasher.com, or <https://www.instagram.com/leanaasherart/>.

~ submitted by Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor



President's Council on Fitness, Sports, and Nutrition

KBIC HEALTH is supporting the President's Council on Fitness, Sports, and Nutrition in honor of National Physical Fitness and Sports Month. During the month of May, we challenge all adults to get 30 minutes of physical activity every day.

Did you know that regular physical activity increases your chances of living a longer, healthier life? It also reduces your risk of high blood pressure, heart disease, and some types of cancer. Yet in Baraga County, based on a community health assessment through BALAC that was conducted in 2015, nearly 84% of participants were overweight or obese and 27% don't get the recommended amount of physical activity.

The Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans recommend that adults:

- ◆ Aim for two-hours and 30 minutes of moderate aerobic activity each week. Moderate activity includes things like walking briskly, mowing the lawn, dancing, swimming for recreation, or bicycling.
- ◆ Do muscle-strengthening activities – like lifting weights or using exercise bands – at least two days a week.

Physical activity is for everyone. No matter what your shape, you can find activities that work for you. Together, we can rise to the challenge and get more active during the month of May!

AQUA-FIT, 10:00 AM, Tuesdays, March 13th - May 8th, Ojibwa Casino Pool Swim, Move, and Stretch with water aerobics. Elders are encouraged.

DRUM AWAY THE POUNDS, 5:30 PM, Wednesdays, 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.

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

FREE SPIRIT FITNESS, Niiwin Akeaa Community Center, FREE for all KBIC Tribal Members!

KBOCC STEM ACADEMY physical activity for youth: Farming and Gardening and Outdoor Adventures. Contact the STEM ACADEMY Staff @ 353-4630 (Crystal), 353-4604 (Waba), or 353-4608 (Julia) with any questions! Apply online @ www.kboccstem.com!

For more information, visit kbichealth.org or @KBICHealth on Facebook or call 353-4515.

submitted by Tashina Emery
BALAC Coordinator

Upcoming Events:

- Aqua-Fit, Tuesdays, 10 a.m.
- Baraga County Spring Fling, 12th, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Niiwin Akeaa
- Breastfeeding Support Group, 2nd, 1 - 3 p.m.
- Car Seat Clinic, by appointment
- Diabetic Foot Clinic, 9th & 23rd, by appointment
- Drum Away the Pounds, Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m.
- Every Body Yoga, Thursdays, 5:30 p.m.
- Parent Circle, 14th, 5:30 p.m., please register
- Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group, 1st, 5:30 p.m., BCMH
- Youth Coalition, 2nd, 16th, 30th, 5-7 p.m.

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

Historical Trauma Among Native Americans

The theory of historical trauma was developed to explain the current problems facing many Native Americans. This theory claims that some Native Americans are experiencing historical loss symptoms (e.g., depression, substance dependence, diabetes, dysfunctional parenting, unemployment) as a result of the cross-generational transmission of trauma from historical losses (e.g., loss of population, land, and culture). Compared with all other racial groups, Native American adults are at greater risk of experiencing feelings of psychological distress and more likely to have poorer overall physical and mental health as well as unmet medical and psychological needs (Barnes, Adams, and Powell-Griner, 2010).

Due to the historical losses of population, land, family, and culture that Native Americans suffered, it left them with historical loss symptoms that continue today.



Native Americans have the highest weekly alcohol consumption of any ethnic group.

Native American children are one of the most overrepresented groups in the care of child protective services (Hill, 2008).

Suicide rates among Native Americans are 3.2 times higher than the national average (CDC, 2007). It has been found that an increase in the number of suicides corresponds to a lack of linkage between the adolescents and their cultural past and their ability to relate their past to their current situation and the future (Chandler, Lalonde, Sokol, and Hallet, 2003).

Studies have shown family disruptions and loss of ethnic identity places Native American adolescents at higher risk for alcoholism, depression, and suicide (May, Van Winkle, Williams, McFeeley, DeBruyn, and Serma, 2002).

The KBIC Health System has many resources that can help with the effects that historical trauma has brought on to Native Americans, including: a psychologist, medical doctors, private pharmacy, Maternal Infant Health Program, and many fitness and healthy nutrition programs to keep you healthy and engaged.

submitted by Virginia 'Ginger' Shelifoe, Family Health Educator
references: Anxiety & Depression Association of America and National Board for Certified Counselors The Professional Counselor



High Blood Pressure Awareness

What is High Blood Pressure?

It is when the pressure of the blood against the walls of the arteries is higher than normal.

Types of Blood Pressure:

Systolic Blood Pressure is the pressure inside your arteries when your heart is pumping.

Diastolic Pressure is pressure inside your arteries when your heart is resting between beats.

Measuring Blood Pressure

Blood pressure is measured in millimeters. The systolic blood pressure is measured first and then the diastolic. Blood pressure readings can be affected by smoking, physical activity (recent and average), diet, stress, alcohol usage, and even mood.

Symptoms of High Blood Pressure

Symptoms include headaches, nausea, dizziness, blurred or double vision, nosebleeds, irregular beating of the heart, and shortness of breath. If you have any of these symptoms and believe they could be related to high blood pressure, contact your physician.

High blood pressure can lead to blood clots, stroke, and other health issues. Prevention is the key; reduce alcohol consumption, eat healthy foods, exercise, lower stress, and sleep.

submitted by Heather Wood-Paquet, BS
Health Promotions Coordinator

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

"Earth Day" is April 22nd. Remember to help our "Aki" by cleaning the debris by your street/road side and at your residence. Be watching for the Tribe's annual spring clean/pickup dates.

Many thanks to our Constitution Committee and all who attended and gave their input at the Constitution Convention held from February-May 2015 regarding the proposed amendment to the Constitution-Article IX "Judicial Branch". It has taken three years after many letters to the B.I.A. to finally approve our request to hold a Secretarial Election for the amendment. The Constitution Committee will be holding the following community meetings to review the amendment: May 15, 2018, at the Ojibwa Senior's Center or Bingo Hall at 5:00 p.m. and on June 18, 2018, at the Zeba Hall at 5:00 p.m. Watch the mail for the instructions on how to vote for this important amendment.

The Tribal Council has approved two attorneys as independent Appeals Officers who have heard four employee grievances, appeals of dismissal or leave without pay from the Government and Enterprises since December 2017. The procedure is explained in the Personnel Policy/Employment Manuals.

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

During March, the Tribal Council held one Regular meeting on March 3, 2018, one Work Session on March 26, 2018, and four Special Council meetings on March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 19, 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.

March 1, 2018 Special Council Meeting (unapproved):

- 3rd Reading: Approved to amend proposed Ordinance 2018-01, The Tobacco Ordinance of 2018 (amending Title 3) and Title 21B of the Tobacco Ordinance of 2008. Chapter 3.17 of Title 3 was re-named to Offenses Involving Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco Products, and Controlled Substances and added 3.1707-3.1712.
- Approved the wholesaler fee for Fee Stamps at \$14.35 per carton of cigarettes according to Section 21B.306 of the Tobacco Ordinance of 2018.
- Approved the Guardian Ad Litem/Other Services Retainer Agreement with Joseph P. O'Leary and Tribal Court.
- KBIC Housing Department: Approved the Useful Life and Binding Policy (commitment affordability period to ensure availability of affordable housing units and housing related programs for qualified Tribal members.
- Approved the Emergency Assistance Policy (private homeowner's emergency assistance/repair for low income members/families) and includes land contract owned homes.
- Approved Resolution KB 008-2018 which ratified the Enrollment Board's resolution to define descendant as a person who is the biological child of a member of the Community for purposes of determining who is eligible for services the Community provides.
- Approved Resolution KB 009-2018 (revises KB 042-2015) which restates the need for a Secretarial Election to add the Judicial Branch to its Constitution and requests that the Secretary of Interior call for an election for the purpose of voting on Article IX Judicial Branch.
- Approved the Grand River Anishinaabeg, LLC Tier III Services Agreement ending June 30, 2019, for Consulting Services to New Day Treatment Center for the new Halfway House Project.
- Approved the addendum to the Inter-Tribal Council of MI, Inc. Memorandum of Cooperative Agreement for the Affordable Care Act, Tribal Home Visiting Grant Program which added \$43,800.00 to the original agreement for a total of \$146,000.00 September 30, 2017 – September 29, 2018.

- Approved the bid from Personal Security Consultants (PSC, LLC) for \$13,300.00 for a three-day training session: Employee Investigation and Adjudication Training Certification to comply with Public Law 101-630 (30 people) with reimbursement from the B.I.A.
- Approved Joanne Clement and Debra Parrish as candidates for the KB Ojibwa Community College Board of Regents slate.
- Defeated a motion to terminate Ed Janisse's (Eagle Radio Station GM) contract effective April 2, 2018.
- Denied a waiver request #001-2018 from KBIC Housing Department (Pet Policy).

March 3, 2018 Regular Council Meeting (unapproved):

- Approved the Vice President's Report (Jennifer Misegan) February 2018 Report.
- Approved the Secretary's (Susan J. LaFernier) February 2018 Report.
- Approved the CEO's (Larry Denomie, III) February 2018 Report.
- Approved the Department Head Reports for January 2018.
- Approved the March 2018 Donations: \$500.00 to the Diabetes Outreach Network Sponsorship; \$250.00 to the Grand Rapid Metro Ministry for the Native American Elders Program; \$1,000.00 requested by Brigitte and Mariah La-Pointe-Dunham for the 6th Annual U.P. Home Health and Hospice Dancing with our Stars Marquette County Style Charity Event.
- Approved Resolution KB 007-2018 to join the Native Farm Bill Coalition to ensure that federal agriculture policy seeks to enhance the development of healthy, accessible, affordable, and nutritious food needed in Indian Country

March 8, 2018 Special Council Meeting (unapproved):

- Approved the January 25, 2018 and February 1, 2018 Tribal Council meeting minutes.
- Approved the renewal business license with Jody L. Pittsley for J.P. Transport January 3, 2018 – January 2, 2019.
- Approved the Head Start and Early Head Start Center to be compliant with Public Law 101-630 to follow our background check policy, and the Tribe will cover the cost (match).

March 15, 2018 Special Council Meeting (unapproved):

- Approved the February 3, 8, 15, 22, and 26, 2018 Tribal Council meeting minutes.
- Approved the Real Property Acquisition Policies and Procedures (to effectively and responsibly carry out its charge to regulate the uses, acquisition, protection, and preservation of Tribal property.
- Approved the KBIC NAHASDA Funds Investment Policy (to be used for the investment of NAHASDA funds only).
- Approved to waive the 1st Reading of proposed Ordinance 2018-02 Title Four Juvenile Division Amendment to add 4.614 Permanency Hearing (to comply with Title IV-E of the Social Security Act) and set the 2nd and 3rd Readings for March 29, 2018.
- Approved the KBIC Housing Department Tenant Grievance Policy with the changes.
- Approved the KBIC Housing Department Home Owner Assistance Policy with the changes.
- Approved the Judge Pro Tempore Contract for KBIC with Mark Esqueda, Tribal Court Judge (Lac Vieux Desert Band) October 1, 2017 – October 1, 2020.
- Approved eight applicants and one applicant (pending his report) for Commercial Fishing Licenses for 2018-19.
- Approved the Tier III Services Agreement with Shirley Recollet (Canada) for language immersion services March 1, 2018-August 31, 2018.
- Approved a new business license with Robert A. Ellsworth as "Ellro & ProPal Carpet Cleaning (Shampooing) Services – L'Anse, MI March 1, 2018-March 6, 2019.
- Approved the Physician's Employment Agreement with Dr. Rian David Mintek (Allegan, MI) April 2, 2018 – May 23, 2018.

March 22, 2018 Special Council Meeting (unapproved):

- Approved the revised Purchase and Procurement Policy with the changes and implement the policy by the end of this fiscal year or sooner after staff training. This policy complies with the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996, as amended, and the implementing regulations at 24 CFR 1000, 24 CFR 1003,

the procurement standards of 2 CFR 200, and Section 7 (b) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act.

- Approved the Consolidated Tribal Government Program (CTGP) B.I.A. Award contract documents for FY 2018 January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2020.
- Approved the “Agreement to House Inmates” with the Houghton County Sheriff’s Office/Houghton County, MI.
- Approved the Tier III Services Agreement with Personal Security Consultants, LLC to provide an Employee Investigation and Adjudication Training Certification April 3-5, 2018, for \$10,500.00 for up to 25 attendees to comply with Public Law 101-630.
- Approved the renewal business license with Gerald Jondreau for “Traditional Treasures” (local, traditional foods) August 18, 2017 – August 17, 2018.
- Approved a donation of \$8,000.00 Diamond Sponsor for the 2018 Baraga County Lumberjack Days Committee Fourth of July Fireworks.
- Approved a request for free camping at the Park on September 3-9, 2018, events for September-Recovery Month.
- Approved the new budget for 970 Asemaa Wholesale and Distributing Company and the 510 budget modification for the fee stamp revenue/fee stamp cost.

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

- Drug Free Work Place Policy Review/Discussion with Assistant Tribal Attorney, Kevin Carlisle regarding random drug testing. The Supreme Court held that random testing is permissible if it serves special governmental needs. Council will review the list of government and non-gaming positions to determine which may be tested.
- Continued review of the (Government) Personnel Policy Page 23 5.0 Personnel Records to Page 27 6.7 Employee Compensation.

March 29, 2018 Special Council Meeting (unapproved):

- Approved a contribution of \$500.00 for a lunch reception honoring U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow on April 3, 2018 in Marquette, MI.

- Approved the KBIC Housing Department “Admission and Occupancy Policy” with the changes, and it complies with NAHASDA. The goal is to provide affordable housing in a safe and healthy environment to qualifying members of the KBIC to encourage financial self-sufficiency of the community’s low-income families and to develop opportunities for home ownership.
- 2nd/3rd Reading: Approved proposed Ordinance 2018-02 Title Four Juvenile Division amendment to add 4.614 Permanency Hearing and approved Substitute #1 which added H. Special Considerations.
- Approved the Memorandum of Understanding with Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians to address a drug-abuse crisis in both Communities by entering into this cooperative MOU as to narcotics detection and prevention with the use of a K-9 Unit Team for five years.
- Approved the Data Agreement Amendment with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and the KBIC Office of Child Support to add IRS Publication 1075 Exhibit 7 Contract Language for General Services.
- Approved Fischer Biological Consulting, LLC as a single source for services (hatchery improvements) for up to \$20,000.00.
- Approved White Water Associates as a sole source for a third year services agreement for sampling the wild rice waters up to \$40,000.00 for the Natural Resources Department.
- Approved Resolution KB 010-2018 for the Phase Three application to the Multicultural Intermediary for Collaborative Action for the Lighthouse Repair for \$35,000.00/labor match.
- Approved the bid from Frei Chevrolet for the “Roll Into Spring in a New SUV” giveaway promotion at the casinos for two 2018 Chevrolet Equinox.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan J. LaFernier

Vice President March 2018 Monthly Report

- The KBIC Tobacco Company has been selling product to Asemaa Wholesale and Distribution, and we now have our products on the shelves at two of our locations. Jobs have been posted, and posting will close on Monday, April 9. We intend to hire two Makers and two Packers. Eventually, we plan to begin training Operators once we get a better handle on the production process. We will begin another production run on April 16. Sales continue to be very good. We have spent a lot of time and are having weekly conference calls with ACE regarding the process of placing an order and operations of the facility.
- We are hosting a Grand Opening Celebration for both KBICTC and Asemaa on Tuesday, April 17 at 2 pm. We are planning a ribbon cutting, tours of the facility until 6 pm, and we will also be serving delicious cake.
- We have been continuing to follow up with the Secretary of the Interior’s Office regarding our Canal Land Claim. Letters were sent to John Tahsuda, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, explaining our legal position and answering a question that they requested more information about. I will be following up with him next week.
- Last month the Council approved Resolution KB007-2018 and joined the Native Farm Coalition. We are now official members and can be found on the organization’s website as members. We have been in contact with the coordinators and are awaiting additional information as to what we can do to assist. I did send a letter to the Chairman and the Ranking member of the Senate Committee on Agricul-

ture, Nutrition, and Forestry urging them to include our exclusion for general welfare benefits for Indian people for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP. The program provides the bridge cards.

- The group working on updating our Controlled Substance laws met on March 23. Unfortunately, everyone was not able to make it. We did review what has been written so far, and Kevin Carlisle is continuing to work on the draft. The next meeting is scheduled for the morning of April 17.
- This past week I attended Employee Investigation and Adjudication Training. The training was conducted by Personnel Security Consultants, Inc. and was organized by Debbie Picciano. I had previously been to training regarding Public Law 101-630 background requirements, and it was nowhere near as thorough and concise as this training. We learned that we are also required to comply with Public Law 101-647 as well as 25 CFR 63, 25CFR 12, the Law Enforcement Guidelines and the Gun Control Act for our Police Officers. We also learned that while we are complying with the statutory bars in the background process, we are not going far enough into the character requirements within those laws. We are doing many things very well in the process and will need to adjust our policy some to meet all of the requirements.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Misegan

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

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

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

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

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



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

A brief history of our Constitution and proposed amendment to the Constitution: Article IX-Judicial Branch

The Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, is an act to conserve and develop Indian lands and resources, extend to Indians the right to form businesses and other organizations, establish a credit system for Indians, grant certain rights of home rule to Indians, provide vocational education for Indians, and other purposes. The L'Anse Reservation (and Ontonagon) voted on June 17, 1935, and approved the terms of the act by a vote of 413 For/8 Against (558 total voting population). Section 16 of the Act states that an Indian Tribe may adopt an appropriate constitution and bylaws. A constitution is a document organizing a government and articulates the fundamental rules by which a nation and its people intend to work together to achieve their goals. It says who they are as a people, who has what rights and authorities, how they will make decisions, and how they resolve disputes.

Our constitution was duly adopted by a vote of 239 For/18 Against (939 total voting population) on November 7, 1936, and approved on December 17, 1936, by the Secretary of Interior in accordance with the Indian Reorganization Act.

The Constitution Committee was established with Resolution KB 1804-2011 to advance, organize, coordinate, and host Constitution Conventions, so recommendations may be submitted to the Tribal Council for their consideration within areas of the Constitution and By-Laws of the KBIC for amendment.

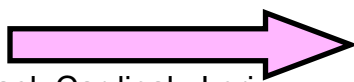
The Tribal Court was formally established when the Tribal Council approved Title One of the Tribal Code - 1.101 *The Tribal Court; Creation and Existence* and was approved by the Secretary of the Interior on October 17, 1974, to provide for the maintenance of law and order and the administration of justice.

Resolution KB 044-2014 (October 23, 2014), formally called for a constitutional convention to be held for the purpose of establishing a Judicial Branch within the constitution to insure a system of checks and balances. A branch of government co-equal with the Tribal Council must be created by The People of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, not the Tribal Council. The convention began on February 3, 2015, with 33 people attending various meetings until May 5, 2015. Title One of the Tribal Code was used as a guide for the proposed amendment to the Constitution Article IX – Judicial Branch (13 sections-five pages) which provides for a separate branch of government free from political interference and conflicts of interest. The amendment was submitted to the Secretary of the Interior on September 24, 2015, per Resolution KB 042-2015 and again on March 1, 2018, per Resolution KB 009-2018, both requesting an election for the purpose of voting on this article to be added to the Constitution. After years of various reasons and clarifications and waiting for the Bureau to call for an election, a letter dated March 29, 2018, from the Department of Interior requested that we send in a list of eligible voters who meet the statutory requirements at which time they will call and conduct an election with the regulations at 25 CFR Part 81 which will be by mail-in ballot. The initial list of eligible voters was approved by the Tribal Council on April 19, 2018.

The Constitution Committee will be holding informational meetings to review Article IX-Judicial Branch and to explain the voting process at the Bingo Hall on May 15, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. and at the Zeba Community Hall on June 18, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. Also watch for posters, radio presentations, KBIC's website/facebook, and handouts for more information.

Respectfully submitted,

Constitution Committee Members: Sarah Smith, Michael Cardinal, Lori LaFernier, Joe Eckerberg, Gretchen Emery, Elizabeth Koski, Susan J. LaFernier



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

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**

KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY OFFICE OF VETERAN AFFAIRS

**Rodney Loonsfoot, Tribal Council/Tribal Veteran
Service Officer**

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Wiikwedong Ogichidaa Society Monthly upcoming meetings, held at 6:00 pm — May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15, and September 19. Meetings are subject to change. Special meetings for Powwows/funerals will be announced.

— ANNOUNCEMENT FOR VETERANS —

Rodney Loonsfoot has been appointed by the State of Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency as the Independent member of the Baraga County Trust Fund Committee on 04/10/2018. Congratulations!



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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:

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9:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M. (No appointment necessary)

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Anyone with information concerning this crime will need to contact the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Police at (906)353-6626.

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Deepest Sympathy

Wilmer J. "Will" Loonsfoot
(July 24, 1942—April 13, 2018)

Wilmer J. "Will" Loonsfoot, age 75, of Baraga, MI, passed away Friday, April 13, 2018, at his home with his loving wife by his side. Will was born in L'Anse, MI, on July 24, 1942, the son of the late Simon and Charlotte (Kishketog) Loonsfoot. He attended school in Brimley, MI. Will married the former Barbara Eggers in L'Anse on June 23, 2012. They were together for over 30 years. Will had worked in a carnival starting at age 17, where he ran the double Ferris Wheel and also drove a semi for the carnival; he worked for Just Right Tree Service in Brimley, MI, for a few years; he drove semi out of the Detroit area; and worked in the woods as a logger for 19 years.

Will was a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and the Ojibwa Senior Citizens. He enjoyed working outdoors, cutting grass, shoveling snow and helping his neighbors with theirs, playing cribbage, and listening to old country music. He was an avid Cowboys football fan and WWE wrestling fan. Will loved his two dogs and his cat.

Will is survived by his loving wife Barbara; children: Suzzane Loonsfoot Smith of Alaska, Angie Loonsfoot of Missouri, Erick Loonsfoot of Bemidji, Minnesota, Rebecca Loonsfoot of Detroit, MI, Ramona Weldon of Indiana, and Kelly Moore of Oklahoma; several grandchildren and great grandchildren; brother: Virgil Loonsfoot of Baraga; and sisters: Diane DeCota of Baraga, and Margaret (Dean) Poleahla of Falls Church, Virginia. He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother: Clifford "Sonny Boy" Loonsfoot; and his sister: Marie Durant.

A celebration of life was held on Wednesday, April 18, 2018, in the Ceremonial Room located at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens Center, Baraga, MI. Immediately following the celebration of life, a pot luck feast was held. The Reid Funeral Service and Chapel, L'Anse, MI, assisted the family.

Karl Allen Mervial Altenbernt
(March 14, 1954—April 8, 2018)

Karl Allen Mervial Altenbernt of Augusta Township, Milan, MI, passed away at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ypsilanti, Michigan, on April 8, 2018. He was born on March 14, 1954, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, to Mervial Henry, originally from Dexter, and Esther Ellen (Tyosh) Altenbernt, originally from KBIC.

Karl was a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, and a retired, after 44 years of service, Maintenance Foreman, from Michi-

gan Medicine, University of Michigan.

Surviving Karl are his wife of 39 years, Sally Esther Brayton Altenbernt; son, Karlallan Mervial Altenbernt of Augusta Township, MI; daughter, Marian Ellen Altenbernt of Austin, Indiana; (members of Bay Mills Indian Community), and brothers: Frederick Altenbernt of Ypsilanti, MI, and Henry Altenbernt of Augusta Township, MI, (members of Keweenaw Bay Indian Community); as well as several nieces and nephews.

Karl was preceded in death by his parents.

A member of the Appaloosa Horse Club, Karl bred, raised, and rode registered Appaloosas since the mid-sixties. 4-H and farming were large parts of his life. He was a member/supporter of the Waterloo Horsemen's Association, Second Chance Bouvier Rescue, and PBS, to name a few, and leave others unknown, as he wished. Karl loved, and cared for his family, was known for his strong personality, and a belief in leaving things better than he found them. Let that be his memorial.

Graveside services will be held at Mission Hill Cemetery at a later date. The family was assisted by the Hovie Funeral Home of Sault Ste. Marie, MI.

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Native Americans in Michigan Share their Commercial Tobacco Cessation Success Stories

Four Native Americans in Michigan urge peers to quit smoking.

SAULT STE. MARIE – Four Native Americans residing in Michigan have volunteered to share their success stories about giving up smoking cigarettes to lead a healthier lifestyle.

Valorie Glazier of Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians, Kimberly Leapley and Jacques LeBlanc both of the Bay Mills Indian Community, and Christopher Polasky of the Sitka Tribe of Alaska working with the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians each graciously opened up their stories about quitting commercial tobacco.

The call to action for these stories are to urge their Native American peers to never give up quitting smoking. The focus is to call the American Indian Commercial Tobacco Program at 1-855-372-0037. Native Americans in Michigan who call the AICTP can receive culturally tailored help and may receive free nicotine replacement therapy including gum and lozenges through May 31.

"40 percent of Native American adults in Michigan smoke cigarettes," said Cathy Edgerly, Program Manager at Inter-Tribal

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Photo Caption clockwise starting top left: Valorie Glazier, Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians; Kimberly Leapley, Bay Mills Indian Community; Christopher Polasky, Sitka Tribe of Alaska; Jacques LeBlanc, Bay Mills Indian Community each graciously volunteered their personal stories about how they each quit smoking. They urge community members to never give up quitting smoking. Call 1-855-372-0037 for help.

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Council of Michigan.

Ederly continues "Quitting smoking can be difficult, but help is available. Over 30 percent of callers to the AICTP stay quit after six months. We hope these digital stories remind all that they should never give up their attempts to quit smoking."

"Digital stories have been widely used to share the personal story of patients and individuals through public health," said Mike Willette, Communication Specialist, Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan.

Willette continues "Typically, digital stories are shared on the internet and at presentations to showcase successes with a personal touch. We are taking this idea and moving it to the next level with shortened 30 second PSAs to air on television and internet to support each three minute digital story. We will be spreading the wealth of these wonderful stories throughout the year, focusing on one story per season. We have made all four videos available to view at <http://keepitsacred.itcmi.org/quitline>. We would like to thank Valorie, Kimberly, Jacques, and Christopher for taking us into their personal lives to tell their story and encourage their peers to give up commercial tobacco."

Valorie's story talks about how she had given up smoking upon request of her daughter. Kimberly's story talks about how her health has improved after quitting smoking. Jacques speaks on giving up smoking to be a bigger part of his children's lives. Christopher discusses giving up smoking after he had run into health problems.

Funding for this project came from the National Native Network, Michigan Tobacco Program, REACH Journey to Wellness, and the Three Fires Cancer Consortium programs. The stories were filmed and edited by Northern Michigan company Lamphere Visuals of Gaylord, Michigan.

For more information, call 1-855-372-0037 or learn more at <http://keepitsacred.itcmi.org/quitline>.

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