Congressman Jack Bergman Visits the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community

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

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

“I’m excited at the opportunity we had to show him our beautiful area and discuss our successes and our needs,” KBIC Vice-President Jennifer Misegan said. “Doreen Blaker, Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., and I had visited with the Congressman in his (Washington D.C.) office on February 16. Our appointment was half an hour, and it seemed like we just started talking and our time was up. (Bergman) asked us many questions and listened attentively. He told us he was coming to the U.P., and there may be an opportunity to visit more then. We were thrilled when his staff reached out to set up the meeting. We wanted to show him the reservation, some of our successes, and discuss our continued needs. After lunch, we took Jack... what he wanted to be called, and his staff to our health clinic (KBIC Health System Donald A. LaPointe Health and Education Center in Baraga); the KBOCC L’Anse campus; and our Natural Resource facility, specifically the fish hatchery and the greenhouse.

We were so thankful to have been given the opportunity to discuss some of the problems affecting the entire community and to get to know the congressman and his staff. We hope we made as good of an impression on him as he did on us. I’m confident that he was listening, and hopefully, he has a better understanding of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.”

~ by Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Marquette — Neebin Ashbrook-Petilla and Zoe Hamalaainen.

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

Gwinn — Kaitlyn Shelafaoe and Taylor Shelafaoe.

The following fifty students were recognized for the second marking period of the 2016-17 academic year:


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

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Neguane — Brayden Velmer.

BIA Scholarship Deadline

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

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

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

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

Outpatient — Access To Recovery (ATR)

The KBCITSAP Outpatient ATR program is now open to all Natives and Non-Natives 18 and older. ATR consists of Phases:

- Phase 1: anyone who has used alcohol/drugs in the past 12 months.
- Phase III: anyone who has been sober/clean from Alcohol/Drugs for over 12 months. Both phases require you to watch eight hours of Alcohol/Drug Videos at our office, and you will receive gift card incentives. Contact our office at (906) 353-8121 to set up an appointment to enroll.

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

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


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

In mid-February of this year, Cuningham and Gundlach met with the owner’s reps to get input on their refining of both of the casino projects. The conceptual design (SD Phase) allowed for several cost options on finishes for both exterior and interior, plans regarding accessibility to the facilities, and further infrastructure needs. In March, Gundlach’s Project Manager, Paul Jurrmi, met with the Tribe’s representatives for the SD Phase. Based on a number of factors, both the Baraga and Marquette budgets had exceeded the initial amounts that were set at $6.5 million and $33.5 million respectively.

The first factor, which no one had control over, related to significant increases in the supply of electricity to the facilities. The Both Village of Baraga and Alger Delta Cooperative Electric Association (ADCEA) had provided cost estimates to Gundlach to meet the needs of the proposed projects. Alger Delta indicated that in order to supply the Marquette facility with reliable power, it needed to complete a major upgrade to its system which would assist the Tribe’s project as well as their customers between Deerton and Harvey. Because the Tribe would be a power consumer, the cost for construction had been determined to be $675,000. Gundlach worked diligently to get the costs reduced to no avail.

The Village of Baraga also provided an increase in costs for the Baraga facility. Those increases are just over $70,000. The second factor, which was an oversight by Gundlach, relates to significant increases in site development costs of both projects. Once the Tribe changed the scope of the Marquette project to include a 760 seat theater and 1200 square foot pin room complex, no consideration was given by Gundlach to accommodate enough parking spaces. The parking lot needs to be doubled in size and has caused the budget line item to increase by nearly $1.2 million.

The third factor is related to the waterproofing for the Baraga site development related to lack of planning for drainage to get customers into the new addition.

The fourth factor, which was an oversight by a consultant hired through Gundlach, related to the Marquette projects wastewater discharge needs. GEI of Marquette initially made a recommendation indicating that the drain field currently being used at the site could be replaced with a larger drain field system. After working with permitting officials, it turns out that this plan wouldn’t support the current demand. Instead, a lagoon system with an effluent discharge was required. The Tribe was able to purchase property south of the casino and trust property to meet the need. The total cost increase in budget for this factor will total just over $11 million.

In an effort to maintain the budgets approved by the Community members, staff rolled up their sleeves and worked hard to trim where ever possible. In the end, only one change would work to stay within budget. Those not approved without other avenues being explored. The new add-on facility for the Baraga project would have to be removed from the plans. Instead, a major facelift inside and out for the existing facility will include major upgrades to the HVAC systems to improve air quality, new pavement installation and wall coverings, upgrades to the Pressbox and restaurant, a new face on the front and sides of the casino. The Marquette casino project will progress as planned and offers the Tribe the greatest return on the Community’s investment.

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

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

~ submitted by Larry Denomie III, CEO

MICHIGAN INDIANS ELDER ASSOCIATION 2017 SCHOLARSHIP NOTICE

The Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA) is pleased to announce that it will make available (4) $1,000 scholarships and (6) $500 scholarships. The scholarships will be awarded to at least nine qualified students with the $1,000 scholarships being awarded to top three qualified students, as determined by committee review of the scholarship application and lottery. Each student must currently be 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 MIA 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 3.0 grade point average; or if currently enrolled at a college, university or trade school, must have an accumulated grade point average of 3.0.
- 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 documentation and all required documentation must be postmarked no later than June 15, 2017. (PLEASE NOTE, incomplete or late applications will not be considered).

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

ORAL HISTORY GRANT AT THE COLLEGE

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

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

In the Spring 2017 issue of The Tribal College Journal’s article ‘Elder Collection: An Oral History’ by Rosemary Reilly, Native American Studies Coordinator at the Tribe’s College stated, “the role of Indigenous studies and history at Tribal colleges and universities is summed up in one statement – we teach our own truth about our experience.” At the March 16, 2017 Tribal College Meeting, members of the Council commented on the lack of KBIC history. This grant and the “Weaving Our History” grant was awarded to the College to collect and archive the stories that are the history of the KBIC.

April 2017 Calendar Events

- Apr. 14: Gov’t Offices closed for Good Friday Holiday.

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

March 20, 2017, Denver, Colo. — The American Indian College Fund honored 34 American Indian Tribal College Students of the Year, Tribal College President Dr. Laurel Vermillion, and U.S. Department of Education employee John Gritts on March 19, 2017, at the 2017 Student of the Year and Coca Cola Award Banquet in Rapid City, South Dakota, in conjunction with the American Indian Higher Education Consortium Spring Student Conference. Dr. Laurel Vermillion, President of Sitting Bull College in Fort Yates, North Dakota, and a member of the Standing Rock Sioux Nation, was named the 2017 American Indian College Fund TCU Honoree of the Year. This honor recognizes a distinguished individual who has made a positive and lasting impact on the tribal college movement. Dr. Vermillion was chosen for her leadership in expanding opportunities in workforce education, business, and environmental science through developing an exemplary relationship with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, allowing Sitting Bull College to lead and collaborate with all educational entities on the reservation, in addition to her support of Lakota language education within her community and throughout the Lakota Nation.

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

The other 2017 Student of the Year honorees were:

- Jasmine Lopez, Tohono O’odham Community College
- Joanie Bull, Sitting Bull College
- Christina Dwarf, Sitting Bull College
- Robin Maxkií, Salish Kootenai College
- Anna Winters, Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College
- Darin Janis, Oglala Lakota College
- Florence Garrett, Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College
- Azure Boure, Northwest Indian College
- Anthony Sharpfish, Nebraska Indian Community College
- Felicia Chischilly, Navajo Technical College
- Tyren King, Little Priest Tribal College
- Adriana Kingbird, Leech Lake Tribal College
- Charity Valentin, Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe Community College
- Michelle Moulden, Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College
- Manuel Ramirez, Institute of American Indian Arts
- Ashley Reich, Ilisagvik College
- Marcell Grant, Haskell Indian Nations University
- Traci Navasie, Navajo Technical University
- Gritts’s honorarium is being donated in memory of his son, Trevor Joe Gritts, to the Salish Kootenai College Foundation.

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

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- Jacob Doney, Aaniih Nakoda College
- Ronan Carmack, Blackfeet Tribes College
- Terydon Hall, Blackfeet Community College
- Danacia Greywater, Cankdeska Cikana Community College
- Savannah Chavez-Charette, Chief Doll Knife College
- Franny Reiter, College of Menominee Nation
- Allissa Bell, College of Muscogee Nation
- Kimberly Chavez, Diné College
- Tamara Montano, Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College
- Jacob Gritts, Haskell Indian Nations University
- Marcel Grant, Haskell Indian Nations University
- Rachael Ramirez, Institute of American Indian Arts
- Michelle Mouden, Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College
- Charity Wild, Ojibwe Community College
- Adriana Kingbird, Leech Lake Tribal College
- Jesse LaForge, Little Big Horn College
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- Robin Maxkií, Salish Kootenai College
- Tanya Larvie, Sinte Gleska University
- Maurice Reddy, Sisseton-Wahpeton College
- Christina Dwarf, Sitting Bull College
- Ivan Toya, Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute
- Joanie Bull, Sitting Bull College
- Jasmine Lopez, Tohono O’odham Community College
- Memphis Belgarde, Turtle Mountain College
- Darla Pikyavit, United Tribes Technical College
- Sasha Munnell, White Earth Tribal and Community College

About the American Indian College Fund

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

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

March 22, 2017
Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
16429 Beartown Road
Baraga, MI 49908
806-353-6623

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

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS On or about April 24, 2017, the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) will request a request to United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of Eastern Woodlands Office of Native American Programs-Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) Program funds to undertake a project known as the KBIC Halfway House Project, in the amount of $800,000.00. The project will include the construction of a group home for low income Tribal members who are recovering from addiction issues and transitioning from inpatient substance abuse treatment to home. The proposed project will be located in L’Anse, Baraga County, MI, within NW ¼, SW ¼, Section 5, T50N, R33W.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an environmental impact statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Natural Resources Department, 14359 Pequaming Road, L’Anse Twp. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community certification for a period of fifteen days following the award of funds to the KBIC Tribal Center. 16429 Beartown Road, Baraga, MI 49908, and may be examined or copied at either location weekdays from 8 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. All comments should specify Project Number: B-16-6R-26-3268.

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

OBSTRUCTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS Department of Housing and Urban Development will accept objections to its release of funds and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community’s certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request whichever is later. If they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community; (b) the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; (c) the grant recipient has not complied with the procedures in 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the Department of Housing and Urban Development; (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 50 has submitted a written objection that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Eastern Woodlands Office of Native American Programs, Ralph H Metcalf Federal Building, 77 West Jackson Blvd., Room 2400, Chicago, IL, 60604-3507. Potential objectors should contact the Department of Housing and Urban Development at (806) 253-2636, ext. 2815, to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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

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The Regular Saturday Tribal Council Meeting was held on March 4, 2017, at the Old Business Council office in downtown Baraga, Michigan. President Warren Swartz, Jr., presided over the meeting with Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, Toni Minton, and Michael F. LaFernier. The personnel director reviewed the Executive Branch information was not in this document as the President and the Vice President are on the KBC Tobacco Company Board. The President and the Vice President are approved by Annual Leave Time From Employment, the following motion was made. Motion by Tony Minton to increase the hourly wage for Council when working or traveling to $30.00/hour from the current $20.00/hour effective back to the beginning date of this Council’s term of January 7, 2017, supported by Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr. Seven supported (Misegan, S. LaFernier, Minton, G. Loonsfoot, R. Loonsfoot, Mayo), 0 opposed, four abstained (Misegan, Blaker, Minton, LaFernier), motion carried.

Under New Business: Vice President Misegan brought forth a lease agreement for the Tobacco Company for the facility where we will be doing the manufacturing. Jaymon Ayres, Realty Officer, has drafted this agreement and手写 Webb, Tribal Attorney, has reviewed it. It is similar to other business commercial leases we have done. Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to approve the lease agreement was made. Motion by Susan J. LaFernier to approve the Amendment Number One to U.S. Oil for the Pines Convenience, supported by Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr. Five supported (S. LaFernier, Minton, G. Loonsfoot, R. Loonsfoot, Mayo), 0 opposed, four abstained (Misegan, Blaker, Minton, LaFernier, G. Loonsfoot, Mayo), five absent (Misegan, Blaker, Minton, G. Loonsfoot, LaFernier), motion carried.

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

Bobby Escobar, Assistant Tribal Attorney, brought forth Aanikoosing Inc.’s Sec- ond Amendment of Bridge Loan Agreement and Promissory Note for the Ojibwa Express Convention. Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to approve the second amendment was made. Motion by Susan J. LaFernier to approve the Amendment Number One to U.S. Oil for the Pines Convenience, supported by Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr. Five supported (S. LaFernier, Minton, G. Loonsfoot, R. Loonsfoot, Mayo), 0 opposed, one abstained (R. Loonsfoot), five absent (Misegan, Blaker, Minton, G. Loonsfoot, LaFernier), motion carried.

Sarah Maki, Assistant CEO, brought forth cell phone bids. Two bids were received by the Tribal Community that met the following specifications. Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to approve the Verizon bid at $54,236.16 for cell phone service, supported by Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr. Six supported (S. LaFernier, Minton, G. Loonsfoot, R. Loonsfoot, Mayo), 0 opposed, 0 absent, five absent (Misegan, Blaker, Minton, G. Loonsfoot, LaFernier), motion carried.
April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

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

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

Upcoming Events:

- Parent Circle, April 10th 5 p.m.
- Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group, April 14th 5:30 p.m.
- Car Seat Clinic, April 13th by appointment
- Diabetic Foot Clinic, April 12th and 29th, by appointment
- Breastfeeding Support Group, May 3rd 1-3 p.m.
- MSU Farmer Series, April 4th, 11th, and 25th 4 p.m.
- Diabetes PATH, starting April 11th 1 p.m.

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

April is Alcohol Awareness Month

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Take note of your doctor’s answers:

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

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

Pinto Bean Dip

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

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

Yields 2 1/2 cups; Serving size 1/4 cup
70 calories per serving; 4g protein, 13g carbohydrate, 3g dietary fiber, 13g cholesterol, 641mg sodium

Submitted by: Mindy Lantz, Public Health Nurse
Information gathered from http://healthfinder.gov/nhlo/AprilToolkit.aspx

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

**IF YOU HAVE BEEN SEXUALLY ASSAULTED:**

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

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

This publication was supported by grant # 2014-TW-AX-0004 awarded by the Office on Violence against Women, U.S. Department of Justice. The opinions, findings, conclusions, and recommendations expressed in this publication are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Department of Justice Office on Violence against Women and Office for Victims of Crime.
The following briefly summarizes the activities in the Office of the President for the month of February 2017:

- I authorized a number of special hunting permits in accordance with the Community’s Title Ten which regulates Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping. The permit authorizes harvest and harvest deer from the former Huron Bay Lodge property, a privately owned cervidivae facility.

- I signed an employment agreement with Kevin Carlisle, Assistant Tribal Attorney. Pursuant to Article VI – Section 1(B) of the KBIC’s Tribal Constitution, the agreement was sent to the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Indian Affairs. On February 27, 2017, we received notification of approval made by Jason Oberle, Superintendent, regarding these proceedings.

- Earlier this month, I along with other Council Members and a few members of the Community had the opportunity to meet and greet with Representative Jack Bergman, who is from Watersmeet, Michigan. We had lunch, visited the health center, the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College, and the Keweenaw Bay Natural Resources Department. Vice President Misegan will comment more on this in her report.

- We continue to have ongoing discussions with MDEQ, U.S. ACDE, EPA, and the Fish and Wildlife Service to propose a dredging permit in the vicinity of Buffalo Reef and Grand Traverse Bay Harbor within the Tribe’s Home Territory. It is our understanding from the meetings that the calculations from Michigan Technological University are that approximately 35,000 cubic yards of sand stamps are moving on to Buffalo Reef. In the coming year and the dredging will remove approximately 110,000 cubic yards of sand stamps (approximately three years worth of moving sands) from the area near the existing Tomahawk presence of the dredge permit located in the original trough. A number of issues were discussed including: revetment walls, maintenance of the spools, the feasibility of obtaining permit application, etc. The potential project has received significant attention by EPA staff, and they are working to make sure that this decision is made. We hope that this project is well spent to ultimately result in a long-term solution and that they do not see the same depositional issues arising after proposed actions.

- I attended a meeting of the United Tribes of Michigan in Lansing, Michigan, hosted by Clark Construction Company. The Executive Director reported on his United Nations Consultations Meeting, Standing Rock Tribe and Pipelines, and a consultation with the state regarding land use applications to more than double the rate of water withdrawal from Nestle Well near Evart, Michigan.

- I agreed to give a welcoming address at the upcoming 2017 Native American Critical Issues Conference which will be held on March 23-25, 2017, at Northern Michigan University in Marquette, Michigan. The theme is “Rebuilding Tribal Knowledge Systems”. According to the bulletin, the conferences have never given up our right to educate ourselves and others about who we are as a people. Our traditional knowledge systems were in place and thriving at the time of colonization. Early United States policies sought to undermine our Tribal Governments and used education as means to accomplish this effort. We must continue to rebuild our tribal knowledge systems, so future generations will be able to speak our native languages, know our tribal histories, identify indigenous plants and animals, tell our traditional stories, and appreciate our unique relationship with our Mother Earth.

- Also at the United Tribes meeting, we heard from Joe Van Alstine, President of the National Association of Food Distribution Programs on Indian Reservations. Our own Darren Webb is the Vice President of the Association. Joe updated us on incorporating traditional foods into the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations, establishing a permanent Tribal Leader’s Consultation Working Group, and a request for increased funding for traditional foods which Joe talked about in incorporating into the FPDP is Lake Superior Trout and Whitefish. This would be a great opportunity for commercial fishermen. There would be some requirements that need to be met with regard to redistribution including packaging and other things. The Farm Bill authorizes $2,000,000 annually to support a demonstration project, subject to the availability of appropriations, for awarding grants and purchase nutritious and traditional foods.

- I attended a gathering in Duluth, Minnesota, sponsored by the Honor the Earth, to discuss the pipelines, mines, and other threats to our lakes and water. In particular, we focused on the Enbridge pipelines, abandonment and new lines which will bring over one million barrels of tar sands oil across our territories. The meeting was well attended. Most of the tribes from Wisconsin were in attendance and a few from Michigan attended, including Gault of the Grand Traverse, and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

Respectfully submitted,
Warren C. Swartz

Vice President’s Report for the Month of February 2017

- Doreen, Gary, and I traveled to Washington, DC, to attend the National Congress of American Indian Executive Session. We heard numerous Senators and members of Congress speak from both parties, Republican and Democrat; including: Senator Tom Udall, Senator Al Franken, and Senator Lisa Murkowski. Everyone had concerns regarding the pipeline and funding agreements. We reviewed letters were put in their mailboxes at the last topics covered following the meeting at the end of last summer we were unable to complete it before the Obama Administration was out of office. We were assured that they are working on it, and once the political appointments are made within the Department of the Interior, we will know more. I respectfully let them know our displeasure and that our elders were waiting for justice regarding the theft of our lands.

- The Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Benefit letters were prepared, printed, and sent out. A lot of hard work was done by many. I want to publically thank Liz Sherman and Diana Chaudier. It was a difficult task given the format that was required by the IRS after the fact. If members did not pick them up by yesterday, they were mailed, or if they are government employees, the letters were put in their mailboxes at work.

- Progress continues to be made on tobacco manufacturing. The KBICTC Board made a site visit to a manufacturing plant and met with the Allegany Capital Enterprises staff. We toured the facility and obtained the manufacturing process. We went through accounting, operations, manufacturing, facility preparation, equipment set up, manufacture scheduling, budgets, forecasts, and funding agreements. We reviewed regulations by the Alcohol Tobacco Tax & Trade Bureau (TTB), U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and the U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC). We also discussed annual, quarterly, and weekly planning that must be completed. The factory is a great idea and the last topics covered following the execution of the Articles of Organization for the KBICTC.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Misegan
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- Approved the January 26, 2017 Tribal Council meeting minutes.
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- Finance: Closed Session open to Tribal Members.

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Respectfully submitted,
Larry Denomie III, CEO

TRIBAL COURT CRIMINAL SENTENCES

The Tribal Court has agreed to comply with the request of the Northwest Bay Community’s CEO’s office to publish a sentencing summary on a routine basis.

The Defendant will be placed on a remedial order to report daily to probation office. The Tribe’s Executive Director will monitor and follow all recommendations until successful completion of the program. The Defendant will be supervised by the Tribal probation officer.

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Timothy Lofquist, case #17-025, §3.904, Domestic animals – required restraints – 1st offense

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

Dominic Heath, case #17-015, §5.15, OUIL – 1st offense

Sentencing on 02/17/2017, #17-015, §5.15:

1. Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and follow all recommendations until successfully completed. The defendant is financially responsible for the costs of this screening.
2. Ninety (90) days jail, credit for one day served, 241 days suspended pending successful completion of all terms of probation. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing, if any. Defendant is to sign a release of information to allow the Court to monitor compliance with the request of the Tribe.

Donna Pawlowski, case #17-010, §3.1414, Possession, use, transport of alcoholic beverages by persons under 21 years of age – 2nd offense

Sentencing on 02/17/2017, #17-010, §3.1414:

1. Fine $100.00.
2. Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and follow all recommendations until successfully completed. The defendant is financially responsible for the costs of this screening.
3. Ten (10) days jail, credit for one day served, nine days suspended pending successful completion of all terms of probation. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing, if any. Defendant is to report daily to probation office.

Dominic Durant, Jr., case #16-239, §5.15(2), Operat-Under the Influence – 2nd offense

Sentencing on 02/17/2016, #16-239, §5.15(2):

1. Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screen- ing and follow all recommendations until successfully completed. The defendant is to sign a release of information to allow the Court to monitor compliance with the request of the Tribe.
2. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of this screening.
3. Three-hundred-sixty-five (365) days jail, credit for 124 days served, 241 days suspended pending successful completion of all terms of probation. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing, if any. Defendant is to report daily to probation office.

Dominic Durant, Jr., case #16-248TNR, §10.203, Commercial fishing without a license – 1st offense

Sentencing on 03/03/2016, #16-248TNR, §10.203:

1. Fine $300.00.
2. Thirty days jail to be served. The defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.

Donna Pawlowski, case #17-025, §3.904, Domestic animals – required restraints – 1st offense

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Donna Pawlowski, case #17-010, §3.1414, Possession, use, transport of alcoholic beverages by persons under 21 years of age – 2nd offense

Sentencing on 02/17/2017, #17-010, §3.1414:

1. Fine $100.00.
2. Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and follow all recommendations until successfully completed. The defendant is financially responsible for the costs of this screening.
3. Ten (10) days jail, credit for one day served, nine days suspended pending successful completion of all terms of probation. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing, if any. Defendant is to report daily to probation office.

Dominic Durant, Jr., case #16-239, §5.15(2), Operat-Under the Influence – 2nd offense

Sentencing on 02/17/2016, #16-239, §5.15(2):

1. Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screen- ing and follow all recommendations until successfully completed. The defendant is to sign a release of information to allow the Court to monitor compliance with the request of the Tribe.
2. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of this screening.
3. Three-hundred-sixty-five (365) days jail, credit for 124 days served, 241 days suspended pending successful completion of all terms of probation. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing, if any. Defendant is to report daily to probation office.

Dominic Durant, Jr., case #16-248TNR, §10.203, Commercial fishing without a license – 1st offense

Sentencing on 03/03/2016, #16-248TNR, §10.203:

1. Fine $300.00.
2. Thirty days jail to be served. The defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
Richard C. Morro, age 63, of Baraga, MI, passed away Tuesday, March 7, 2017, at UP Health System, Marquette, MI. He was born in Bay City, Michigan, on March 26, 1953, the daughter of Archie “Chico” Scott and Bonnie Faye (Knapp) Kirschner, age 49, of Escanaba, MI, passed away away surrounded by family on March 23, 2017, at University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor, MI, following a brief illness. After attempting to make her debut in the west end theater, she graduated at the Broadmoor Zoo, Bonnie was born in Berwyn, Illinois, on March 26, 1967, the daughter of Archie “Chico” and Shirley “Jessie” (Hugo) Knap. A member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Bonnie graduated from L’Anse High School in 1985. She went on to receive her Bachelor Degree as a dual major in Construction Management and Business Management from Northern Michigan University in 1998. Prior to her death, she was employed by Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and (Chip-In) Island Resort and Casino. After completing her education, she worked for Wendricks Truss and Harnishville Housing. Bonnie had a passion for DIY home projects, boating, crafting, genealogy, exploring performing arts, and was a dedicated Cardinals fan. Bonnie F. Kirschner was survived by her sisters: Sharon McDaniel (Robert Mshirtguf) of Jacob, WI, Jeanie McDaniel (Michael) of Chicago, MI, Jennie “Kim-Kat” Knapp of Harris, MI, brother: John “Chip” Knapp; three furbabies: Annie, Delta, and Mocha; brother-in-law, Stan Spruce of the Sentry system. Jack McDaniel of Wood, WI, and Steve Spruce of Zeba, MI; niece, Rachel McShane of Escanaba, MI; as well as several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and great-grandchildren who were proceeded in death by her parents; sister, Pauline Knapp; and her stepfather, Guy Snow. A memorial service was held on Tuesday, March 28, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. at the KBIC Zeba Hall in Zeba, MI. It was held on Tuesday, March 28, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. at the KBIC Zebra Hall in Zebra, MI. Visitations has held at 11 a.m. until the time service beginning and a luncheon at Zebra Hall followed. The Jacobsen Funeral Home is assisting the family.
Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College Summer 2017 Schedule of Courses

Courses held May 8 – June 30, 2017
(Unless otherwise noted)

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<td>Introduction to Anthropology (4 credits)</td>
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| BI121       | Biology - Earths of the U.P. (4 credits)         | T. Marshall  | Mon, Wed  | 8:30am-11:00am | Litch Co
Room 1 |
| BI121       | Biology - Earths of the U.P. (4 credits)         | A. Kochich  | Tues.     | 12:00pm-1:00pm | WAB 216 |
| SC102       | Social Science (4 credits)                       | F. Tadlock  | Mon, Wed  | 4:00pm-7:00pm | WAB 119 |
| Vocational  | Education                                         | J. Biggs 8  | Mon, Thurs, Fri | 9:00am-12:00pm | WAB 119 |

Pre-requisite: 16429 Bear Town Rd
Baraga, MI 49908
(906) 353-4222
E-mail: ocss@kbic-nsn.gov

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 a 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.

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Understanding Addiction and Avoiding Enablement

Free Training
First Monday of the Month
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Location: Hope Works Counseling
409 N. Main Street, L’Anse, MI
Presented by: Mark Panasiewicz, Hope Works Counseling
Sponsored by: KBIC Tribal Court

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

Enablement Prevention Training
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

This training teaches the difference between helping and enabling. It provides knowledge about alcoholism, addiction, and recovery. It teaches skills for coping with the addiction of someone close and how to best help and support:
- Understand the importance of safe islands of sobriety and how the community can help create them.
- Learn the dynamics of enablement.
- Learn how enablement can affect a community.
- Build and strengthen values.
- Increase knowledge and understanding.
- Gain understanding of drug abuse and addiction.
- Learn how to support recovery.

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Report Suspected Abuse or Neglect

For suspected abuse or neglect of an Indian child or adult living on the KBIC reservation or trust lands, contact KBIC Tribal Social Services at (906) 353-4201. TSS will be accepting referrals daily including: after hours, weekends, and holidays.

For all other suspected abuse or neglect, contact Michigan Department of Health and Human Services – Centralized Intake Unit at (855) 444-3911.