On Saturday, October 5, 2019, community members gathered at the corner of McGillan and Lyons Street, a location near the residence where Chelsey LaFernier's life was taken by her domestic partner on January 22, 2009. October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and KBIC's annual event has been named in memory of Chelsey LaFernier. The event is held to increase domestic violence awareness in the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and surrounding neighborhoods.

Registration opened at 11:00 a.m. Participants received an event tee-shirt when they registered for the event. Tribal Council Member Rodney Loonsfoot welcomed the community. “I appreciate everyone being here today and taking time out to participate in spite of some rain that we might get as we go up the hill. There has been a lot of planning done to put this event together, and there will be a ceremony after our walk. I’m going to share a couple of songs as we walk up the hill. The songs I want to sing are from when I was a little boy. One of our lead singers, Ted Holappa, who has just walked on to his journey, taught us these songs. We sing these in memory of him, domestic violence victims, and their families, whom we’ll keep in our thoughts and prayers.”

As Rodney Loonsfoot drummed and sang, participants walked down Lyons street, up M-38, and onto Bear Town Road, a 1.7 mile walk from the registration corner to the Niwin Akeaa Facility. At the conclusion of the walk, Four Thunders Drum gave a welcoming song as the ceremony began. First on the agenda was a shawl ceremony narrated by Carole LaPointe, Team Lead, KBIC Nimiigmimawang Transitional Home Programs and Services.

“Before we begin, we ask that you all please take a moment to reflect and remember how violence has in the past and continues today to impact our nation, our state, our community, our families, and ourselves. It is through each of these shawls that we collectively acknowledge those who have been and those who continue, to be negatively impacted by violence.

Today we remember (Alexxus DeCota placed the yellow shawl) from the eastern direction those who represent all that is new. We remember our children who have suffered from abuse and neglect and are exposed to violence within their homes. The innocent ones are gifts from the Creator. Protect our children from harm as they are our future.

Today we remember (Wanda Seppanen placed the red shawl) from the southern direction those who represent understanding. We remember the women survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Women are the backbone of our families, the givers of life. We will not judge why she stays, why she does not report. When she does report, we will not ask why she does not cooperate with prosecution. We will instead offer unconditional support with the understanding that she is the expert about her path of life. We honor those sexual assault survivors who made the difficult decisions to raise their voices and share their stories. We support those who have chosen not to share. We will teach our children to respect other living things and also to know the meaning of consent. We will believe survivors and will not tolerate victim blaming.

Today we remember (Keenan Quadener placed the gray shawl) from the western direction those who represent change. We remember who our men are also victims of violence. They are warriors, providers, and protectors who are strong and resilient. We will no longer promote gender stereotypes such as big boys don’t cry.

Today we remember (Lori Jump placed the purple shawl) our LGBTQ/two spirited who are the gifted keepers of both the male and female spirits. We remember who our men are also victims of violence. They are warriors, providers, and protectors who are strong and resilient. We will no longer promote gender stereotypes such as big boys don’t cry.

Today we remember (Joey Loonsfoot placed the blue shawl) from the northern direction those who represent positivity. We remember our elders... the wisdom keepers of the past, and the legacy of our future generations. We remember our elders who never realized how strong they were until they had to forgive those who were not sorry. We honor our elders and all that they have sacrificed for the sake of our people and the next seven generations.

Today we remember (Michael LaFernier Sr. placed the white shawl) who are the gifted keepers of both the male and female spirits. We remember who our men are also victims of violence. They are warriors, providers, and protectors who are strong and resilient. We will no longer promote gender stereotypes such as big boys don’t cry.

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Domestic Walk continues:

Lastly, today we remember this empty chair. We remember those who have passed from this earth too soon. We remember those who remain unfound and pray for their safe return. We remember those who we were sent to the Indian Residential Schools and never returned. We remember those who did return that were never the same. We remember that today there are no more communities experience the loss of their people.

If every one of us present here today is a single thread that forms our community shawl that holds the POWER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. Until our communities are free from ALL violence. This chair will remain empty and we must continue to weave our threads of support every second of every minute of every day. Here for us to help and believe. Survivor. Believe. Be the change. Migiwch.”

(Above) is guest speaker, Alexxus DeCota, who is the daughter of Chelsey LaFernier.

“...my brother and I lost our mother, Chelsey LaFernier, to domestic violence. She was murdered by her boyfriend ten years ago. Sadly we are just one of the only ones who lost our mother this way. I want to break the silence of domestic violence which has shattered our lives loudly and violently.

In one fatal moment, after a series of beatings, my mom was hurt for the last time. She never woke up. I’ll never hear my mother’s sweet voice again. She’ll never walk through the front door, never hold me or my brother, or ever say ‘I love you’ again. She’ll never get to see us grow into adults, graduate, marry, have children, or succeed. When my mom passed away, I was six and my brother was three. We weren’t there that night she died because she sent us to Papa Harry’s for the night.

The role I had to always take in the house during the abuse was to always protect my little brother. I remember the energy in the house was tense. Mom told me not to tell anyone, especially Papa Harry. The night she was murdered, he called and told my papa about it. Her boyfriend said he was going to kill himself. That is when my papa called the cops. One thing I remember, after I had realized what had happened to my mom, was that I was too scared to tell anyone. If they had known, they might have taken my brother and me.

The biggest impact of my mother’s death was that my brother and I were separated. All of my big life events became incredibly hard to celebrate. Growing up around the abuse changed me physically and emotionally. I started having nightmares, recurring at age eight and later as a pre-teen. I began oversleeping. Now I have a depression. When I was younger, I had a fear of failure which caused me to feel the need to be perfect. I was and still am very introverted, yet I am an overachiever. As a child and pre-teen, I always looked to people and objects to replace what I needed. It really took many years of grooming until this man switched the dynamic of the relationship. I really didn’t have a place to call. Even though there has been a national domestic violence hotline for 20 years, we also knew that our people were not calling that helpline. I was only 14 when my mom was killed. Too young and I didn’t know what the right thing to do was. Even though I was very close to my mom, I didn’t realize the help she needed, and I didn’t know how to get to her. I have never been able to tell the story of my mom; she never woke up.

We know it has taken many years to get help and for people to understand what domestic violence means. It is not just domestic violence. It is a man’s abuse against a woman. It is an abuse that is just for ourselves but for our community. The only way for this to happen is to hold events like today’s and talk about violence that we are experiencing. It is hard to get up and say you have been a victim of someone you loved and cared about. It is really hard for our relatives to reach out for help when they are experiencing it.

I started my career back in 1989. I worked for the Sand Tribes for 26 years offering support. I worked for Unting Three Fires Against Violence which is a statewide tribal domestic violence and sexual assault coalition serving the tribes located in Michigan. Today I am a representative of Strong Hearts Native Helpline which is a national helpline for victims of domestic violence. We launched in March 2017. There was a need for a cultural based specific helpline. We had known it for years. When I was working back in my community, we knew there were so many of our relatives who live in areas where they don’t have the help like you have here and my community had. These people felt there were not people to whom they could reach out; they needed to have a place to call. Even though there has been a national domestic violence hotline for 20 years, we also knew that our people were not calling that helpline. We lobbied long and hard to get one for us. We looked at how jurisdictions are different in Indian Country, and how tribes don’t have the ability to prosecute people, and the feds don’t pick up our cases. It makes us feel like we don’t matter. We do matter! We deserve to have someplace to call when we need someone who is going to understand, who is going to know what it is like to live in Indian Country, and who knows what it is like to not have the resources they need, and who can respond in culturally appropriate ways. This is what Strong Hearts Native Helpline tries to do every day. Since March of 2017, over 5,000 people have called the helpline. Our advocates connect with them and give them the place to tell their story. We have made 2,000 connections to resources those callers need. We currently operate seven days a week, 7 am to 10 pm. We know we are still missing calls and are currently operate seven days a week, 7 am to 10 pm. We know we are still missing calls and are working to 24/7 soon. We applied for a grant earlier this year, and we have just received notification that we have been awarded the grant.

I think having Alexxus here is so important. She is so courageous to have stood up here and talked to you today, to have told her story, and to have knowledge that the pain she has experienced.”

(Above) guest speaker Keenan Guadurer, Male Survivor of Sexual Assault.

“This is my first time speaking on my childhood sexual abuse, especially to a crowd. Some of the points I want to bring up for me personally is that these kind of things are very uncomfortable to acknowledge. If you look at statistics around the world, it’s insane how many people go through violence and abuse. It makes me very uncomfortable with the state of the world in all honestly. It is up to a community to really support people who have gone through this abuse.

I nearly ran away from home. When I was 17, I did run away, and it took me nearly nine years to come back. I look back on what I went through. I was ashamed that I ran away. Confronting sexual abuse takes a good deal of courage because victims may or may not wish to open up about these kinds of incidents. One reason is their trust in others is shattered. You lose trust in people. I lost trust in a lot of people. For years and years I would be and evil to them thinking everthing about me. For years and years I would be and evil to them thinking... I was ashamed that I ran away.

In witnessing or experiencing sexual abuse, there are many different ways children express things. They can’t express those things; adults don’t. Things that terrify them: traumatic things. When heated arguments happen, they don’t understand what is being argued about, but they understand the anger. I don’t expect a child understand that they do something wrong.

My mother and father are arguing so bitterly. A home is supposed to be where a child can feel safe and feel loved and protected. They don’t understand what is being argued about, but they understand the anger. I don’t expect a child understand that they do something wrong.

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Through my self-reflection, I came to the realization that I had undergone a mental transformation and was no longer the same person I had been. I felt like I had been reborn and was ready to face the world in a new way.

I started opening up to people about what I had been through, and I was amazed by the support I received. I had never realized how many people had gone through similar experiences, and I was not alone anymore.

I decided to start taking care of myself and my mental health. I began seeing a therapist and started taking medication to help manage my anxiety and depression. I also started exercising regularly and eating a healthy diet.

As I began to recover, I realized that I had a lot of work to do to help others who had also gone through similar experiences. I decided to become an advocate for mental health and to help others who were struggling.

I started volunteering at a local crisis center and began advocating for better mental health care for everyone. I also started speaking out about my experiences and encouraging others to do the same.

I realized that by speaking out, I could help to break the stigma surrounding mental illness and help others feel more comfortable seeking help. I wanted to make sure that no one else had to go through what I had gone through.

In the end, I realized that my experiences had prepared me for this new role. I was now ready to help others in the way that I had been helped. I was ready to make a difference in the world.

I am now an advocate for mental health and am dedicated to helping others who are struggling. I am proud of where I have come from and am excited about where I am going. I am ready to face the future with a new sense of purpose and hope.
President Swartz indicated, "A lot of people have quit smoking, and even I, myself, have smoked all my life and I have quit smoking in the last year. I hear you want us to sell more cigarettes and we are trying to create a healthy community and not want to buy it but it doesn't happen overnight. It takes a constant effort to happen and people have to get used to it. We are marketing it in a way that promotes the increase sales, but it just hasn't happened.'"

Council indicated they have asked Francois Lapointe (Hosh), CFO, to look at credit card fees and all of the funds. President Swartz stated, "We talked to him last week and you know, these are the questions that are coming up soon. We want to gather all monies that we can and redistribute it to the Tribal members." Sandra and others expressed concerns about enrolled members whom aretouch surfing and those who are in Great Lakes Recovery or the County Jail and the difficulty they have to pick up their General Welfare Exclusion Checks. Council explained there are General Welfare Exclusion Program Guidelines. The following guidelines is what the Tribal determines if the individual qualifies by their residence. If an individual falls into a homeless status, the Program Guidelines clarifies what they should do. President Swartz added, "Get a hold of the Benefits Coordinator with these questions. Ask those questions because they are the ones who deal with that on a consistent basis. At the Council level, we approved the guidelines and asked that the guidelines be amended to cover benefits. Jennifer Misegan, the Enrollment Director, is the Benefits Coordinator for that."
The following is a summary of activities that occurred in the Office of the President for the months of July, August, and September 2019.

- The Community participated in the GLIFWC’s Healing Circle Run. The purpose of the run was an opportunity for people to come together to pray for healing for themselves, their families, their communities, their nation, and the earth. We began the run at the Turtle lighthouse in Baraga, Michigan, and our segment ended at the Northern Waters Casino in Watermeet, Michigan. The event was a huge success, but we did have discussions on how we could improve it. We also will host a Healing Circle this year, and perhaps we will have a discussion with Lac Vieux Desert to follow the old Lac Vieux Desert Trail from Keweenaw Bay to LVD. I meet with TRPO Officers to see if this is something we could do next year. There have been issues with running along the major highways, and we want to make sure the runner’s safety is of the utmost importance. There may be concern about artifacts located near that trail though.

- I approved the slot documents related to the Casino Renovation. By waiting a few months, we were able to save a few percentage points on the loan. We saved about 18 points and were able to lock it in at 4.83 percent.

- NRD (Natural Resource Department) staff and I participated in the Michigan Statewide Public Advisory Council (SPAC) meeting at the Great Lakes Research Center in Houghton, Michigan. Reasons for attending the SPAC meeting was to state our positions on Torch Lake and discuss how we were going to factor Treaty Rights in this collaborative process. The agenda included a number of updates from OGL (Office of Great Lakes) regarding funding, grants, and collaborative efforts with the University of Michigan. NRD staff toured the area of concern known as Torch Lake and discussed the issues.

- I met with Baraga County Democrats to educate them on our treatment as a state applicant for water and air quality standards. We should work with anyone to educate the public about why we want to set standards. It is an opportunity to meet and work with the Baraga County Democrats and discuss these issues.

- I attended funerals of a number of Tribal Members. These celebrations of their lives were mostly held at the Zeba Community Hall.

- I participated in the monthly conference call with the Governor’s office. The Tribal Liaison informed us of an upcoming meeting to discuss environmental issues with the Bay Mills Indian Community. The meeting will be held in late October. Some of the issues we would like to discuss are water quality standards, our treatment as a state, our concerns regarding that issue, and opportunities to collaborate with them on these issues. Tribal Liaison stated they are Tribal Members from the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe. We will look to meet and discuss these concerns and environmental protection. We will continue to participate in these educational sessions.

- I talked with Desmond Berry, the new Director of 7th Legacy. He sent out a letter to all 12 tribes requesting consultation on behalf of Enbridge. I told him we support the state’s tribes which call for de-commissioning Enbridge’s Line 5 under the straits of Mackinac. I requested the same information that is being shared with the Bay Mills Indian Community. The meeting will be held in late October. Some of the issues we would like to discuss are our water quality standards, our treatment as a state, our concerns regarding that issue, and opportunities to collaborate with them on these issues. Tribal Liaison stated they are Tribal Members from the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe. We will look to meet and discuss these concerns and environmental protection. We will continue to participate in these educational sessions.

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- I talked with one Tribal Member about the possibility of organizing an event where the leaders of Baraga County and the Bay Mills Indian Community discuss, prepare for, and help support the event. Tribal Members mentioned that they would like to host an event where they could discuss the issues facing the tribe in the region. The event would be an opportunity for tribal leaders to work together and address common concerns. We are interested in exploring ways to support these efforts and encourage collaboration between different communities.

- I talked with Tribal Members about the importance of engaging with local community leaders and organizing events to build partnerships and foster collaboration. We will continue to support these initiatives and explore opportunities for further engagement.

- In the first quarter of 2019, the President's Office prioritized the development of a strategic plan for the Tribal Community. This plan focused on identifying key areas of investment and development, and setting clear goals and objectives for achieving long-term success. The plan also included a review of existing resources and strategies, as well as a commitment to ongoing evaluation and adaptation. The President's Office met with Tribal Members and other stakeholders to discuss and refine the plan, and was committed to ensuring that it was inclusive, participatory, and responsive to the needs of the community.

- The President's Office worked closely with Tribal Members to identify and prioritize areas for investment. This included efforts to support economic development, improve community infrastructure, and enhance educational and cultural programs. The Office also worked to strengthen partnerships with other organizations and agencies, and to facilitate the sharing of resources and expertise.

- The President's Office continued to support the development of the Tribal Community's strategic plan, and to work with Tribal Members and other stakeholders to refine and implement the plan. This included ongoing engagement with local community leaders and the broader community to ensure that the plan was aligned with the goals and priorities of all involved.

- The President's Office was committed to ongoing evaluation of the Tribal Community's strategic plan and progress. This included regular reviews of key indicators and metrics, as well as opportunities for feedback and input from Tribal Members and other stakeholders. The Office was committed to adapting the plan as needed to ensure that it remained relevant and effective.

- In the second quarter of 2019, the President's Office continued to support the implementation of the Tribal Community's strategic plan. This included efforts to prioritize and allocate resources, and to work closely with Tribal Members and other stakeholders to ensure that the plan was being implemented effectively. The Office was committed to ongoing evaluation and adaptation of the plan as needed to ensure that it remained aligned with the goals and priorities of the Tribal Community.

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A KBIC Chainsaw Safety Class was held this October, free for Community members who currently cut firewood and timber stand improvement (TSI) projects, and those who want to learn to use a chainsaw. The class was given at the KBOCC Wabunung Campus, and Reservation forestland, by a local chainsaw safety trainer and expert from L’Anse, Michigan. Nine students attended the eight-hour training. The class consisted of a half-day classroom portion, and an outdoor field exercise in the afternoon practicing chainsaw skills. If you are interested in future chainsaw training opportunities, from beginner to advance skill levels, please contact the KBIC Forester at rmcdonald@kbic-nsn.gov or (906) 353-4591, and you will be contacted as opportunities become available.
Niizhwaaswi
Keweenaw Bay Indian Community wishes our Ojibwa Seniors who are 80-years and older this month a very Happy Birthday!

Please let our Enrollment Office know if someone was missed or information is incorrect by calling (906) 353-6623, ext. 4111.

~ Miigwech

List includes October Birthdays which may have been missed last issue.

Laurel M. Ballingall
Robert Funke
Colette M. Gemignani
Rose Mary Haataja
Agnes J. Huezekstaedt
Aurelia A. Hull
Gertrude A. Jones
Albert W. Matthews
Eva G. Miller
Emily K. Rastello
Richard J. Shalifoe
Mervin F. Tody
Jeanette I. Waller

“The more you praise and celebrate your life, the more there is in life to celebrate!”

~ Oprah Winfrey

KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY
REGISTERED VOTERS

The Primary Election will be held on Saturday, November 2, 2019.

Voters residing in the Baraga District will vote at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens Building. Polls for those voters in the L’Anse District will be at the Zeba Community Hall. The Polls will be open from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

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

Tribal Council/Baraga District
Rodney Loonsfoot (Inc.)
Agatha M. Cardinal
Donald L. Chosa, Jr.
Larry Denomie III
Gerald H. Friisvall
Michael P. Lahti
Carole L LaPointe
Jerry Magnant “Mayo”
Don Messer, Jr.
Debra L. Picciano
Jacqueline Swartz
Dianne M. Waara

Tribal Council/L’Anse District
Gary Loonsfoot, Jr. (Inc.)
Joseph Dowd
Eddy Edwards
Lyndon Ekdahl
Dylan Friisvall
David Haataja
Jean Jokinen
Jennifer Miegan
Evelyn Ravindran

Associate Judge
Violet M. Friisvall Ayres (Inc.)
Tyler Larson
Corey R. Pietila

Boar Clan
Proud Ojibwa Senior Citizen
Born and Raised in Beavertown
Shalifoe and Loonsfoot Family
Catholic Church Parish Council
Love my Creator and my Tribal Community
Home/School Coordinator at Baraga Schools
Always advocate for our language and culture
Constitutional reform to meet current situation
I will ensure that all Elders are honored, respected, and chosen first for everything (community services, doctor visits, committee selections, and jobs)
Hold Two Associates Degree (Psychology and Hotel/Tourism Management)

Paid political ad
At KBOCC’s Arts and Agriculture Center

President’s Report continued:

Martin Reinhardt, who said he would work with me, and also Aaron Payment, who was successful with getting the Bay Mills Indian Community College eligible to receive Tuition Waiver Funds. We will be meeting with the President of Northern Michigan University and see if they can offer some assistance to KBOCC as a pass through to receive these Tuition Assistance monies.

- Recently racism has reared its ugly head at Marquette Senior High School again. I called the President of the School Board, Rich Rossway, and asked if he would meet with me to discuss this issue again. President Rossway agreed with me this time to change the mascot and create an environment that will promote a quality education for students at Marquette Senior High School. President Rossway contacted the school principal, and we will be meeting early next week on how to fund the changing of their mascot. There are funds available through the Native American Heritage Fund, and they have been very successful in removing some mascots here in Michigan. I want to re-introduce President Rossway and the School Board to this Native American Heritage Fund as there is money available to help change their mascot. When President Rossway was first hired to the Marquette Senior High School Board, one of his campaign promises was he would retain the mascot. Since then he has changed his mind, and he is willing to work with the Community. I have always said, “Every Indian child should have the ability to receive a quality education as everyone else.” When there are these racism and mascot issues in the schools, the people tend to crawl into a little shell; we have all been through that. Enough is enough, and we are going to try to get that mascot changed once and for all.

- At the end of the month, I plan to participate in a State/Tribal Summit which will take place at the Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort in Mount Pleasant, Michigan. It is an opportunity for meaningful conversation between Tribal Leaders, the Governor, and Representatives of Michigan to discuss the most important matters affecting our relations.

Respectfully submitted,
Warren C. Swartz

Tribal Council Secretary’s Quarterly Report for the Months of July, August, and September 2019

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.

We wish everyone a blessed fall season!

Mino-Bimaadizin “Live Well”
Respectfully, Susan J. LaFerrier

Our regular Saturday Council meetings are now held quarterly. The Regular meeting was held on July 13. There were four Special Meetings during July with a Work Session on July 30. There were five Special Meetings during August with a Work Session on August 13. September was very busy with five Special Meetings and seven FY 2020 Budget Meetings. The Council met with approximately 25 Department Heads who administer Tribal Support Budgets.

We invite you to visit and take a stroll on our completed non-motorized trail from Sand Point (Lighthouse) to the Baraga Marina. It is beautiful, and we look forward to the continuance of the trail to Zeba. I enjoyed walking in the “Healing Circle Run/Walk” held on July 15, 2019, with other Tribes. We began at the Lighthouse, and KBIC’s portion of the walk was 82 miles.

Remember to vote in the Primary Election on November 2, 2019, and the General Election on December 14, 2019. Voting is a crucial, meaningful way to express yourself and support the issues you are about. Voting is your choice. It is your opportunity to back the candidates you think can effect the changes you desire. Whether or not you participate in the elections, you can be sure that the political officials elected into office and the policies they implement will impact your life in the future.

Our voter turnout at the General Elections since 2012 has ranged from 54% to 78%. Voting is the expression of our commitment to ourselves, one another, our Community, and our World.

For your information: New pocket size Tribal Constitutions with the Judicial Amendment are available at the Enrollment Office. The Constitution Committee is continuing to work on proposed amendments, and we urge everyone to become more familiar and informed on our Constitution.

This report will be published in the KBIC “Wiikwedong Dažiíjibwe” newsletter, and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Website.

July 30, 2019 Tribal Council Work Session

- Enterprise Employment Manual: Employees years of service adjustments were approved retro to the February 2019 payroll.
- Reviewed the 2019 Enterprise Wage Compensation Study and Recommendations.
- Reviewed the Enterprise Proposed Organizational Chart.
- August 13, 2019 Tribal Council Work Session

VOTE
DONALD L. CHOSA, JR.
BARAGA DISTRICT TRIBAL COUNCIL

Paid political ad
**K ids learn healthy eating through gardening**

**Boys & Girls Club of Greater Green Bay teaches kids real-world skills beyond Club**

**GREEN BAY, Wis. (Date) —** The Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Green Bay’s Health & Life Skills Program teaches kids how to grow their own fresh foods, while instilling the importance of gardening, how it affects the environment and real-world marketing skills.

Health & Life Skills Coordinator Shantell Eldahl created the Enviro Team Project this past year for kids to gain hands-on experience on gardening, which includes proper weeding, watering and harvesting, identifying which insects and animals both benefit and detriment the growing process, and how to market and sell their own produce at a Farmer’s Market.

Eldahl says, “Often times, we would come across different vegetables from the garden that were unaccustomed to. We used that as a learning opportunity to teach about new vegetables and how to incorporate them into snacks and delish dishes, so that they would be more apt to eat that vegetable again.”

In addition to learning how to use gardening equipment safely, the project encouraged kids to have fun by getting “down and dirty” in the garden, hunting for caterpillars, making art from nature, designing their own marketing materials to attract customers, handling money, and selling their vegetables outside the Clubhouse.

Youth who participated in the program knew how to identify different herbs and vegetables more than before they participated in the program. There was a 34% increase of youth who claimed they now know how to properly weed and take care of a garden after participating.

The Enviro Team Project won the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Green Bay 2019 Impact Award, a local programming excellence competition, out of four other outstanding projects. All nominated programs demonstrated impact on youth that also addressed local community needs. The winner receives funding to support future implementation of their program.

The guest judges who served on the panel were: Vice President of Administration and Operations of Base Companies, Karen Klevesahl; Manager of Career Services at Northwestern Technical College, Jennifer Parks-Tigert; and Executive Director of Secondary Teaching and Learning at the Green Bay Area Public School District, Mike Friis.

**About Boys & Girls Club of Greater Green Bay**

The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Green Bay, 1400 Lombardi Ave. STE 60, believes every child deserves to be in an environment that brings out the very best in them. For more than 100 years, the Club has provided youth aged 7 to 18 with a safe and caring place to learn and grow during out-of-school hours, while also opening the door to positive relationships with caring adult professionals and life-changing opportunities through educational programs. The Club has six locations throughout greater Green Bay where memberships are available for only $10 per year. For more information, please visit www.bggbg.org. You can also find us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter!

**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.

Allyson Denomie, case #19-126, §3.206, Re-sisting arrest — 1st offense

**Sentencing on 09/23/2019, #19-126, §3.206:**

1. Sixty hours of community service in lieu of a fine.
2. Ninety days jail, credit for 8 days jail served. 52 days jail shall be served, 30 days jail suspended. Fine $500.00, suspended in lieu of community service.
3. Defendant shall obtain a new substance abuse screening and follow the recommendations of the screening until successfully discharged.
4. Defendant shall obtain a mental health assessment and follow the recommendations of the assessment until successfully discharged.
5. Defendant shall sign a release of information for all service providers to allow the Court to monitor compliance.
6. Three to six months of standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with a $10.00 monthly probation fee. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing, if any.
7. No contact with victim.

Danika Strong, case #19-130, §3.412, Illegal entry upon lands — 2nd offense

**Sentencing on 10/07/2019, #19-130, §3.412:**

1. Fine $500.00, suspended in lieu of 40 hours of community service.
2. Sixty days jail, credit for eight days jail served. 52 days jail suspended pending successful completion of probation. Defendant shall be responsible for the costs of lodging and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
3. Defendant shall obtain a new substance abuse screening and follow the recommendations of the screening until successfully discharged.
4. Defendant shall obtain a mental health assessment and follow the recommendations of the assessment until successfully discharged.
5. Defendant shall sign a release of information for all service providers to allow the Court to monitor compliance.
6. Three to six months of standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with a $10.00 monthly probation fee. Defendant shall be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing, if any.
7. No contact with victim unless waived by vic-tim.

To place an ad, submit an article, or relate information, ideas, or possible articles contact: Lauri Denomie at (906) 353-6623 or newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov.

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

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**FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS (FDPIR)**

**FY 2018 NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS**

*The net monthly income standard for each household size is the sum of the applicable Nutrition Substance Program (SNAP) net monthly income standard and the applicable SNAP standard deduction.*

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1. MISSION STATEMENT: To provide exceptional services for our membership; a safe, positive work environment for employees; and sustained economic prosperity while protecting our sovereignty and preserving our culture and natural resources for future generations.

2. Updates: During the past quarter, I worked on obtaining training through KBCCO for the department heads in order to provide education on Tribal Government, Language, and Business Communications. As you know, funding has not approved thus far. Thus, I have been pursuing a different source that may fund the training being provided in a different manner other than CEU’s. The travel policy for the selection and probation policies were also worked on during this past quarter. Held an interview with Eagle Radio and the La’Anse Sentinel and submitted an article to the Tribal Newsletter article on the 1.7 mile non-motorized trail recently constructed in the Baraga Area. Also worked with the Tribal Attorney, Housing Director, Realty Officer, NRD, CCISD, Village of Baraga, and HUD on the construction of a new home project of students at Baraga Schools at Lot 14 – 110 Noodooinmikaahnis (Windiy Way Road).

3. Meetings/Conferences: Held one Department Head meeting, one strategic plan meeting, and two budget trainings. I attended the mandated quarterly Training assembly, which is the Tribal Government, Language, and Business Communications. Each year the Tribal Council is challenged with the balancing of the government budgets submitted were comprised of funding from the Tribal enterprises. The Tribal Council has been notified of the following awards since my last report:

- Forbes Funded Commission $4,858,161.
- DOJ OJP OVW Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Program in the amount of $15,000.
- EPA CERCLA 128(a) Small Technical Assistance Grant Program for KBIC (GIS) — $20,000.
- Support for Adam Walsh Act Implementation Grant Program in the amount of $208,735.
- DOF CIP GWW Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside Program in the amount of $720,000.
- DHHS Indian Health Service Compact — $4,858,161.
- BIA Fire Agreement Fuels Funding — $47,200 + $10,000 Pre-Preparedness — $5,000 Prevention.
- ITC Healthy Start — $85,000.
- DHHS ACF Title IV-D Advance Planning Document for the installation of the Mobile Tribal System — $85,500.
- DHHS ACF Title IV-D Enforcement — $489,725.
- State of MI WIC — $68,297.
- State of MI Tribal Victim Services — $129,431 + additional $67,290 for Van, furnace, refrigerator, stove, carpeting, etc.
- State of MI Emergency Communications — $17,998.
- BIA Baseline Monitoring Project for waters of existing and potential Wild rice stands — $40,500.
- USFWS White Nose Syndrome Grant — $15,000.
- State of MI EGGLE Rural Electronic Recyclage Grant — $4,000.
- State of MI DNR Wild Rice — $80,000.
- DHHS Title IV-E $45,622 + $54,461 + $47,308 for Foster care reimbursements.
- BIA Forestry Contract Support Costs — $12,982.

HONORING FOSTER PARENTS

Colleen and Paul Holcuff, Olivia and Robert Rajaq, Debra Parrish, Laura and Michael LaPointe, Jim and Pat DeGregorio, John and Dorothy Kalegund, Debra LaPointe, Beth and David Dix, Peggy Loonsfoot, Cindy Curtis, and Cindy Theiry. There are many KBIC foster parents that were not present for the picture.

The KBIC Tribal Social Services and ICWA Committee holds a Foster Parent and Pastor Dinner annually to show support and appreciation to these families who open their doors for KBIC children in need of care. Today we have 40 kids in care and 21 homes. Those 21 homes include: a relative living in the home, unrelated relative, borrowed homes from other agencies, and adoptive homes.

This year’s dinner was held on Tuesday, September 24, 2019, at the Zeba Community Hall. Foster families received a gift card after the event.

Julia Van Alstine, Tribal Social Services Specialist, (below) was the guest speaker. Mrs. Van Alstine said, “Good evening ladies and gentlemen. It is a privilege to honor you this evening and convey our profound gratitude for everything you do. When I was younger, I was removed due to my parents faults, went into foster care, and was placed in a few different homes. It is a privilege to honor you this evening and convey our profound gratitude for everything you do. When I was younger, I was removed due to my parents faults, went into foster care, and was placed in a few different homes.

I am aware that many of you have had to overcome some obstacles with our dispensary, but we are working on that as well. You have turned your homes into adoptive homes. To-day is all about you, and I want to thank you for making such positive imprints on our foster children’s lives.

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Most importantly, thank you for putting your family stability, harmony, and relationships at risk for the sake of a child not your own, for going to battle with schools, doctors, social workers, and neighbors in order to advocate for your child. For nights of little to no sleep as you have served as a comforter, counselor, or watchdog. Thank you for your commitment and dedication to our children.

Although I am no longer THPO Director, I still assist with cultural activities. Aiden Connor, Jr., John Hebert, and I drove to Clam Lake, Wisconsin, and participated in the second annual Elk Harvest. We bagged an 800-pound Elk. The following day we butchered it, and we got about 400 pounds of meat stacked in the freezer down in the Cultural House. You will be able to sample some of that today courtesy of Rodney Loonsfoot.

THPO was recently contacted by Earl Evans. Mr. Evans represents Gray Baraga Schools at Lot 14 — 110 Noodooinmikaahnis (Windiy Way Road).
Habitat for Humanity. She was a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian herself in other philanthropic ways to many including Helping Hands and from NMU. She was a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian herself in other philanthropic ways to many including Helping Hands and from NMU. She was born February 28, 1945, in Zeba, MI, the son of Theodore and Evelyn (Spruce) Holappa. Ted grew up in Zeba and graduated from L’Anse High School in 1962. He received a Bachelor Degree from University of Wisconsin Stout and also studied the Anishinaabemowin Language at Bay Mills Community College. Ted worked as a teacher at UCLA and in Boulder CO. He was KBIC’s first elected judge, serving from 1974-85, in the newly established Tribal Court System. Ted was also a Tribal Council member and has helped establish many KBIC programs that are still being used to this day, including the first tribal health system, the first Traditional Medicine Program integrated into a tribal health delivery system in the U.S., and the first Anishinaabemowin Immersion Institute in the U.S. He is one of the founders of the annual powwow and helped write the first grant for the following qualified participants:

- Any enrolled member from any GLIFWC member tribe (i.e. enrolled members, the costs for Tribal fisheries and conservation staff of GLIFWC will pay the $135 HACCP Registration fee (which includes the course book), provide hotel rooms, and food and mileage reimbursements*.)
- Any Lake Superior commercial fisherman licensed by Red Cliff, Bad River, Keweenaw Bay, or Bay Mills.
- Adult family members of any Red Cliff, Bad River, Keweenaw Bay, or Bay Mills.
- Any enrolled member from any GLIFWC member tribe (i.e. enrolled members of Fond du Lac, Lac du Flambeau, Sokaogon, Lac Vieux Desert, St. Croix, Red Cliff, Bad River, Keweenaw Bay, and Bay Mills).
- Participants must attend all three days to obtain the HACCP certification (which includes the course book), provide hotel rooms, and food and mileage reimbursements.* for those with permanent, physical disabilities within a “five” mile radius of the Reservation. Please submit a request and the above information.

TO ALL KBIC SENIORS 55 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER AND PERMANENTLY PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED DISABLED PERSON

SNOW PLOWING REQUIREMENTS

Head of Household: Name
Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Member Enrollment #: Yes
Rezide on the Reservation (Baraga County): No
Physical Address: 
L’Anse Baraga
Telephone Number: (906) 487-2390
Proof of Age: Birth Date:

Sign up at the front desk at the Tribal Center with proof (Enrollment Card, Driver’s License, and/or proof of permanent physical disability) or mail the information to:

KBC Tribal Center
ATTN: Front Desk Receptionist
16429 Bentourt Road
Baraga, MI 49908

ANNOUNCEMENT
HACCP Certification Course
(Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point)
Sponsored by GLIFWC, in partnership with MSU Sea Grant

This training is for fishermen, processors, regulatory personnel, and others to identify and evaluate food safety risks, learn seafood rules and regulations, and how to develop a HACCP plan for the safe handling and processing, including smoking and freezing of seafood and seafood products, including treaty harvested fish, that will be sold commercially. After completing the three-day course, participants will receive a HACCP Certification form from the Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO).

Where: Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Casino and Resort, 16449 Michigan Ave. (M-38), Baraga, MI
When: December 10th, 11th, and 12th, 2019
Registration: Contact Owen Schwartz, (715) 685-2147 or owenswartz@glifwc.org by November 19th.
Hotel: Contact Zoongee Leith-Mayotte, (715) 685-2138 or zleith@glifwc.org by November 19th.

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- Any Lake Superior commercial fisherman licensed by Red Cliff, Bad River, Keweenaw Bay, or Bay Mills.
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- Any enrolled member from any GLIFWC member tribe (i.e. enrolled members of Fond du Lac, Mille Lacs, Red Cliff, Bad River, St. Croix, Lac Courte Oreilles, Lac du Flambeau, Sokagouan, Lac Vieux Desert, Keweenaw Bay, and Bay Mills).
- If monies are available after the reimbursement of Tribal fishermen and members, the costs for Tribal fisheries and conservation staff of GLIFWC member tribes may also be covered.

Participants must attend all three days to obtain the HACCP certificate and have their travel costs reimbursed by GLIFWC. *After participants complete the three-day class, they will sign a GLIFWC travel form for mileage and per diem (meals) reimbursement based on Federal GSA rates. Reimbursements will be mailed to participants after being processed by GLIFWC’s accounting office.

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We provide the following services:

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

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Fax: 906-353-8132

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AFRAID YOU’RE USING TOO MUCH ENERGY? WE CAN HELP.

**2019 KBIC Seasonal Flu Vaccine Clinics in November**
KBIC Health Dept. 2nd Floor
8:30 AM – 4:00 PM, Tuesdays
November 5
November 12
November 19
Walk-in Basis – While Supplies Last

Vaccine is available for Tribal Members, descendants, non-native household contacts and employees.

Youth 18 and under should contact (906) 353-8700 and schedule a nurse visit to obtain the influenza vaccine.

Bring your insurance card if you have one.

For more information contact Dawn at (906) 353-4521.

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