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

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

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

End of an Era at KBOCC — Parrish Officially Retires

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

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

As you may know KBOCC was chartered in 1975 and honored its first dually-enrolled student with Michigan Tech in 1979. Unfortunately, the College closed in 1980. Close to two decades later, Debbie Parrish, a woman armed with experience in education from Suomi College, and a vision for education within KBIC, was given the support by the Tribal Council to reopen the College.

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

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

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

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

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

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

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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

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The Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA) is pleased to announce that it will make available (4) $1,000 scholarships and (6) $500 scholarships. The scholarships will be awarded to at least nine qualified students with the $1,000 scholarships being awarded to top three qualified students, as determined by committee review and scoring. Application must include directions, a course of study at, or have a letter of acceptance from, a public college or university 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 the CAEA or any enrolled 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.) required 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 documents to the MIEA at least 30 days prior to the date of the graduation. All materials must be RECEIVED BY THE COORDINATOR postmarked no later than June 15, 2018. (PLEASE NOTE, incomplete or late applications will not be considered).

Application form can be downloaded by visiting http://michiganelders.org/scholarships.php on the web. The application can also be obtained from the Tribal Education Department of each of the constituent Tribes/Bands (includes Keweenaw Bay Indian Community).
Vice President February 2018 Monthly Report

- The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tobacco Company began manufacturing tobacco product on March 1. We are very excited that all of our hard work is coming to fruition. We are still waiting for approval from the Federal Trade Commission before we are able to sell our product. It is taking much longer than anyone expected. Product is being made through the weekend. We have been quoted by the company that is helping us. This time we needed a few people to work outside of our maintenance staff, so we hired two unemployed tribal members. We were looking for members who had machine or manufacturing experience. It’s difficult to get anyone who can only work a few days. I did look through the couple of applications in the TERO job bank. One was very young, and I was unable to reach the other by phone. The next production run that we do, we will have a posting for temporary workers listing the duties, requirements and wages. We have provided Gundlach the information related to the lost revenue, and they are currently reviewing it. If Gundlach decides they aren’t able to reimburse the Tribe, we will move forward with processing a claim. We will keep you informed of Gundlach’s next step.

- We have received the draft market study from Klas Robinson related to the casino projects. The new market study was required because of the closure of the Baraga Casino and caused the casino to close for just over a 24-hour period. Because of the closure, the Tribe experienced a loss in revenue and additional expenses were incurred to repair the broken line. Gundlach has taken care of the additional expenses, and they are also considering handling the lost revenue. We have provided Gundlach the information related to the lost revenue, and they are currently reviewing it. If Gundlach decides they aren’t able to reimburse the Tribe, we will move forward with processing a claim. We will keep you informed of Gundlach’s next step.

CEO's Report for the Month of February 2018

As I reported last month, on January 9, Push, Inc., a subcontractor hired by our General Contractor Gundlach Champion, accidently ruptured the active waterline near the east side entrance to the Baraga Casino. The Tribe has hired a Living Tractor hired by our General Contractor Gundlach Champion, accidently ruptured the active waterline near the east side entrance to the Baraga Casino. The Tribe has hired a subcontractor, Push, Inc., to replace the waterline. The Tribe has also hired Living Tractor to replace the contractor that did the work. Living Tractor is expected to be complete within the next two weeks. We will provide an update on the issue.

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

A "descendant" of the Tribe is now defined. Through the work of the Enrollment Director, the Tribe has developed a definition that descendants may access. The definition includes a requirement of a KBIC Fee Stamp. The fees collected from the stamp will now fund the General Welfare Support Program.

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tobacco Company became a reality has come to fruition. It was exciting to be a part of this project, and I am very grateful to all who had a hand in it!
“Hello. My name is Kristy Clisch, and I’ve recently been hired as a Community Health Worker for the KBIC Health System. I’ll be working in conjunction with the American Cancer Society to promote preventative screenings, as well as the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan and the Michigan Tribal Food Access Collaborative to encourage healthy nutrition for our youth. I am thankful for the opportunity to serve in this capacity, and I look forward to working with the community. In my free time, my interests include reading, spending time with family, and enjoying the local art and music scene.”

Debbie Parrish Retires continued:

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

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

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

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

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

~ Submitted by Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor

Michigan Indian Legal Services
Free Legal Aid Clinic
For Low-Income Native Americans

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

Monday, May 25, 2018
9:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

(No appointment necessary)
1st Floor Conference Room
KBIC Tribal Center

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

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

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

Please call MILS at 1-800-968-6877.
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, and our commitment to and sacrifices for the political, cultural, and economic life of Michigan and the United States.

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

Mino-Bimaadizin "Live Well" Respectfully, Susan J. LaFemier

During February, the Tribal Council held one Regular meeting on February 3, 2018, one Work Session on February 26, 2018, and four Special Council meetings on February 1, 8, 15, and 22, 2018. Following are the unapproved minutes. This report will be published in the KBIC "Wilkwedong Dazhi-Ojibwe" newsletter, and the approved minutes may also be found on the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Website.

February 1, 2018 Special Council Meeting (unapproved):
- Closed session: Ojibwa Casino I and II Financial and Marketing updates; Radio Stations; Operational Plan update; Language Instructor update; Nepotism request; and Tribal Attorney update.

February 3, 2018 Regular Council Meeting (unapproved):
- Approved the President’s Report (Warren C. Swartz, Jr.) January 2018 Report.
- Approved the Secretary’s (Susan J. LaFemier) January 2018 Report.
- Approved the CEO’s (Larry Denomie) January 2018 Report.
- Approved the Department Head Reports for January 2018.
- Approved the February 2018 Donations: $500.00 to the Baraga Senior Class of 2018 $500.00 for the purchase of a quality control device (QCD) for the coded wire tag injector for $13,300.00 for the Natural Resource Department.

February 8, 2018 Special Council Meeting (unapproved):
- Approved the January 6, 2018 Tribal Council Meeting Minutes.
- Approved the waiver of nepotism request for Tyler Rasanen for the on-call Facility Attendant position at the Youth Department.
- Approved Resolution KB 005-2018 that formally approves the re-affirmation of the adoption of the Official Flag and Insignia of the Community and sent to the Commissioner for Trademarks, US Patent and Trademark Office, for entry into the Native American Tribal Insignia Database.
- Approved the Tier III Services Agreement with Mary Hindelang, American Tribal Insignia Database.
- Approved the President’s Report (Warren C. Swartz, Jr.) January 2018 Report.
- Approved the February 2018 Donations: $500.00 to the Baraga Senior Class of 2018 $500.00 for the purchase of new equipment to the Marquette County Youth Football: $1,000.00 to Deena Misegan, NMU student to attend interdisciplinary study in global health care in Central America.

February 14, 2018 Special Council Meeting (unapproved):
- Approved the January 12, 18, and 22, 2018 Tribal Council meeting minutes.
- Approved by a poll of the Tribal Council-Resolution KB 006-2018 which approves (George) Howard Kimewon as a fluent speaker with a Credential for the Mastery of the Anishnaabe Language.
- Approved to allow James Domnic, who has been a loyal employee for 20 years, to retire.

February 22, 2018 Special Council Meeting (unapproved):
- Council met with the Lundin Mining Company regarding Eagle Mine: partnership, closure planning, business development.
- Approved Personnel Policy 7.3 Closures of Governmental Offices with the changes.
- There will not be a 16th Annual Kid’s Fishing Derby this year; it was decided to hold the derby every other year.
- Approved Resolution KB 004-2018 "2018-2020 Five Year Recreation Plan" to serve as a guideline for improving recreation and enhancing natural resource conservation for the KBIC.
- Approved the Tier III Services Agreement with Glenn Sarkan PLLC, Marquette to provide Guardian Ad Litem/other services assigned by the Chief Judge of the Tribal Court, November 1, 2017, 2018.
- Reviewed the Constitution Committee’s review of the BIA’s technical comment letter to proposed amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws of the KBIC to add Article IX-Judicial Branch and to conduct a secretarial election.

February 26, 2018 Work Session-Special Council Meeting (unapproved):
- 3rd Reading and Review of Motion to Amend Proposed Ordinance 2018-01. The Tobacco Ordinance of 2018 to add the provisions on the manufacture of tobacco products amending Title 21B-The Tobacco Ordinance of 2008 and moving the criminal provisions to Title 3.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan J. LaFemier

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

The Ojibwa Community Library is celebrating Poetry Month. National Library Week, April 13-19, and Children’s Book Day throughout the month of April. Take a peek at our list of events below to see what’s going on.

Starting April 2:
Poem in Your Pocket: April is Poetry Month! Stop in and pick up a pocket-sized poem (or two!) for a little inspiration. Keep one and give one to a friend.

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

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

Throughout National Library Week (April 9 – April 14):
Fine Forgiveness: Return library materials and we’ll waive the fines for you. Certain restrictions do apply, so stop by the library’s circulation desk for more info.

Sugar Rush: All week long the library will have sweet treats for the sweetest people! Guess how many “bookworms” there are to be entered to win the whole jar.

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

Building Adult Skills in Computing (B.A.S.I.C) (April 19th at 6:00: 7:30 PM): The Library will be hosting the Breaking Digital Barriers group on Thursday, April 19 for those who have questions about their smartphone, tablets, iPads/Phones, and laptops. Student tutors from Michigan Tech will be available to walk you through any questions you might have about your device. If you don’t have a device of your own, but still have questions, the Library has computers and tablets participants can use during the event.

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

For more information about these, or any other library events, feel free to call us at 353-8163. Hope to see you soon!
In January of this year, Tribal Social Services created the Foster Care Closet. Tyler Larson, Tribal Social Services Director, said, “We thought of this as an idea to have items readily available in those emergency situations. Often times we run into problems where children will be removed and parents refuse to send any clothes with the children, or they might not even have any to offer. Some of the items don’t fit, or are worn out beyond repair. Other times, clothes may be exposed to hazardous material that we don’t want to take from the home.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Randy, a KBIC member, is the son of Randy and Jami Owens and the brother of Leeah, Nico, and Maddan. He is the grandson of Donald Shalifoe Sr., Melissa Koepp, Randy Owens Sr., and Kimberly Owens.

To place an ad, submit an article, or relate information, ideas, or possible articles contact: Lauri Denomie at (906) 201-0263, or e-mail: newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov.
Keep Babies Safe at Sleep

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

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

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

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

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

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

Submitted by Cindy Miller, RN
Maternal Child Health Nurse

TRIBAL COURT CRIMINAL SENTENCES

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

John LaFerriere, case #18-004, §3.1706, Controlled substance – 1st offense

Sentencing on 02/21/2018, #18-004, §3.1706:

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

Paquin, David, case #17-203, §5.6, Duty to report accidents forthwith – 1st offense

Sentencing on 02/21/2018, #17-203, §5.6:

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

DeCota, Nora, case #17-062NR, §10.412, Special fishing provisions: Picket Dam – 1st offense

Sentencing on 02/07/2018, #17-062RN, §10.412:

1. $1,571.83 for the Baraga Telephone Company, which shall be paid to the KBIC Tribal Court for processing.
2. The Defendant shall submit to a baseline drug test today.
3. The Defendant shall review the Community’s Title Ten Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping Code for fishing restrictions and prepare a two-page typed report summarizing why there are fishing restrictions for Picket Dam Spillway and two other local bodies of water of her choosing.
4. The Defendant shall submit to a baseline drug test today.

Frisvall, Dale, case #18-020, §15.5, OUIL – 1st offense

Sentencing on 03/12/2018, #18-020, §15.5:

1. $1,571.83 for the Baraga Telephone Company, which shall be paid to the KBIC Tribal Court for processing.
2. The Defendant shall report one time a month to the probation office, and at any other time as instructed by the probation office and the Sentry Call-in System.

Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College has the following employment opportunities:

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

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

Now Hiring — KBIC Tobacco Company, LLC
Positions Announcement — KBIC Members Only!
Manufacturing Cigarette Packing Team Member, closes April 9, 2018, 4 p.m.
Tobacco Manufacturing Maker and Material Handler, closed April 9, 2018, 4 p.m.
Part-Time, dependant on duration on manufacturing session, $11 — $13 an hour, depending on experience.
Application can be obtained by contacting: Debbie Picciano, TERO Officer, 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49908 or calling (906) 353 – 4715, or e-mailing: tero@kbic-nsn.gov.
A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated on Friday, March 23, 2018, at Holy Name of Jesus Church, Assinins, MI, with Father Corey Liztner, Celebrant. The family gathered friends on the evening of Thursday, March 22, 2018, at the Reid Funeral Service and Chapel, L’Anse, MI. Immediately following the Mass, friends joined the family for a fellowship and luncheon at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens Center, Baraga, MI. A spring interment will take place in the Evergreen Cemetery, L’Anse, MI. The Reid Funeral Service and Chapel, L’Anse, MI assisted the family.
Embrace your voice

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How Your Words Affect Others

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

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

What can you do?

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

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

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

You can become an agent of change.

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

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

This event happened Saturday, February 24, 2018, at 4:30 p.m. A bonfire, refreshments, and the return of Bigfoot were all parts of the mid-winter festivities. Fifty to seventy-five people came to enjoy the fun on the warm February evening. This was the fifth year of the popular event. There were three Bigfoots on hand for a photo opportunity. In addition, there was a drawing for two sets of snowshoes—Tubbs 30-inch shoes, one of which was donated by Indian Country Sports. Admission was free. There was also a donation box for non-perishable food items and hygiene products. The community donated 17 bags of goods and $50 for the needy in Baraga County. Donated goods were sent to St. Vincent de Paul in L’Anse. In addition to the non-motorized trail opportunities in L’Anse’s Curwood Park, there is a large trail system in Baraga near the Ojibwa Campground, with over two miles of beach trails to enjoy! Sights to see are more than beautiful sandy beaches, fitness stations, and a garden full of pollinator friendly native plants with interpretive signs.

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

BIA SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

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

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

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

For more information, please contact Amy St. Arnold, Education Director at 906-353-4117 or amy@KBIC-nsn.gov.
Here are some ideas offered:

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

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

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

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

Their presentation was well received and followed by Research Assistant Professor Sigrid Resh of Michigan Tech, who spoke on “Avoiding Invasives—Beautiful or Not?”. The Natural Resources Department has worked with Sigrid to develop a review summary of the concern including Japanese Knotweed, garlic mustard, and Japanese barberry.

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

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

Please be welcome to call Evelyn or Karena at the Natural Resources Department and let us know your interest in learning more about the work we do with plants or would like to sign up for a garden plot at the Brewery Road People’s Garden this summer.
KBIC Natural Resources Depart is looking for your help in the naming our new research vessel. The vessel is currently being built to our specifications and will be ready for delivery by summer! We are looking to the community for ideas for a name for our new vessel. Send us your suggestions by May 1st.

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