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Mensch said, “The KBIC Council finances the majority of the event, and groups like the Superior Watershed Partnership and our own Summer Youth Program hire youth to work on various projects, including the derby. Many of our youth helpers were a part of that, with many of them being past Fisher-kids themselves. The list of volunteers/donors is much too large to list, so please accept this big ‘THANK YOU’ to all of you who volunteered and/or donated to make this a grand event.”

This year’s event was in honor of (late) brothers: John LaFernier, Sr., and Patrick “Hummer” LaFernier. Both were avid KBIC commercial fishermen. Hummer set nets for over forty years, and John had joined him for over twenty of those years.

2015 KBIC Kids Fishing Derby Results:

This year’s Champ is eleven-year-old Dawsen Wasik (above) with a catch of two pumpkinseed and a bass. He chose an inflatable boat for his grand prize. The second place winner was Cara Connor with a catch of a pike in the fishing pond.

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- President Warren “Chris” Swartz, Jr. presented on behalf of KBCCC President Debra Parrish, her recommendation to approve the Tandem Kelsoy Memorial Golf Scramble (Team and Tee) and to have the day rescheduled to August 18, 2016, seven supported (Misegan, Minton, S. LaFernier, Haataja, M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot, Sr.), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, five absent (Blaker, Curtis, Edwards, Messer, Shalifoe), motion carried. Coach Hoover indicated that a 4 x 8 banner will be made and placed at the Viking field stand. “Thank you Keweenaw Bay Indian Community for the generous donation of our safety equipment.”

- Vice President Jennifer Misegan presented the July 2015 donation requests on behalf of Treasurer Doreen Blaker. Motion by Susan J. LaFernier to approve $2,500.00 for Marquette Shriners’ transportation donation request, $380.00 for Baraga County Community Foundation donation for the Tony Kelsoy Memorial Golf Scramble (Team and Tee) and to have the day rescheduled to August 18, 2016. Four supported (Misegan, Minton, S. LaFernier, Haataja, M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot), 0 opposed, five abstained (Blaker, Curtis, Edwards, Messer, Shalifoe), motion carried. Council adjourned the meeting with no further issues on the agenda.

NEWS FROM THE OJIBWA SENIOR CITIZENS

August:
- August 12, 12:15 p.m. Senior Meeting. Deposit for the Las Vegas trip (scheduled for January 10, 2016) is due. The trip is $1,500 per person refundable if you cancel after the date when reservations have been made. Date will be discussed at the September meeting. The deposit will be refunded when we leave checker’s place.
- It was decided that individuals who wish to go on this trip and do not wish to participate in the fundraising activities, can go with us and pay the full cost of the trip. Please attend the September 8th meeting for more information.

August 2015 Calendar Events
- Aug. 03: Constitutional Convention, 10 a.m., Tribal Center Bldg, Council Chambers (downstairs conference room);
- Aug. 08: Reg. Sat. Council Meeting, 9 a.m., Ojibwa, Conference Rooms;
- Aug. 26: Senior Pasties. 

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The following are a list of activities that occurred in the office of the President for the month of June 2015.

- I attended an environment forum hosted by the KBIC NRD. The theme of this was "Weaving a Sustainable Future.
- The Council held a keynote speech from Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa Tribe Environmental Program Manager Kathleen Brosermer, information about booths, a presentation from the KBIC Committee for Alternative and Renewable Energy, and a variety of breakout sessions on topics including: planning for climate change, the role of KBIC, the effect of mining on treaty resources, recycling, and indoor air quality.
- I notified the senior citizens that a discounted fee for a reduced price and fair to all.
- Lundin Mining confirmed that they have discovered new high-grade Nickel-Copper near Eagle Mine. The discovery is located approximately two kilometers east of the Eagle deposit and is a consequence of the 2015 drilling program. They have confirmed that there is that deposit that is east of the original deposit and confirmed the things that we knew. They drilled the portal the way they did because they were going to go to the east. This was our suspicion early on, and they have pretty much confirmed the news that this news it seems like this deposit may be mined after the original deposit is mined. So it appears that the mining company may be here for a longer time.
- We are continuing our ongoing effort to bring the new Zeba Hall, Scoops, and the Rez Stop up to compliance with the Community's Building Codes. There was an issue with the deck that was installed, and the hazard has since been corrected. The oversight of the deck issue wasn't due to the crew who installed it. In addition, we've put topsoil around the hall, and George "Pudgy" Geroux and crew have done an excellent job on it. Once all of the punch list items have been taken care of, we are ready to open the grand opening ceremony.
- I attended the Senior Citizen's Banquet to honor all of our recent high school graduates. The banquet was well received and attended by many of the community members. The community continued success in whatever they choose to do in their futures.
- A number of people are interested in learning whether or not the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community is willing to explore a medical marijuana business on the reservation. There are about 114,000 medical marijuana card users in Michigan, and it is a desired product. Because the voters approved the referendum related to canna-bis, I think we should at least explore these opportunities and see if this could evolve into a business to sell more native natural healing plants and herbs.
- I attended a workshop in Green Bay, Wisconsin, related to Tribal Mari-jana. The workshop was led by Rob Porter, with whom we have had a longstanding working relationship throughout the years. He introduced a number of details of CaNAUSA and a few other organizations.
- CaNAUSA is a group who are proposing a joint venture and are successful business people. They believe the profits from this business could rival the cannabis revenue.
- I attended a meeting with the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council related to medical marijuana. They are in the infancy stages of planning and developing what they will be doing in Wisconsin.
- I've also had some outreach from Wild Bill's Tobacco. They are the second largest tobacco retailer in Michigan, and they are interested in pursuing a business relationship with the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.
- Additionally, so is to the St. Croix Chippewa Tribe. In fact, I just returned from a conference over in Portland, Washington and Salem, Oregon, where a number of St. Croix Chippewa Members were also in attendance. We Identified a medical marijuana facility in addition to some labs. I will have more information related to this as I just returned a few days ago.
- The Council discussed the foreclosed property of the Baraga Lakeside Inn and decided not to bid at the auction that was held at the Baraga County Clerk’s office in L’Anse.
- On behalf of the Community, I provided comments to the Michigan Petroleum Pipeline Task Force. We are particularly concerned with Enbridge, Inc.’s line 5 which runs through our 1842 Treaty area in the Upper Peninsula and then beneath the Straits of Mackinac. Line 5 is twelve years past its designed life-time, and there is lack of transparency with regard to what products are flowing through the pipeline at any given time. We are continuing to monitor what is going on with Enbridge’s line 5 because of the huge impacts it could have to our water resources here that we so much depend on.
- Our mining technical assistant is keeping the office of the President informed of Highland Copper Company’s efforts to examine environmental conditions found in White Pine. Dave Anderson is the Director of Environment at Highland Copper Company and is welcoming discussions. He is also open to joint collection of data, review, and improvement of sampling protocol and information sharing. In fact two days ago, I received a telephone call from Dave and he was really interested in this issue, and he would like to set a meeting with the Office of the President and any other Council Members who are interested in going to White Pine to have an initial meeting with them to discuss what they plan on doing with the copper mine and some of the issues that the Community has with the copper mine and the environment up there. We will be coordinating that meeting in the near future.
- We received notification from the Environmental Review Appeals Board that a petition for review related to the ground-water discharge permit that the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality issued for Eagle Mine for a permit for lack of jurisdiction. The Community file a letter in support of the petition. The primary argument is that the issued groundwater permit is the wrong tool with which to regulate Eagle Mine’s wastewater discharges.
- I, along with a number of staff, attended the 4th Annual Bureau of Indian Affairs Midwest Region Partners in Action Conference held in Baraboo, Wisconsin. While I was there, I had the opportunity to talk with Diane Rosen and a number of other bureau staff. We also had the opportunity to sit down with them and talk about our fire program and a number of other ongoing things here at KBIC. It was a good meeting, and we all had a good time.
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Approved the Magellan RX Management Contracting Pharmacy Agreement.
Approved the Prime Therapeutics Pharmacy Agreement.
Approved the Physician’s Employment Agreement of Dr. Benson.

April 17, 2015 Special Meeting
Approved the L’Anse Hockey and Figure Skating Clubs, the Baraga County Convention and Visitors Bureau Room Assessment Fee and the Baraga Township 2015 George Maki.

May 21, 2015 Special Meeting
Approved the meeting minutes.
Approved Resolution KB-023-2015 George Joseph Olujic and to negotiate the salary.
Approved Resolution KB-021-2015 2% to Baraga for a total of $124,254.77 as follows:
  - Baraga County Historical Society $5,000.00
  - Baraga County Fair $5,000.00
  - Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly $2,778.00
  - L’Anse Hockey and Figure Skating Clubs $5,000.00
  - L’Anse Fire Department $20,000.00
  - Baraga County $23,792.79
  - Baraga School District $28,644.06
  - Baraga Township $9,584.43
  - Baraga Village $7,368.08
  - L’Anse School District $14,296.28
  - L’Anse Township $1,611.46
  - onion Chaudoir $1,179.67
  - Hired Darrel Kingbird as the Language Instructor.

Credentialed Darrel Kingbird as a fluent speaker.
Approved Resolution KB-023-2015 George Joseph Olujic and to negotiate the salary.
Approved the KBIC Anishnaabe Language Credential Package.

May 14, 2015 Special Meeting
Approved the meeting minutes of April 17, 2015.
Approved Resolution KB-021-2015 to Baraga for a total of $24,300.00 for the Aquatic Invasive Species Control Program.
Amended Government Policy 4.0 I. #1 to restate the Assistant CEO position as a regular non-appointed position.
Approved the addition of $47,555.00 to the Police Commissioner Budget.

June 3, 2015 Executive Board Meeting
Approved an Addendum to the Memorandum of Agreement with the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College to add a complaint procedure.
Approved posting for a Financial Manager for the Ojibwa Housing Department.
Agreed to contract with Lake Accounting for services at the Ojibwa Housing Department.

June 6, 2015 Special Council Meeting
Approved the October 24, and 30, 2014 meeting minutes.
Amended the Community Assistance Policy to increase assistance for terminally ill and critically injured.
Approved the Dentist Employment Agreement with Dr. Ronald J. Camody, DDS.
Upheld the CEO’s decision in Case# 010-15 but changed the reason to non-compliance.

June 8, 2015 Regular Council Meeting
Approved the CEO’s report for May 2015.
Approved the April 2015 Department Head Reports.
Approved a waiver of High School Diploma requirement for Daniel Monique.
Held the Third Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2015-01 Tribal Code Title VII - to allow and recognize same sex marriages and update Sections One and Two.
Approved Proposed Ordinance 2015-01 Tribal Code Title VII.
Donated $4,000.00 to the ICWA Committee for the 2nd Annual Fostering Family Fun Day.
Donated $2,000.00 the KBIC Inaugural International Native American Responsible Fatherhood Day Kickball Game Event.
Donated $2,273.17 to Jiljyn Shellfoe for her trip to Washington DC to attend the White House Tribal Youth Gathering.
Donated $500.00 to Nancy Pawlowski’s Relay for Life Team and $500.00 to Camp New Day.
Approved use of Tribal roads for the Baraga County Community Foundation Annual Dessie Marth Memorial Fun Run on June 20, 2015.
Held the Second Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2015-02 Election Ordinance.

June 11, 2015 Special Council Meeting
Approved the Business License Renewal of Maki Construction for Michelle and Jeff Maki.
Approved the Memorandum of Agreement between the KBIC and Indian Health Services for construction of sanitation facilities.
Approved Resolution KB-026-2015 Darrell Kingbird Demonstrated Master of Anishinaabemowin Language.
Approved the Language Instructor Employment Agreement with Dr. Darrel Kingbird.
Approved the Housing Department Organizational Structure.
Approved Resolution KB-029-2015 Lisa Hutchinson Recreational Lease.
Approved Resolution KB-030-2015 Angela Bogda Recreational Lease.
Approved Resolution KB-025-2015 BIA Climate Change Program.
Approved the bid of Kessel Chevrolet for a 2013 Chevy Silverado in the amount of $24,300.00 for the Aquatic Invasive Species program.
Approved the KBIC Employee Manual and Policies.

June 18, 2015 Special Council Meeting
Approved Resolution KB-032-2015 BIA Cooperative Agreement for Wildland Fire Management.
Approved Resolution KB-033-2015 New Cingular Wireless Commercial Lease for placement of a communication tower.
Approved Resolution KB-028-2015 Industrial Park Timber Sale.
Approved Resolution KB-031-2015 ICDBG Mold Remediation Project for the Ojibwa Housing Department.
Approved Resolution KB-034-2015 Annual International Native American Responsible Fatherhood Day the day before Father’s Day each year.
Upheld the CEO’s decision in Dissmall Case# 011-15.

June 25, 2015 Special Council Meeting
Approved the meeting minutes of April 23, and 30, 2015 and May 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2015.
Donated $675.00 to Allison Durant for her Western Wild Basketball Travel.
Donated $2,000.00 to the MAYB Basketball Tournament for construction of sanitation facilities for three KBIC members and two coaches.
Approved the Business License renewal for Keweenaw Konsulting for Jeffery Loman.
Approved amendments to the Baraga and Marquette Casinos Aristocrat Gaming Device Orders.
Approved Resolution KB-035-2015 Title IV-B FY2016.
Approved Resolution KB-036-2015 BIA Energy Development Capacity Grant.
Approved the bid from KCO Kahkonen Construction for paving the Rez Stop.
Donated $2,000.00 to Baraga County Little League.
Approved the KBIC M3 Insurance Proposal.

Respectfully Submitted,
Toni Minton
Fourth of July activities
ATTENTION KBIC MEMBERS

The KBIC Tribal Council is hosting a Tribal Community meeting to present Global Market Advisors recommendations for the development of casino projects at both the Baraga and Marquette locations.

The meeting will be held on August 3, 2015, at the Big Bucks Bingo Hall in Baraga, MI, at 5:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided.

ATTENTION KBIC MEMBERS

There will be a Constitution Convention on August 3, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. in the Tribal Center downstairs conference room to further discuss with the Tribal Attorney proposed Article IX Judicial Branch. Tribal Members are encouraged to attend.
**FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS (FDPIR) NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS**

(Effective October 1, 2013)

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

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**FDPIR Income Deductions—see 7 CFR 273.6(b)**

- **Earned Income Deduction**: Households with earned income are allowed a deduction of 20 percent of their earned income.

- **Shelter Utility Deduction**: Households that qualify for the dependent child care deduction are allowed a deduction of actual direct child care costs paid monthly to a non-household member.

- **Child Support Deduction**: Households that incur the cost of legally required child support to or for a non-household member are allowed a deduction for the amount of monthly child support paid.

- **Medical Expense Deduction**: Households that incur monthly medical expenses by any household member who is elderly or disabled are allowed a deduction in the amount of out-of-pocket medical expenses paid in excess of $35 per month. Allowable medical expenses are provided at 7 CFR 273.9(d)(3).

- **Home Care Meals Related Deduction**: Households who furnish the majority of meals for a home care attendant are allowed an income deduction equal to the maximum SNAP benefit for a one-person household. In Fiscal Year 2014, the amounts are as follows:
  - **48 Contiguous U.S. States**
    - October 1, 2013—October 31, 2013 = $200
    - November 1, 2013—September 30, 2014 = $189
  - For Alaska, please select appropriate link below.

- **October 1, 2013—October 31, 2013 = $200**

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**FDPIR Programs**

- **FOOD 4 FDPIR Programs**

**FDPIR Shelter/Utility Expense Deductions—Based on Region**

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*If the geographic boundaries of an Indian reservation extend to more than one region per the identified regional groupings above, then a qualifying household has the option to receive the appropriate shelter/utility expense deduction amount for the State in which the household resides or the State in which the State agency’s central administrative office is located.*

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**CEO'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2015**

During the month of June 2015, the CEO's office reports the following:

- The newly approved Enterprises Employee Manual was reviewed with the employees who are required to follow it throughout the month.
- Darrel Kingbird began his duties as the Tribe’s Language Instructor. He will be teaching Ojibwemowin language classes on a beginner level to both Native and Non-Native students in the Baraga and L'Anse area schools, the L’Anse/Baraga Community schools, to our Summer Youth Program participants, as well as teach cultural and traditional crafts, stories, songs, medicines, and oral tradition within our community.
- Vicki Dompier, who has been serving as the Housing Department’s Interim Executive Director, was approved for promotion by the Selection Committee to serve as the department's permanent director. Her contract is being developed by the attorney’s office and is expected to be ready for review and consideration next week.
- An Indian Community Development Block Grant through HUD was submitted in June. The grant, if approved, will assist the Tribe with mold remediation issues in our Tribal housing units. Numerous issues have been identified throughout the units of which some have required residents to be transferred to alternative homes.
- The Tribal Council approved a resolution granting a lease agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC. The agreement provides space in the Tribe’s Industrial Park for the company to construct a tower for the purpose of transmission and reception of communications signals. The lease provides the company with an initial five-year term with automatic renewals for four additional five-year terms unless terminated by the Tribe.
- Tribal Council received and reviewed the final report issued by Global Market Advisors (GMA). The recommendations are being explored and firms contracted to provide assistance in developing plans. A monthly report has been tentatively scheduled for August 3, where the GMA team will share the plan with the Community. Once the date, time, and location have been finalized, notification will be made to the Community through media sources.
- Gary Jorgenson of Lake Accounting has been working for several weeks at the Housing Department to aid staff with accounting functions. I met with Gary recently, and he indicated that he has spent his time to date organizing, searching, and developing systems to bring the accounting to standards and efficiencies which will allow for smoother operation and consistency in function. We will be approving an additional period of time for Gary to work in the department to get much needed financial information and reports to better manage the Housing Dept. and businesses.
- The General Manager position that was offered to Joseph Olujic is now being offered to Michael Schrader. Mr. Olujic declined the position after receiving an offer from another organization.
- Carole LaPointe, KBIC Health Department Director, issued a notice indicating that July 16 of this year marked the fourth year that the Tribe has provided health services to employees of the company. The department is planning a celebration in August during the National Health Center Week – August 9-15.
- The Annual Governmental Employee Picnic will be taking place on July 31 at the L’Anse Golf course beginning at 10 a.m. Because of the picnic, government offices of the Tribe will be closed to employees to attend the event.
- In a final note, it has been expressed that Council would like a weekly report from the CEO’s office of which I will be sharing with the Com-
L’Anse, Michigan.

Thomas "Buddy" Paquin, age 30, passed away in Petoskey, Michigan, on July 3, 2015.

He was born at Portage View Hospital in Hancock, Michigan, on April 19, 1985, to Thomas and Pamla (Loonsfoot) Paquin. Tom was a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community where he was employed as a Bearstown fire fighter. Thomas had worked on a commercial fishing boat and at the Pines Convergence Center. He enjoyed watching sports, fishing, shooting pool, and was an avid fan of the Chicago Bears football team.

Surviving are his two children: Aliahaz and Isaiah; wife: Alicia of Petoskey, Michigan; par- ents: Thomas and Pamla; two sisters: Tahala of L’Anse and Janelle of Baraga; two brothers: David and Joseph of Baraga.

Visitation was held on Thursday, July 9, 2015, at the Ceremonial Room at the Ojibwa Senior Center in Baraga. The family was as- sisted by the Reid Funeral Service and Chapel, L’Anse, Michigan.

Earl LaFerrier, age 70, passed away on July 15, 2015.

He was born in L’Anse, Michigan, on October 30, 1944. His parents were the late Wilbur and Lois (Stoddard) LaFerrier. Also preceding him in death was a sister, Aniwe Wessmen and brothers: John and Patrick LaFerrier.

Earl had worked construction and enjoyed spending time with his dog. He looked forward to fresh produce out of the garden. Surviving are his children: Lori LaFerrier of Houghton, Michigan, Earl John Lee of Chicago, Illinois, and Robert E. Bolin of Cannellton, Indiana; sisters: Marcia Wentland of Minnesota, Sybil LaFerrier, Cosie LaFerrier and Angie Fri- sivall all of L’Anse, Michigan, Becky Decker, Margaret Vanover, and Georgie Bourdage all of Hawesville, Kentucky, and Rosie Landreaux of Louisiana; brothers: Michael LaFerrier, Sr. and Harry LaFerrier, both of L’Anse, Michigan.

Visitation was held on Friday, July 17, 2015, at the Huber Funeral Home/Cannellton Chapel of Cannellton, Indiana. Burial will be in Michigan. Memorial contributions may be made to his fam- ily. The family was assisted by the Huber Fu- neral Home, Cannellton, Indiana.

Charles "Tom" Lofquist

(January 12, 1955—July 4, 2015)

Charles "Tom" Lofquist, age 60, of Baraga, Michigan, passed away unexpectedly on Satur- day, July 4, 2015, at his home.

He was born January 12, 1955 in L’Anse, MI, the son of Charles and Florence Eileen (LaFerrier) Lofquist. Tom graduated from L’Anse High School in 1973, and was a great basketball player. He then went into the United States Air Force. Tom received an Associate Degree in Waste Water Management from Northern Michigan University. Tom worked for the city of Waukesha doing waste water man- agement, then worked security at the Island Re- sort and the Ojibwa Casino.

He was a member of Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and Ojibwa Seniors. He coached Little League and enjoyed watching sports, fish- ing, shooting pool, cross country skiing, jogging, and was an avid Packer fan.

Surviving are his children: Jason Eliason of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Eric Lofquist of Wil- son, Timothy Lofquist of Baraga, Angel (Patrick) Hazen of Watersmeet, Jesse Ekdahl of Zeba; brother: John Ridell; half-brother: John Ridell; half-sister: Faye Graber of Florida; grandchil- dren: Ethan McGeschick, Alec Lofquist, Tommy Lofquist, Annileece Lofquist, Frank Medlin, Eric Lofquist, Thomas Lofquist, Georgia Lofquist, Lucy LaFerrier, Breylin Hebert, Dorin Hazen, Dari Hazen, Xavier Remer, and Ayden Ekdahl. Pre- ceding him in death are his parents.

Visitation and traditional Native American burial service were held Tuesday, July 7, 2015, at the Ojibwa Seniors Ceremonial Room in Baraga. Following the services, the family invited friends to join them for fellowship and a luncheon. The family was as- sisted by the Jacobson Funeral Service and Chapel, L’Anse, Michigan. Memorial services are scheduled for August 1, 2015, at the Ceremonial Room at the Ojibwa Senior Center in Baraga. The family was as- sisted by the Reid Funeral Service and Chapel, L’Anse, Michigan.

Patrick R. Field, Jr.

(November 17, 1974—July 4, 2015)

Patrick R. Field, Jr, age 40, of Tonah, Wis- consin, and formerly of L’Anse passed away Saturday, July 4, 2015, at the VA Hospital in Madison, Wisconsin.

He was born in L’Anse, Michigan, on November 17, 1974, the son of Patrick and Joyce (Lofquist) Field, Sr. Pat graduated from L’Anse High School in 1992. He served in the United States Army. Pat worked in the trucking industry as a team driver. He was a member of Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and the L’Anse VFW Post #3897.

Pat is survived by his daughters: Veronica and Jennifer, parents: Joyce and Patrick, Sr.; brothers: Jim Tahtinen of Skandia, Michigan, Jalilah and Fields of Muskegon, Michigan, Christopher Field of L’Anse, Michigan, and Lee Field of Du- luth, Minnesota; grandfather: Otto Bennis of Baraga, Michigan; and his significant other; Jess Carlson. Numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins also survive.

KBIC YOUTH PROGRAM OFFERS SUMMER CAMP ACTIVITIES

The KBIC Youth Program offers summer programming available for children in kindergarten through grade six. The first day of camp was on June 15, 2015, and it will conclude with a Culture Camp at Camp Nesbit on August 14, 2015. Camp hours are 7:30 am until 4:30 p.m, Monday through Thursday. The program is implemented to provide a safe envi- ronment for KBIC kids along with offering them enrichment and fun filled daily activities. There are many different events scheduled for the kids, such as: hiking, beach days, park outings, and exploring different areas of our Upper Peninsula. Waba Alakayak, Youth Pro- gram’s Intern Director said, “Our program has collaborative partnerships with other pro- grams in Baraga County such as the Explorer Guide program coordinated by the ex- plorer guide Kashmir Sam from the Baraga State Park, as well as the STEM Academy through Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College. Our mission is to bring to life the joy of discovery for children through fun, creative, hands-on experiences for the world around them. We strive to ignite curiosity and encourage them to become active, life-long learners. The KBIC Youth Program has gone through its ups and downs in the past few years, but we are committed to preparing educational and cultural programs for our little ones in the future. Our children are our future and we want to provide them educational enrichment along with teaching them traditional ways!”

The following pictures are from STEM Camp from July 20, 2015, and the children’s field trip to Bond Falls on July 21, 2015. Continues on page twelve.
Darrell Kingbird, a Red Lake Tribal Member, began employment mid-June as KBIC’s Cultural Language Teacher. Darrell said, “I applied for this position because I want to teach the language to children in the school setting.” He previously taught Ojibwa language in the community at Red Lake but was not able to get into the school setting there. Kingbird will be going into both the L’Anse and Baraga Schools, and he’s going to give a try to work with all grade levels. He will also be teaching the language at the L’Anse/Baraga Community School setting. “Any place that we can get the language in, we are going to give it a try. I plan on starting a class with the elders next Tuesday (07/28/2015) which will be held at the Zeba Community Hall. Next month, I will be teaching at the Summer Youth Program’s Cultural Camp throughout that week.”

Darrell Kingbird relocated to KBIC from Red Lake bringing his wife and five children with him, to become a part of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. He has taught language for about 31 years, beginning when he was 19-years-old at United Tribes in Minneapolis as their Cultural Coordinator where he worked for two-and-a-half years. “I taught them how to sing, bead, make outfits, and the language. I started teaching that way, and I’ve been doing it ever since. I taught Middle School at Mille Lacs Tribal School for four-and-a-half years. I learned the language in my home, both my parents were fluent speakers. So it wasn’t like I went to school to learn the language, and this is how I teach the language in the classroom—question and answer routines, sentence structure, until we are speaking completely back and forth in the language. The youth will catch on to the language, and the more time I have with them the more it is going to make a difference to them to understand, and they are going to bring it home big time. The parents are going to have to step up and encourage their children. So we want to get the parents involved and start having classes for them, so they will get the same structure as the children will get when the child comes home and speaks the language they will know the answers. The parents will get the same curriculum in the home as the children will get it in the school setting. This is the technique that I use, and it goes a long way. My dream is to make the difference in this Community’s language.”
Leah Mayo earned her Ph.D. in Neurobiology from the University of Chicago in April 2015. Leah was a 2005 Baraga graduate, and then attended the University of Michigan, receiving her B.S. in Neuroscience in 2008. After working for a year at the University of Michigan's Molecular and Behavioral Neuroscience Institute, she then enrolled in the Neurobiology doctoral program at the University of Chicago. She received a M.S. in Molecular Medicine in 2013 and went on to receive her doctoral degree in Neurobiology in April of 2015.

Throughout her scientific career, Leah’s research has focused on understanding environmental influences on drug taking, with a special interest in determining factors that can predict vulnerability to developing substance use disorders. Her research has been presented at numerous conferences throughout the United States, as well as Canada, Sweden, France, and Germany.

While in graduate school, Leah received the Neuroscience Scholars Program fellowship from the Society for Neuroscience, the Pritzker Award for Academic Achievement from the University of Chicago, and has been the recipient of several other awards and honors. She has been identified as an outstanding Early Career Scientist by the National Institute on Drug Abuse and the College on Problematic Substance Use Disorders.

Leah’s research has been published in several prestigious scientific journals, including Nature, The Journal of Neuroscience, and Neuropsychopharmacology. She has also authored a book chapter regarding genetic influences on addiction.

Leah will be moving to Linkoping, Sweden in August 2015, where she will be a founding member of Linkoping University’s Center for Social and Affective Neuroscience. In addition to teaching medical students, she will carry out research aimed at elucidating social and environmental influences on drug taking. This work will be part of a greater effort to create more effective, personalized treatments for alcoholism and other substance abuse disorders.

Leah is the daughter of Tim and Diane Mayo and the sister of Alex Mayo.
KBIC Youth Program Camp continues:

Donald A. LaPointe Health and Education Center To Mark National Health Center Week

Event is Part of National Campaign Celebrating 50 Years of Success in Healthcare Delivery

July 23, 2015 – The Donald A LaPointe Health and Education Center is marking National Health Center Week 2015 (NHCW) with National Health Center Week – locally, we are celebrating 44 years of providing Health Services to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community as part of a weeklong campaign (August 10-14) to raise awareness about the mission and accomplishments of our Tribal Health Center, one of the first in the nation in providing services under one roof.

Donald A. LaPointe Health & Education Center is part of a national network of health centers in rural and urban neighborhoods across America. One of the bright spots in America’s health care system, health centers started 50 years ago as a pilot project during President Lyndon Johnson’s War on Poverty. Today, they have compiled a significant record of success that include reducing mortality rates, lowering hospital ER visits and admissions, and generating $24 billion a year in annual healthcare savings.

Full details of the event and registration information are included below.

WHEN: Monday, August 10 – Friday, August 14
WHO: Staff and Departments of Donald A. LaPointe Health and Education Center
WHERE: 102 Superior Avenue, Baraga MI 49908
REGISTER: Daily for door prizes all week

About Community Health Centers: To address the widespread lack of access to basic health care, community health centers serve over 23 million people at more than 9,200 sites located throughout all The National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) organized in 1971. To learn more please visit www.healthcenterweek.org or www.nachc.org. You can also follow the #NHCW hashtag on Twitter.

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