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searching the membership's ancestry, as well as preserving the current records that the tribe maintains pertaining to the membership and election records. Diana is a member of the Election Board. She has served as Chairperson of the Election Board for the past 15 years of her service. She is a former member of the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College Board of Regents. During her three years with the Board, she had the opportunity to be a part of the Accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission and the college's expansion to the Wabanagu Campus. Diana has been married for 25 years, operating a sporting goods store, Woodland Firearms & Supply, located in Baraga, which she and her husband, Jason, opened in 2014. In her spare time, she volunteers as a Girl Scout Leader for Daisy and Brownie Troop. Diana has two daughters: Jadyn, age 8, who is second grade student at Baraga Area Schools; and Madison, age 5, who will be entering Kindergarten in the fall. Diana Chaudrier said, "Congratulations to our fine graduates and families on your accomplishments. You have completed a long journey, and I think everyone should be proud of the time and effort that has come to pass here. Tonight's event is here to celebrate your achievements. Whatever your future holds, face it with confidence, hold strong to your values, and seize the day!"

Failure - Don't worry about getting it all right the first time. Don't be afraid of failure, because you will fail at times. Failure will not define you; you may suffer through it, but do not give up. Without the knowledge of our failures how would we measure our successes?

Success - Every successful story has a component of taking a risk that you have learned, that risk being taking risks. That risk included not being afraid of the未知. When I work with my husband to build our business, our future, I take the time to make sure that the car we purchased, the building we purchase, the rent that we pay on time, the budget to make the purchase), supported by Rodney Loonsfoot. It has 230,000 miles and was a hand-me-down. I was astonished to find out that the State of Michigan, the DEQ, and the local townships never forwarded any information to you or requested your permission or blessing for anything that goes on in your ceded territory, and I couldn't understand why that was. But after the conversation, I made sure that something I ever did in my little community as the Humboldt Township Supervisor years ago and now as Marquette County Vice-chair that all information gets copied to your community, and that's just being respectful." Mr. Derocha continued with a short question and answer session.

On May 10, I attended the Marquette Township/Marquette County Spring Banquet at the Chocolay Fish & Game Club and it was a great opportunity to meet their elected officials, visit with those we already know and establish new relationships. We are there to assist and move forward the vision of tribal issues. At one time, I was astonished to find out that the State of Michigan, the DEQ, and the local townships never forwarded any information to you or requested your permission or blessing for anything that goes on in your ceded territory, and I couldn't understand why that was. But after the conversation, I made sure that something I ever did in my little community as the Humboldt Township Supervisor years ago and now as Marquette County Vice-chair that all information gets copied to your community, and that's just being respectful." Mr. Derocha continued with a short question and answer session.

Under new business: Treasurer Doreen Blaker presented the June 2017 donations requests. Motion by Rodney Loonsfoot to approve June 2017 donations as:

- $150.00 for the 21st Annual Matt Ahonen Memorial Softball Tournament; $250.00 for Taylor Kempena's Girl Scout trip to New York; $1,000.00 for Trillium House; $500.00 for the U.P. Diabetes Outreach Network; $1,221.00 to come from the Marquette Hardship Magnifier from Bureau of Services for Blind Persons for Glenda Hamailaen; $1,000.00 to the J.J. Wilson. It is a very significant piece of the puzzle. GEI will be meeting on June 19, and our site plan will be reviewed. In some of the meetings with the Board, residents have expressed concerns about water. We are very interested in the process to assist and move forward the vision of tribal issues. We have scheduled a town hall meeting with the intent to assist and move forward the vision of tribal issues. We have scheduled a town hall meeting with the intent to assist and move forward the vision of tribal issues. We have scheduled a town hall meeting with the intent to assist and move forward the vision of tribal issues. We have scheduled a town hall meeting with the intent to assist and move forward the vision of tribal issues.
President's Report for the Month of May 2017

The following briefly summarizes the activities in the Office of the President for the month of May:

- We've been notified by GLIFWC that GLIFWC was contacted by Trevor Van dyke, the Tribal Coordinator for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), regarding a Michigan Commercial Fishing statute changes to the Lake's Committee organized under GLIFWC. At the proposed meeting, MDNR will be made aware that presenting to the Lake's Committee would be to complement what individual tribes would like to do, and is not intended to nor should it be construed as, precluding direct communication with individual tribes that would want to meet face to face with the MDNR regarding this initiative pursuant to the tribe's sovereign prerogatives. I asked around about how the Chipewa Source Authority (CSA) felt about their meeting with the state, and an attorney from Bay Mills responded by saying that nothing had been done to file a bill in the Michigan legislature, and they were only provided with a copy of a PowerPoint prepared by MDNR.

- The following briefly summarizes the action taken at the last meeting:
  1. Mr. Mills responded by saying that nothing had been done to file a bill in the Michigan legislature, and they were only provided with a copy of a PowerPoint prepared by MDNR. We continue to meet with the Lac Vieux Desert Conservation Committee regarding ongoing discussions about Indians exercising their treaty rights here in Michigan’s portion of the 1842 Treaty. At the last meeting I attended, a discussion took place about jurisdictional authority, a definition of economic ties and residency. The next meeting is scheduled for June 13.
  2. It was an honor to be able to speak at the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College’s Graduation ceremony; this year ten diplomas were handed out and 17 correctional certificates.
  3. I provided a letter, as requested by Councillor Rodney Loonsfoot, to the Michigan Veteran’s Affairs Agency. The purpose of the letter is to nominate him to serve as a veteran representative under the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs accreditation program and to project that he would serve a minimum of 1000 hours per year.
  4. The Assistant CEO is working on a new resolution to the Upper Peninsula. What we can do to support Native people and their efforts to change attitudes and the use of stereotypes?
  5. We requested again with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) that they respond by saying the applicability of 25 USC 3205 does not apply to further information sharing more than is already occurring in Michigan. We'll continue to monitor this for the benefit of children and families.

- Earlier in the month, I attended a United Tribes Meeting in Sault Ste. Marie, MI. Of the questions posed to the Honorable Jack Bergman, Congressman Michigan District One. He advised that he is willing to work with the Indian Tribes in his district.

- In addition, we approved a resolution condemning the use of the term “redskins” in Michigan schools, and support the Michigan State Board of Education in their intention to discipline any Michigan school that uses race-based sports names and associated imagery and activities in a manner that is harmful to American Indians. The derogatory term “redskins” degrades and diminishes Native people throughout the history of the United States as documented in study after study and related by personal experiences of Native people in Indian Country and beyond. The negative effects on our children and our Native communities are long-lasting and detrimental to the positive self-esteem necessary to maintain the high quality of life that is the goal of thoughtful parenting everywhere. There are 45 high schools in Michigan using mascots, logos, or nicknames including six in the Upper Peninsula. What we can do to support Native people and their efforts to change attitudes and the use of stereotypes?
  1. Is your charitable organization planning to hold a raffle or selling raffle tickets on the L’Anse Indian Reservation?
  2. Write your Principal.
  3. Write your Superintendent.
  4. Write your Board of Education.

- We discussed the Supreme Court’s Decision in Lewis v. Clarke and the future of Tribal Sovereign Immunity. The document was provided by Brian Pierson of Godfrey & Kahn, S.C. and is included for Tribal Council review. Brian also gave an overview of the Winter’s Doctrine and how GLIFWC could use this theory to reserve water for flow, use, and quality especially in rice beds.

- Stacey Tadgerson recognized the work and accomplishments of Joanne Raicette; in addition on behalf of the department she offered the condolences to the family. We also discussed tribal access issues with the Michigan Department of Health and Human services (MDHHS) regarding Indian children. When brought to the attention of the Lake's Committee organized under GLIFWC, it was an excellent meeting. Every time they asked for something Larry had it. He was extremely well prepared, and it showed. They even commented about how well they had done on their application. They did ask some questions regarding the Tribe and the organizational structure. We had to submit some additional documents, and Rob is working on a summary for them. They agreed to open a proposal to the Tribe getting into tobacco manufacturing. We may have the license in as early as 90 days. It will depend on how quickly the site inspection can happen.

- I participated in developing the core values for the service culture training along with many of our management staff. It was great and very rewarding to see so many engaged and caring about the Tribe and where it is headed. Respectfully submitted, Jennifer Misegan

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

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

Federal law, through the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA), provides the Department of the Interior with the authority to regulate gaming activity on Indian lands. Even if you or the members of your organization are not tribal members, the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community in the Mille Lacs District has the authority to regulate your raffle. It is unlawful to game without a license.

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

Application deadline for submission of ALL Class I situations is 35 days prior to your event. License Fee will be waived when the application is received within this timeframe.

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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.

Remember to continue to pray for each other, our police officers, military, firefighters, and all emergency personnel. Also remember those who are ill, with economic struggles, and who have lost loved ones.

Happy Father’s Day to all of our fathers here on Earth and in Heaven!!

Thanks to everyone who cleaned the cemeteries for Memorial Day and to our Veterans for the programs. Enjoy the summer!

Mino-Bimaadizin “Live Well”

May 1, 2017 Special (Work Session) Council Meeting (approved):

- Approved Chapter 135 Tribal Police In-Car Personal Digital Video In-Car Cameras and Body Worn Cameras Policy (to enhance and improve accuracy).
- Approved the Tribal Police “Carrying/Administering Intransal Naloxone (Narcan)” Policy and Procedure (to reduce fatal opioid overdoses).
- Approved the Adult Sea Lamprey Assessments at the Silver River, the Lake Trout and Fishery Resource Assessments in Lake Superior, the Judicial Services, and Tribal Permit Registration Station Services subcontracts with Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission.
- Approved the business license renewal with Diana and Jason Chaudier for Woodland Firearms and Supply, LLC, May 15, 2017 – May 14, 2018.
- Approved the Up-To-Date on-line one year subscription contract addendum for authorization to use licensed materials for the management of clinical issues, May 1, 2017 – April 30, 2018, for $8,000.00.
- Approved the Proposal from Joseph Eve for professional services for the KBIC Gaming Commission and the Non-Disclosure Agreement.
- Approved to continue with the Defined Benefit Plan changes as presented.

May 6, 2017 Regular Council Meeting (approved):

- Approved the Tribal Council President’s Report for April 2017 (Jennifer Misegan).
- Approved the Tribal Council Vice President’s Report for April 2017 (Jennifer Misegan).
- Approved the Tribal Council Secretary’s Report April 2017 (Susan J. LaFernier).
- Approved the CEO’s Report for April 2017 (Larry J. Denomie III).
- Approved the March 2017 Department Head Reports.
- Approved the April 7, 13, 17, 19, 20, and 27, 2017 Tribal Council meeting minutes.
- Approved the Letter of Intent to enter into an Agreement for Power Supply Facilities (upgrade) with the Village of Baraga for the Hôme Farm.
- Approved the Letter of Intent to enter into a Custom Electric Service Agreement for Power Supply Facilities (upgrade) with the Alger Delta Cooperative Electric Association, Inc. for the Marquette Casino Project.
- Approved to table the Sick Leave Policies until the next meeting on May 11, 2017.
- Approved the modification addendum to the Thomson Reuters for the Westlaw Research Account Agreement adding Kevin Carlisle to the tribal attorney account.
- Approved the bid from the L’Anse Furniture Mart for $12,629.00 for carpet and tile replacement for the New Day Substance Abuse Services Facility.
- Approved the use of the roads requested by the Baraga County Community Foundation for the annual Denise March Memorial Fun Run on June 24, 2017.
- Approved the May 2017 Donations: $1,000.00 for travel expenses for Serene Smith if she attends the 41st Annual National Indian Timber Symposium in Washington and one gift basket for the auction; $100 for the Baraga Educational Support Team for the Family Fun Walk-Run Event; $500.00 for each Tribal member and $250.00 for each Tribal direct descending attendant to attend the Baraga High School Physics class trip to Chicago on May 12th.

May 11, 2017 Special Council Meeting (approved):

- Approved the Emergent Foster Care Fund Policy for unlicensed caregivers for children typically in a relative placement.
- Approved Social Services Specialist job description, to post the position, and the budget modification request.
- Approved to change the Dental Hygienist wage to a Grade 10 which will be the same as the nurses.
- Approved the food service and restaurant business license renewal for Lucky 7’s Restaurant with John Gervais.
- Approved the TD Safe Haven Horse Rescue and Therapy business license renewal with Crystal Geroux.
- Approved the Tier III Services Agreement with the L’Anse Furniture Mart for the carpet and tile replacement at the New Day Substance Abuse Services Facility for $12,629.00.
- Approved Resolution KB 20-2017 which cancels a residential lease with Suzanne L. Buttery-Jondreau and grants to Alisha L. Swartz.
- Approved Resolution KB 201-2017 which cancels a residential lease with Clyde D. Swartz, Barbara J. Swartz, her four adult children, her adult grandson and grants to Damian C. Swartz.
- Approved Resolution KB 022-2017 ICDBG Solar Energy Solutions Project grant application for the KB Natural Resources Department for $720,000.00 in-kind match.
- Approved Resolution KB 023-2017 which modifies a residential lease with Leonard W. Cardinal and Julia A. Cardinal and grants a split residential lease with Lynelle S. Bolo.
- Approved a motion to approve the 11.0 Sick Leave/12.0 Request for Leave/12.2 Leave Sharing Policies as presented (tabled from the May 6, 2017 meeting).
- Approve the amended 11.0 Sick Leave/12.0 Request for Leave/12.2 Leave Sharing Policies but to allow the employees to donate their accrued sick leave time in excess of 48 hours (proposal was 720).

May 18, 2017 Special Council Meeting (approved):

- Approved the May 6, and May 11, 2017 Tribal Council meeting minutes.
- Approved the Treaty Rights Farming License renewal for “Ma Hog Farm” with Brenda Turnen for five years.
- Approved a new business license with Troy LaFernier for “Troy’s Tires and Repair.”
- Approved Resolution KB 024-2017 Estate of Martha M. Dakota who passed away on June 11, 2016 and a residential lease transfer to identified heirs.
- Approved Resolution KB 026-2017 Betsey A. Leinonen Recreational Lease in L’Anse Township.
- Approved Resolution KB 027-2017 Anthony P. Loosfoot Recreational Lease in L’Anse Township.
- Approved Resolution KB 029-2017 Anthony M. LaBeau Recreational Lease in L’Anse Township.
- Approved Resolution KB 030-2017 Ryan K. Szymanski Recreational Lease in L’Anse Township.
- Approved a donation of $8,000.00 to the Baraga County Lumberjack Days Committee for the Fourth of July fireworks.

May 26, 2017 Special Council Meeting (approved):

- Approved the May 1, 2017 Tribal Council meeting minutes.
- Approved Resolution KB 031-2017 Baraga 2%’s $114,829.34 pending the Superior Watershed Partnership pass through acceptance.
- Approved a donation of $1,000.00 and a gift basket for the spaghetti dinner fundraiser at the L’Anse High School on June 7th for Ariane Yoder’s medical expenses.
- Approved the Memorandum of Understanding with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services regarding use of American Indian/Alaskan Native Behavioral Risk Factor Survey Data and to include the names of enrolled Tribal members 18 years of age and over and their telephone numbers.
- Approved the renewal licenses for the Pines Convenience Center: Business license, Alcoholic Beverage License, and the License to Purchase and Sell Tobacco Products.
- Approved the Law 360 Subscription Annual Contract for one year for the Tribal Attorney’s Office.
- Approved Resolution KB 033-2017 Amendment of Qualified Retirement Plan (401K) effective July 1, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan J. LaFernier

ANIN! We honor the greatness in you. Remember: “Indian Country Counts”
Since 1993 the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community has been making bi-annual payments from gaming proceeds of their casinos to local units of government and to the State of Michigan. These payments are 2% and 8% respectively and are derived from the net win from all Class III electronic games of chance commonly known as slot machines.

The two-percent (2%) payments are made each May and November. Local units of Government may make requests throughout the year. To receive an award the entity must first make a request in writing.

For the period of October 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017, the total to be distributed to local units of government in Baraga County, which was derived from the Ojibwa Casino Resort—Baraga, was $114,829.34. The payments approved by Tribal Council for this distribution are as follows:

- Baraga County — $28,979.80
- Baraga Area Schools — $34,888.67;
- Baraga Township — $11,673.90
- Village of Baraga — $ 8,974.37
- Village of Baraga/MTU—Baraga First Responders — $4,000.00
- Village of Baraga/KEDA — $2,500.00
- L’Anse Area Schools — $17,412.98
- L’Anse Township — $1,962.77
- Village of L’Anse — $1,436.85
- Village of L’Anse/Little Brothers—Friends of the Elderly — $3,000.00

Distributions totaling $138,419.72 were made to local units of government in Marquette County that were derived from the Ojibwa Casino—Marquette for the same period as follows:

- Chocolay Township — $70,000.00
- Marquette County — $ 25,000.00
- Marquette Township/Superior Watershed Partnership—KBIC Youth — $27,500.00
- Marquette Township/Recreation Committee—Underpass of US-41 — $15,919.72

Eight percent (8%) payments are made to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. The May 2017 distribution for the Ojibwa Casino Resort—Baraga totaled $459,317.40 and $573,678.93 for the Ojibwa Casino-Marquette.

The next cycle of awards will be made in November 2017. Local units of government within Baraga or Marquette Counties may apply. Written requests received before September 30, 2017 will be considered.

Respectfully submitted,
Doreen G. Blaker, Treasurer

UPDATE ON KBIC TOBACCO MANUFACTURING
The reality of manufacturing cigarettes on the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Reservation is in sight. Over the past couple of months, steps have been taken to prepare the manufacturing facility and to obtain the required federal permit.

As depicted in the pictures, the final pieces of equipment needed to begin manufacturing have been purchased and installed at the facility. There is a short list of items yet to complete over the next 30 days, which when complete, will have the facility setup and ready to roll, literally.

Tribal Council members toured the facility on June 8, during a break from their meeting. Staff of KBIC along with their partners were working on the equipment installation and explained how each piece worked.

submitted by Larry Denomie III, CEO

CONGRATULATIONS
Shayla Elmblad who won the title of “Little Miss Superior” on June 10, 2017. The competition is open to girls between the ages of 8-12 years old. Areas of competition included: On-stage interview, talent, and fashion. By winning the title, Shayla reigns over the Baraga County Lake Trout Festival held in L’Anse, Michigan.

Shayla is the daughter of Brian and Suzie Elmblad, of Baraga, Michigan.
Baraga Graduates continued:

Makenzie Messer is the daughter of Michelle Messer and Donald Messer, Jr. Her school activities included basketball and Students Against Destructive Decisions. She was on the Honor Roll, Student of the Week, and her artwork was selected for the Hancock Art Show. After graduation, she plans on moving to Green Bay and will be taking on-line classes at Gogebic Community College to get her basics in Social Work. She then plans on transferring to Northern Michigan University or Grand Valley State University to complete her Bachelor's degree in Social Work.

Shay Ekdahl is the daughter of Shelley and Lyndon Ekdahl. She played volleyball, basketball, and was on the Student Council. She has been on the Honor Roll many times as well as Honors Convocation. Her hobbies include crafts, art, hiking, and fishing. She has worked for the Summer Youth Program and is currently working at Subway. Shay received a Michigan Competitive Scholarship, a Gear-Up Scholarship nomination, and the Catherine Van Erp scholarship. She will be attending Michigan State University in the fall majoring in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

Randy Owens III is the son of Jami and Randy Owens, Jr. He participated in varsity football for three years, varsity track for two years, one year each of junior varsity and varsity basketball, and varsity golf. He was also a member of the quiz bowl and history smackdown teams. He has worked for the Summer Youth Program for two years and also at the Lucky 7's Restaurant. Randy's plans are to join the Air Force. He will be leaving for basic training in the fall. This summer he plans on spending time with his family.

Grayson Roe is the son of Robin Roe. He participated in HOSA, the International Travel Club, Band, Upward Bound. He is CPR and OSHA certified. Grayson has been on the Honor Roll since 4th grade as well as Honors Convocation. He was the Salutatorian of his class and a member of the National Honor Society. He has volunteered at the Aura Jamboree, the Healthy Heart Fair, and the blood drive. He participated in the work-based learning program at L'Anse Family Dental. He has worked for the Summer Youth Program as an office assistant in the Personnel office and as a childcare worker at the Youth Center. He has also worked at Pat's Foods and Shopko as a cashier. His hobbies include spending time with family and friends, kayaking, camping, and traveling. Grayson received the Michigan Technological University Presidential Scholarship of Distinction and a L'Anse Achievement award. He will be attending Michigan Technological University in the fall majoring in Pre-medicine.

Nathanial Welsh is the son of Jimi Kokko and Bryan Welsh. He was a member of the history smackdown team and travelled with the Physics club to the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago. He has been on the Honor Roll many times and won 1st place in a high school writing contest. He has been awarded the Dr. Harold and Arlene Ripple Scholarship. Nathan will be attending Michigan Technological University this fall, studying Biological Sciences under the Pre-Professional area. He may possibly double major with Medical Laboratory Science as he hopes to attend medical school.

Samantha Chagnon is married to Ronnie Chagnon. While in high school Samantha played basketball, volleyball and track. She has been on the Honor Roll. Her hobbies include hiking and yoga. She has worked at an A & W restaurant. Her future plans include raising her family and attending college.

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@kbicns.gov.

Richard Tilson is the son of Peggy Bittner and Dale Tilson. He has been on the Honor Roll. His hobbies are archery, biking, hiking, drawing, reading, painting, and playing the guitar and keyboard. He has worked as a cook, cleaner, painter, dishwasher, and roofer. Richard is currently employed at the Hilltop as a cook and baker. He is considering attending college in the future.
The Community looks forward every year to a grand event held the last weekend of June. The 15th Annual KBIC Kids Fishing Derby was held on Saturday, June 24, 2017, at the Sand Point Pond near the Lighthouse in Baraga, Michigan. The event went as planned despite the rainy weather. Up and down the pond area, one could see fishing poles extending out from an abundance of umbrellas. This year’s event was in honor of Richard L. Semasky, Sr.

Derby Coordinator and KBNRD Fisheries and Wildlife Biologist, Gene Mensch, with the help of Keweenaw Bay Natural Resources Department (KBNRD) staff and many community volunteers, worked to make this event a success. Winner details were not available at time of print. Please watch for a more detailed article on this event in the next issue of the Wiikwedong Dazhi-Ojibwe.

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Changing lives in our community: KCOCC's Corrections/Criminal Justice Program

In October 2015, the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College began a new program that brought valuable employment opportunities to our community. Classes in corrections and criminal justice were offered in a local setting and taught by three employees of Baraga Correctional Facility.

The instructors are: William Jondreau, Sr., Resident Unit Manager; Joe Bouchard, Librarian; and Ralph Sackett, Assistant Resident Unit Supervisor. With nearly 75 years of experience in the field between them, these committed instructors pair realism with classroom learning.

Eight classes are now offered at KBOCC that are specific to the corrections profession, including a unique course on contraband control and one that focuses on staff relations. Through KBOCC's CJ program, students may earn the fifteen credits necessary to be eligible to apply as a corrections officer for the Michigan Department of Corrections. The CJ instructors guide students through the application process to become a corrections officer.

In the short time the program has been in place, about a dozen students have become employed as corrections officers for the Michigan Department of Corrections at three Upper Peninsula Correctional Facilities. The six students pictured below are the first wave of KBOCC students to become MDOC corrections officers, completing their credits in early 2016.

KBOCC President Parrish Gives Input for Featured Article of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan in Delta Magazine

Press release date: June 20, 2017

Tuesday afternoon, Delta Sky Magazine representatives visited Travel Marquette to discuss an upcoming U.P.-wide profile in the publication. Debbie Parrish, KBOCC President, attended to provide information and discuss workforce development in Baraga County and educational opportunities. Her main goal was to ensure that the rich Native American history and culture are represented in the profile piece. This will be great coverage for the College and the local area.

The CJ program continues to grow and prepare students for a career in criminal justice. For more information, please contact Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College at 524-8301.
EDUCATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM AWARDS STUDENTS

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

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


Taylor Shelafoe, Destinee Stanton, and Lacie Gwinn also received the Offers for achieving Perfect Attendance: Baraga Community Schools – Stacy DeCota, Steven Hesper, Richard Tolson, and Sydni Voakes.

Sacred Heart Catholic – Rachael Velmer and Zachary Velmer.

Gwinn - Kaitlyn Shelafoe and Taylor Shelafoe.

The following eighteen students received awards for achieving Perfect Attendance:

Baraga – Bailey DeCota, Rylee Holm, Steele Jondreau, Kamrin Kakhkonen, Keekin Kakhkonen, Steven Makii, Virgil Mongoloid, Leeha Owens, Islaiah Peterson, and Presley Rasannan.

L’Anse – Emma Al-Reid, Zoie Hamalainen, and Taylor Havi.

The following thirty students were placed on probation for the first time for the offense.

1. entering upon lands
2. publish criminal sentencing on a routine basis.
3. shall be financially responsible for the costs of lodging, and any expenses incurred while incarcerated.
4. surviving their sentence.
5. two and one-half months spent here on L’Anse.
6.angel from God would.
7. many summers at the farm making hay.
8. spent for over 24 years, retiring March 1, 2017.
9. was preceded in death by his sister, Kelly Carl.
10. nieces, nephews, and cousins also survive. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Carol (Lynn) Haataja, Steve Haataja, Darren Haataja; sister: Jamiee Loonsfoot of Baraga, and brother: Brian Loonsfoot of Green Bay, Wisconsin. He was preceded in death by his parents: Janice Halverson and Deisha Gibson; grandfather, Anthony Eagle.
11. Amari Anthony Gibson was born on March 16, 2017, at the Baraga County Memorial Hospital, L’Anse.
12. Sargent with the Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC). He was a Sergeant with the Michigan Department of Corrections where he worked from 1993-2013, serving 18 years in corrections.
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14. Our little angel sent to heaven was born into our family.
15. Eugene graduated from L’Anse High School in 1993. He had worked in the maintenance department at the Ojibwa Casino.
17. Eugene A. Loonsfoot II
19. Eugene was a member of Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. He was a Sergeant with the Michigan Department of Corrections Honor Guard. He was a Sergeant with the Michigan Department of Corrections where he worked from 1993-2013, serving 18 years in corrections.
20. On October 20, 2017, the Keweenaw Bay Education Committee held their regular meeting at Reid Funeral Service and Chapel of L’Anse and held an email address for those interested in attending.

You are back in God’s arms our son, though the memories of you are so very dear to us from heaven.

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Skin Cancer Awareness

The best way to prevent skin cancer is to protect skin from the sun and other sources of ultraviolet (UV) rays.

To protect skin: stay in the shade as much as possible between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.; use sunscreen with SPF 15 or higher; cover up with long sleeves, long pants or a skirt, a hat, and sunglasses; and avoid indoor tanning.

Why do I need to protect my skin?

Protecting skin today may help prevent skin cancer later in life. Most skin cancer appears after age 50, but skin damage from the sun can start during childhood. Taking steps to prevent skin cancer may also help prevent wrinkles, blotches or spots on skin, and other ultraviolet damage to skin and eyes.

Submitted by: Mindy Lantz, RN, Public Health Nurse

Source: healthfinder.gov

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Staying Healthy For Men, part 3

Over the past months we’ve explored why it’s important for men to monitor their health, and get regular checkups and medical care. Because of the hands off approach many men take to health, men are experiencing health problems. Men, in general do not like to talk about sexual health. Problems in this area range from sexual dysfunction to sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) also know as sexually transmitted infections (STIs). These can and often do lead to serious life threatening diseases. Men should not have to experience any of these to take their health seriously.

Sexual dysfunction is any physical or psychological problem that prevents someone or their partner from sexual satisfaction. Male sexual dysfunction is a common health problem affecting men of all ages, but it is more common with increasing age. Treatment can often help.

The main types of male sexual dysfunction are: erectile dysfunction (difficulty getting/keeping an erection), premature ejaculation, delayed or inhibited ejaculation, and low libido (reduced interest in sex).

There are both physical and psychological causes of sexual dysfunction. Physical causes of overall sexual dysfunction may be: low testosterone levels, prescription drugs (antidepressants, high blood pressure medicine, etc.), blood vessel disorders such as atherosclerosis (hardening of the arteries) and high blood pressure, stroke or nerve damage from diabetes or surgery, smoking, alcoholism, and drug abuse. Psychological causes might include: marital or relationship problems, depression, feelings of guilt, effects of trauma, work-related stress, and anxiety.

While not all male sexual dysfunction can be prevented, dealing with the causes of the dysfunction can help one better understand and cope with the problem when it does occur. To help maintain good sexual function, follow the doctor’s treatment plan for any medical/health conditions; limit your alcohol intake; quit smoking; get treatment for any emotional or psychological problems such as stress, depression, and anxiety; and communicate better and more often with a partner.

Many STDs are characterized by ambiguous or even flu-like symptoms in their early stages, making it difficult to specifically identify a STD. For men especially, a lack of symptoms is not a reliable measure of whether a STD is present. The symptoms that usually alert men to the presence of a STD are bumps or rashes on the genitals, discharge, discomfort or itching of the penis or testicles, or pain while urinating or ejaculating. Even a symptomless STD can have long-lasting or irreversible effects if left untreated.

Many men experience no symptoms of STDs at all, but common STD symptoms in men include: blisters, rash, spots, bumps, or lesions on or around the penis, discharge (clear, white, or yellow) or coozing (thick or thin) from the tip of the penis, painful urination or ejaculation, and itching on the tip of the penis. Less common STD symptoms in men include: sore throat, fever, chronic flu-like symptoms, pain or swelling of the testicles, swelling of the urethra, and swelling of non-sexual joints (elbow, knee, etc.). STD symptoms in men usually take a few days to develop, but can take up to weeks, months, or even years. A lack of symptoms is often mistaken for a lack of an infection, but an infection can continue to progress even in the absence of symptoms. Because so many men do not show symptoms, the only way to be sure that a STD is not present is to get tested regularly, especially after unprotected sex.

To maintain good sexual health it is important to be healthy enough for sexual activity. Men need to get beyond the feeling of being uncomfortable discussing sexual health with their doctor. To stay sexually healthy, it is best to only have sex with one partner and to use condoms. Condoms are the best way to prevent STDs and unplanned pregnancies.

Submitted by: Jim Chaplin, RN, Community Health Nurse

Sources: clevelandclinic.org and stdcheck.com

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**Upcoming Events:**

- Parent Circle, To Be Announced Look for Flyers
- Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group, July 11th 5:30 p.m.
- Car Seat Clinic, July 13th by appointment
- Diabetic Foot Clinic, July 12th & 26th, by appointment
- Diabetic Talking Circle, July 19th 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Movie in the Park, July 28th
- Breastfeeding Support Group, August 2nd 5-7 p.m.

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

**Strawberry Spinach Salad**

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1. In medium bowl whisk together sesame seeds, poppy seeds, sugar substitute, olive oil, cider vinegar, paprika, Worcestershire sauce, onions.
2. Cover and chill for one hour.
3. In a large bowl combine spinach, strawberries, and nuts.
4. Pour dressing over salad and toss.
5. Refrigerate 10 to 15 minutes before serving.

Yields 8 serving

Calories: 116.6  Fat: 10.1g  Carbs: 7.1g  Protein: 2.6g
NOTICE

The Real Estate Office of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (Community), as Lessee and land owner, will take action to officially cancel the below listed leases/assignments (leases) that pose a serious threat to the health, safety, and general welfare of the Community. The below listed leases have been abandoned, fallen into disrepair and are not in compliance with the terms and conditions thereof.

LAST KNOWN LESSEE LEASE/ASSIGNMENT NO. DATE OF DEATH STRUCTURE ADRESS
Evelyn Elizabeth (Spruce) Holappa K-155 (88) October 1, 2010 15758 Marksmans Road, L'Anse, Michigan 49946
Jerome E. "Yogi" Crebessa KB774 (01) July 26, 2011 16454 Marksman Road, L’Anse, Michigan 49946
Byron Barbano 308 (lka 311.1) August 15, 2002 16200 Zebas Road L’Anse, Michigan 49946
Evelyn M (Miller) Onkala UNKNOWN May 29, 2001 15645 Marksmans Road, L’Anse, Michigan 49946

If you believe you have an interest in a lease listed above and object to the Community’s planned action, you must present, in writing and no later than 30 days from the date of publication of this Notice, why the Community should not act to cancel the Lease and remove/demolish the abandoned facilities and structures located thereon, to:

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
Attn: Real Estate Office
16429 Beartown Road
Baraga, Michigan 49908

Any heirs, successors, executors and/or assigns who submit a written letter as to why the Community should not cancel the leases identified above will also be required to provide their own boots and chainsaws. Eye, head, ear, leg, and hand protection will also be required, but can be provided upon request.

Preference will be given to those that are unemployed.

Please contact David Osmak, BIA Forester, at 353-6692 for additional information.
Sydni Voakes is the daughter of Vicki Dakota and Jeremy Voakes. During high school, she was on the Honor Roll, received an outstanding band student award, and was dually enrolled at Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College where she completed an Environmental Studies class. Her hobbies include drawing, painting, and playing video games. She has worked for the Summer Youth Program, and is currently employed as a Plant Technician for the Tribe’s Natural Resource Department. Her future plans are to attend Ojibwa Community College and later transfer to an art school.

(12) Ashi Niizh