KBIC held the Eighth Annual Chelsey LaFernier Walk on Saturday, October 1, 2016. The schedule of events began with a Water Ceremony at the Sand Pointe Lighthouse at 10 a.m. Walk participants began registering and received purple shirts at the Niiwin Akeaa Facility beginning at 1:30 p.m. After registration they were shuttled to the corner of Lyons and McGillian Street in Baraga, Michigan, to begin the walk; a location near the residence where Chelsey’s life was taken by her domestic partner on January 22, 2009. A tobacco ceremony was offered by Debbie Williamson just prior to the participants walking the 1.7 mile journey through the Baraga Housing Projects and up M-38 to the final destination of the Niiwin Akeaa Facility.

Since October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the annual event named for Chelsey has been held every October since her death. The event is held to increase domestic awareness within the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and surrounding neighborhoods.

President Warren “Chris” Swartz, Jr. gave a welcome to those present for the events held after the walk. “We (Council) are very serious about protecting our Indian women here on the L’Anse Indian Reservation.” Further, Swartz indicated the Council is dedicated to continuing support programs for prevention, assist victims, and will lead to the prosecution of those who commit these crimes.

The Three Sisters’ Presentation (Chelsey’s three sisters—Lily Marcotte, Amber Sue Weigel, and Betsey Leinonen) followed. Lily spoke about the Office of Violence against Women (OVW) Program located on our reservation: Safety First, and the Crisis Line (906) 353-4599 are available 24/7, 365 days a year. She also did a presentation on Remembering Chelsey’s Life, Not Her Death. National statistics say one in every ten women will experience violence in the form of domestic violence, sexual assault, date rape, or stalking. In Native American communities those statistics say one in every ten women will experience violence in the form of domestic violence, sexual assault, date rape, or stalking.

Betsey shared the history of violence in our community from orphanages and the taking away of our traditions to how this is passed down from generation to generation.

Chelsey’s daughter, Alexxus DeCota, released purple balloons to heaven and cited a poem written by Kirsten Preus, “If Roses Grow in Heaven.”

If Roses Grow in Heaven
Lord, please pick a bunch for me.

Place them in my Mother’s arms
and tell her they’re from me.
Tell her that I love her and miss her,
and when she turns to smile,
place a kiss upon her cheek
and hold her for awhile.
Because remembering her is easy,
I do it every day,
but there’s an ache within my heart
that will never go away.

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST
• 8th Annual Chelsey LaFernier Walk/Domestic Abuse Awareness Month
• October 8, 2016 Tribal Council Meeting
• Solar Arrays Construction at NewDay
• KBIC To Build Non-motorized Pathway
• KBIC To Build Halfway House
• KBIC Hires Forester

Guest speaker, Teri Jendusa Nicolai, has been featured on Oprah, 20/20, and many others.

Picture by Lauri Denomie.

Blessing of the food was given by elder, Janice Shalifoe, (center) pictured above with her granddaughter Chelsea Smith (left) and Cherie Dakota, OVW Team Lead (right). Smith and Shalifoe are members of the Women’s Advisory Board.

Picture by Lauri Denomie.
The Regular Saturday Tribal Council Meeting was held on October 8, 2016, at the Marquette Community Center in Harvey, Michigan. President Warren Swartz, Jr., presided over the meeting with Jennifer Misegan, Larry F. LaFernier, Donald H. Shalifoe, Larry Roberts, Paul H. Emery, Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Randall Haitaja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sharon E. Misegan, and Larry Denomie III in attendance. Council Secretary Susan J. LaFernier shared the agenda and provided an overview of the items addressed to Council.

President Swartz welcomed the Tribal Law and Government class in attendance from Northern Michigan University taught by the Honorable Violet M. Frissivall Ayres from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. Introductions were made.

Under New Business: Diana Chaudier, Election Board Chair, presented the list of eligible Tribal Members who have submitted a copy of the death certificate, and we then send payment to the family to pay the expense up to the $5,000 for every member. We currently have a total of $750.00, supported by Susan J. LaFernier. Ten supported, six opposed, five abstained (S. LaFernier, M. LaFernier), three absent (Emery, S. Emery, Minton), supported by Jennifer Misegan. Six supported (Misegan, Blaker, Curtis, Edwards, Haataja, Loonsfoot), 0 opposed, two abstained (Minton, Da-kota, Shalifoe), motion carried.

Delegations/Individuals: Sandy Carlton introduced her granddaughter, Hannah Henolla, who was named the Children’s McCormick Junior of the Year. Council Secretary Susan J. LaFernier shared numerous items addressed to Council.

Treasurer Doreen Blaker presented the October 2016 donations report. She informed the council they have over $250.00 to Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly for a total of $750.00, supported by Susan J. LaFernier. Eight supported (Misegan, S. LaFernier, Blaker, Curtis, Edwards, Haataja, M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, three absent (Minton, Da-kota, Shalifoe), motion carried.

Treasurer Doreen Blaker presented the October 2016 donations requests. Motion by Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. to approve the October 2016 donations requests of $1,000.00 to the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College and $250.00 to Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly for a total of $500.00, supported by Susan J. LaFernier. Eight supported (Misegan, S. LaFernier, Blaker, Curtis, Edwards, Haataja, M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, three absent (Minton, Da-kota, Shalifoe), motion carried.

Council held a question and answer opportunity for Northern Michigan University’s NAS 310 Tribal Law and Government Students prior to adjourning.

By Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor

October 8, 2016 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The following briefly summarizes the activities in the Office of the President for the month of September 2016. (The President’s Report was given orally and transcribed by the editor with final approval of the President.)

Recently the Vice President, Tribal Attorney, and I, met with Larry Roberts Assistant Attorney of the Department of Interior. We went to Washington D.C. and discussed our land claims regarding some land in Sault Ste. Marie at the Soo Locks with him. We also discussed the town meetings. We informed them of their land claims and the Wexford. We informed them of their trust responsibility, we feel that the U.S. has an obligation to assist the Kewenaw Bay Indian Community. We discussed our claims pursuant to the treaty also known as the Cana Land Act of the Cana Land Act of Lands. We asked them to consider making our matter a priority, so an analysis of claims could be done. Hopefully they uphold their trust responsibility, so the state can’t claim the 11th Amendment immunity with them. We really can’t enter into a world where we have a positive outcome with them. They assured us that they would look into the matter and make our claim a priority.

I met with President Obama and his staff at his final meeting with the tribes at the Tribal Leaders’ Conference. I took this opportunity to participate in a discussion with tribal members. Specifically, I talked about education with their education staff, and I assured them that we indeed want our Indian Tuition Waiver, and we appreciate it. I informed them we are listening to the tribes. We are going to work on the Higher Learning Commission, and we should be able to get some funding for the college. I’m hoping there is something they can do from there.

I informed the Department of Health and Human Services about the attention the mascot issue. It is an ongoing effort of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community to address mascot issues and the barriers to education. Indian mascots create for our children at Marquette High School and other community schools. We need some of the educational hurdles our children need to deal with when they attend schools where the school district’s believe it is their right to have demeaning mascots as their school symbols. These schools don’t want to admit Indian mascots create an atmosphere of the mascots are中华民族 of the students, and it creates a negative effect on the learning environment. It is not right to have these mascots demeaning Indian names, beliefs, individuals, and culture. I have met with Rich Rossway, the Principal of the Marquette School Board, on this issue, and I will continue to work on it.

There was an annual meeting with the Department of Justice which was held here at KBIC. The annual meeting is held, so they can update their issues and concerns with us.

I informed Patrick Miles, Attorney for the Department of Justice, who has been coming here for five years, that the consultation with Indian Tribes is very important because it was an Executive Order mandated by the President to inform Indian Tribes that are going to change the consultation with Indian Tribes that are going to change the environment that affects Indian nations. We want to hold the Department of Justice accountable to the President’s Memorandum and make sure they know we still want consultation concerning any and all issues.

In particular, I talked with them in regards to Dakota Access Pipeline and if there had been consultation at the Dakota Access Pipeline prior to what is occurring there now. I am confident that a resolution could have been made. I also brought to their attention the issue of Mackinaw Bridge to the American Bridge Line 6B in Kalamazoo, Michigan, where there was a lack of consultation with tribes in land site 6B as it pertains to Line 5. Line 5 is the line that goes under the Mackinaw Bridge. There are ongoing issues regarding the impact that a leak may have on treaty resources, not only to the 1842 and 1836 areas, but even below the Mackinaw Bridge. When they heard this, not only from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community but other tribes in the State of Michigan, they decided to open up the public comment period related to Line 6B and Line 5. Hopefully some good things will come from that. I also spoke to them about Free, Prior, and In-
formed Consent. I explained the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community would appreciate it when they are going to do something that’s harmonious with us. Free, Prior, and Informed Consent with us to let us know what they are doing. Inform us about what is happening.

We also discussed an issue that the Community is having regarding Eagle. We are concerned that the Eagle East company is not only a Clean Water Act violation, but also the water intakes for the three local communities are near that facility. The L’Anse Water intake and the Village of Baraga intake are just across the bay, and the Community’s water intake project is located in Zeba on the L’Anse side of the reservation.

As you are probably all aware, there have been two firefighters who have walked on from our Community. A.J. Swartz was my first cousin’s son who passed away while traveling to engage in firefighting. I’d like to inform the Department of Justice that the Community’s concerns regarding Eagle. Jimmy Shellefo, the other firefighter who lost his life, was a first cousin to my wife. This was close to my family, and it was a very hectic time. I want to take the opportunity to thank everybody who helped. Benefits and help for the families are ongoing to this day. It is hard, but we are trying to do the best we can with the resources we have. Unfortunately we don’t have the resources available immediately, and patience will be the virtue.

We have a huge project going on in Marquette in Baraga with the casino projects. The voters approved these projects recently, and we are moving forward with them in a diligent manner. I signed documents related to the casino projects last week. The faster they are built, the quicker the people will come, and the more jobs we want to create. We have five casinos; we are one of the fastest growing and best communities in the U.P. We are happy to be in this community, and the community accepts us. We take these responsibilities seriously, and we also give back to the community. It is a win-win situation for us and the local Marquette Community. We want people to come here, enjoy their time here, and also come to Baraga.

It has come to my attention that one of our Appellate Judge’s terms has expired. I have written to the Council to make a referral to the Council. I will be referring a qualified candidate to the Council for their consideration soon.

While I was in Washington D.C. during the environmental break-out, I brought to the attention of Gina McCarthy, EPA Administrator, and a few others about the need for the community to be recognized regarding Eagle. Eagle has applied for a mining permit for the regular Eagle. Now there are new stories coming out of the Big Bay area that they found a new depository in Eagle East. I told Gina McCarthy and the others at that meeting that the Community feels they’re acting outside of the scope of their original permit, and we are opposed to Eagle East’s ongoing efforts to continue to meet under the original permit. More importantly, we feel now they are closing more water to their treated water and filtration system with this Eagle East; which is just a big filter where they send the water out and it just filters through 200 feet of sand then it goes out. I just wanted to let the EPA know that they’re operating outside of their original permit, and there was no consultation, and they wonder why the Community is always talking consultation, consultation, consultation. It is because the reservation was reserved for us, and it’s not like we can just pick up and move. We’ve got to live in the environment that we have. This is why the women are so protective of the water, and why we want to leave Mother Earth the way we found her and preserve her for the next seven generations. The way it appears, in my opinion, is the extractive resources and others don’t really care about the water or air, so this is why we are holding them accountable.

The class visiting us today, NMU’s NAS 310 Tribal Law and Government class, is trying to change the name of Monday’s homecoming from Caduceus Day to Indigenous Peoples’ Day. They are holding this event with the Tribe, and the speakers who will speak about why they are trying to change the name. It will be held 2-4 p.m., this Monday, (October 10th), at Northern Michigan University’s Academic Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Warren C. Swartz

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The following briefly summarizes the activities of the Vice President for the month of September 2016. (The Vice President’s Report was given orally and transcribed by the editor with final approval of the Vice President.)

Susan LaFerriere, Doreen Blaker, and I, traveled to Charlotte, NC, to attend the Native American Finance Officers’ Annual Conference. We had never been to a NAFOA Conference, and I was pleasantly surprised at the quality of the agenda items and the breakout sessions. Three of the most significant issues I thought we learned about were:

- Tribal Premium sponsorship – which would allow tribes to purchase health insurance through the Marketplace for their members with Indian Health Service funding.
- New Overtime rules and thresholds for exempt workers.
- General Welfare Exclusion Act – law that allows Tribes to provide programs to meet the general welfare needs of the members, excluding them from taxable income.

While we were there, we had the opportunity to meet with an attorney we had worked with in the past, Rob Porter. We sat down with Rob and reviewed the General Welfare Exclusion Act. Rob had been the lobbyist for the Lummi Nation when the bill was enacted. He had quite a bit of insight on how tribes can utilize the Act, and he is currently rewriting some of our programs to ensure they meet the IRS Guidelines.

We also sat down with Mary Streitz, another attorney whom we have worked with from Dorsey & Whitney. We worked on a grievance policy which will remove the Tribal Council from the process, eliminating any perception of policy that would allow tribes to purchase health insurance through the Marketplace for their members with Indian Health Service funding.

The following briefly summarizes the activities of the Vice President for September 2016.

- The Tribe will be providing life insurance coverage for all of its enrolled members regardless of where they live. The policy provides up to a $5,000 benefit to cover funeral costs and will be administered by the Tribe. There is no cost to the member for the benefit, and it replaces the current coverage provided to members being served locally. The tentative effective date is November 1, 2016, pending approval of the policy plan by Tribal Council. Until the plan is approved, the coverage available to members locally will continue to be provided.
- The Tribal Forester position has been filled, and Jason Collins began Forester duties on September 19th. Jason’s office is located in the Tribe’s Planning and Development building located on Lerch Road.
- The Tribe’s Social Services department is under new leadership. Tyler Larson is serving as the director and comes with well-rounded experience. Two new case workers have been hired and are participating in training. A third new case worker position has been posted due to Thurza Mathes resignation beginning the end of September. That position is expected to be hired in the next two weeks.
- The search for a second attorney for the Tribe has ended. Roberto Escobar has been hired as the Assistant Tribal Attorney and is on the job. The Tribe is down one attorney and the search continues. In the mean time, David Green of the Dorsey & Whitney law firm of Minneapolis, MN, is assisting by providing legal services per month.
- Bruce LaPointe, who has served as the Tribe’s Project Manager, has resigned. Bruce led the Department of Public Works and provided building inspection services for the Tribe. His position will not be filled. The responsibilities have been absorbed by other departments. Donald Wren has been hired as the Tribe Roads administration. A posting for a building inspector is ongoing, and this position will include the inspection responsibilities.
- The former Smoke Shop facility in L’Anse has been leased to KBIC member Angela Kelly. She has opened the Sweet Grass Spa and is providing salon and nail services.
- Members who live in Baraga County, as well as eastern Ontonagon County, southern Houghton County, and western Marquette, are sending a request to the Tribe to continue the maintenance of the BIA Roads administration. A posting for a building inspector is ongoing, and this position will include the inspection responsibilities.
- Donald Wren has an extensive background in the casino industry and has worked at larger properties in Las Vegas as well as Lower Michigan. Donald will oversee both casinos but will be based in Marquette. His experience will also assist in leading the revised casino projects approved by the membership in August.
- A new casino General Manager has been hired. After interviewing and offering the position to a candidate in August, the individual in the end declined. Council then underwent the process again, and the individual selected will begin working on October 10. Donald Wren has an extensive background in the casino industry and has worked at larger properties in Las Vegas as well as Lower Michigan. Donald will oversee both casinos but will be based in Marquette. His experience will also assist in leading the revised casino projects approved by the membership in August.
- The updated Global Market Advisors (GMP) study was received in mid-September. The study included updated financial information, a Marquette hotel assessment, and a branded hotel recommendation. The updated financials support the debt that will be incurred to complete the two projects with a guaranteed maximum price tag of $40 million.
- The hotel assessment indicated that room demand in the market would support the 100 room hotel planned for the revised Marquette casino project. It also provided a recommendation that the Tribe brand with Choice Hotels International, based on lower upfront costs as well as long term and ongoing franchise fees. Choice Hotels and Carlson Group were the two brands considered. Tribal Council agreed with the recommendation, and the application to move forward with Choice Hotels has been filed.
- The formal contract with Gundlach Champion Inc. (GCI) was completed and approved in September. GCI will be leading the project from conception to design and working within the GMP. Both projects will see work begin yet this year.
- The Marquette project is slated to have the new townhouses, infrastructure installed, and three housing homes relocated before winter sets in. Work on the casino itself likely won’t officially get underway until the spring of 2017. Design and engineering work will take place throughout the winter months.

We’ve had the opportunity to meet with Delta Skye Magazine. Marquette County is going to be featured in their December issue. Delta Skye Magazine is the magazine in the airplane seat pockets with a five million person readership. They will be interviewing our CEO this week and taking pictures. Be- sides an article, they presented their budget proposals. We started with a deficit of approximately 1.4 million dollars. We are still continuing this process, and we now have it down to a $240,000 deficit. We have traditionally passed a balanced budget, and we will continue to go through the budget to get it to an acceptable balanced budget.

- While the President was attending foreign issues at the Tribal Nations Conference, we held our annual budget meetings where we heard from every tribal department as they presented their budget proposals. We started with a deficit of approximately 1.4 million dollars. We are still continuing this process, and we now have it down to a $240,000 deficit. We have traditionally passed a balanced budget, and we will continue to go through the budget to get it to an acceptable balanced budget.

- We have been working on a life insurance policy that will cover each and every tribal member. The CEO will report on this issue in his report.
- Last but not least, this month I’ve had the privilege to speak to NMU’s NAS 310 Tribal Law and Government class, as well as the class at KBOCC where we discussed, sovereignty, self-governance, and this Council’s efforts on Nation building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Misegan

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TRIBE CONSTRUCTS SOLAR ARRAYS AT NEWDAY RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITY

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) has received funding in the amount of $476,000 from the Indian Health Service (IHS) for renewable energy projects at two of its properties. Construction of solar arrays is currently underway at the Newday Residential Treatment Facility and will begin at the Donald LaPointe Health and Education Center in the coming weeks.

KBIC Council created the Committee for Alternative & Renewable Energy (CARE) in September of 2008, who created a Strategic Energy Plan with the assistance of the Council for Energy Resources Tribes. This initial planning document established a Practical Vision, Strategic Directions, and Implementation Plan. Increased Self-Sufficiency through Sustainable Energy Development was included under the five key components in the Practical Vision of the KBIC Strategic Energy Plan. In June of 2012, CARE received a completed Energy Audit from Energy3 which included recommendations for each of its buildings to increase energy efficiencies. KBIC incorporated them into its building maintenance and renovation plans at that time. In 2012, CARE also received preliminary information through a wind energy study on the feasibility of installing solar arrays for all governmental offices with the strategy of increasing the efficiency of the PV system. The system currently under construction at the Newday Residential Treatment Facility is projected to provide a $16,590 savings within the first year and a return on investment within 12 years. The Donald LaPointe Health and Education Center is projected to provide a $8,759 savings within the first year and a return on investment in 18 years. Jason Ayres, Public Works is providing the labor for the project under the direction of Homeland Builders of Michigan (Ann Arbor, MI) and Blue Terra Energy (Hancock, MI) and thereby gaining valuable experience for future solar installation projects. Photo credit, Jason Ayres.

In a final note, the annual Harvest Feast is schedule to take place on October 22 at the Zeba Hall in L’Anse. The feast will take place from noon until 6 p.m., and everyone is encouraged to bring a dish to pass. Respectfully submitted, Larry Denomie III, CEO

Library News and Notes

The Ojibwa Community Library would like to share a few announcements and reminders for the community. First of all, we would like to introduce our newest staff member! In October, the library hired Dawn Sinnamon-Nepher, who joins us from the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. Dawn was the tribal librarian for the LTBB community, and we are very excited to have her join our team! Feel free to stop by the library to meet Dawn, and welcome her to the area.

The library also has plans for the next Healthy Eating group, which will take place on November 17th. Dale Schmeisser, R.D., will discuss Diabetes, and how what you eat can make a difference. Fliers will be posted around the government buildings, and throughout town, as well as advertised on our Facebook page. If you are interested, please feel free to stop by the library, call 353-8163, or e-mail oclib@up.net for more information. Healthy Eating Group sessions are typically held the third Thursday of the month, from 6:00 pm — 7:30 pm. We will not be meeting in December due to the holiday season. Also beginning in November, the library will have the following hours of operation:

- Monday: 9:00 am—4:00 pm
- Tuesday — Thursday: 9:00 am — 6:30 pm
- Friday: 9:00 am — 4:00 pm
- Saturday: 9:00 am — 1:00 pm

We would also like to remind our community of our closure policy as we near winter. The Ojibwa Community Library will close due to inclement weather if Baraga Area Schools and the Tribal Government offices are closed. Additionally, the library is closed if the government offices are closed for holidays, or the staff members of the library are faced with unavoidable circumstances (family emergencies, illnesses, etc.). We try to post changes to our hours as quickly as possible, but there may be times where changes will occur on short notice.

Please like and follow our Facebook Page to stay up-to-date on all the happenings at the library!

~ By Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor
As the Tribe’s Forester, Jason oversees the Tribe’s forest (Tribal land and fee land) and makes sure that conditions are able to sustain the natural resource. He sets up Timber Stand Improvements (TSI), marking areas to have certain trees cut where Tribal members go in a do that harvest. All the wood on the ground from the TSI can be used by people for firewood. He does timber sales where he marks the timber to be cut and solicits bids on the sale of the standing trees resulting in a Tribal logger going in and harvesting those trees. The proceeds from that sale go to the land owner being either the tribe or allotment owners. After the Timber Sale is completed, if there is no natural regeneration, planting will be done. Jason indicated, “normally, we rely on natural regeneration of the forest, but if we have a few planting projects coming up in the next year. One is due to climate change, and that one is located on the Bear Town Road. Another one will be a few acres in Ontonagon County where there was a trespassing, and the regeneration is not coming back.” Jason also oversees brushing and crop-tree release. Crop tree release is where Tribal members are paid to go in and thin out an area mechanically to get the desired trees that they’d rather have in that site.

Jason said, “I am grateful for this opportunity to work for the Tribe, preserve the resource, and use it for the benefit of the Tribal members.” Jason lives in L’Anse with his wife and two children. Jason (left) is the grandson of Elizor (Bucky) Collins, whom he is pictured with above.

~ by Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor
Our new website went live Friday, September 30th! This is made possible through the BALAC grant we received from GLITC/CDC. This website was created to share community health events, clinical programming and the latest health news. Please check out the website and feel free to provide us with any compliments, complaints or ideas you would like to see. The website is also mobile friendly!

Please visit: www.kbichealth.org*

KBIC Health System
DONALD A. LAPONTE
HEALTH & EDUCATION CENTER

Halloween Party
in Marquette County

KBIC Youth Programs brought the goods to Harvey for the Marquette County Tribal Youth’s Halloween Party. Witches, monsters, and goblins gathered on Saturday, October 22, 2016, at the Harvey Community Center, located behind the Ojibwa Casino II, for an afternoon of fun. Those present participated in games, won prizes, and enjoyed a meal from Jett’s Pizza. A good time was had by all.

~ By Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor.

HARVEST FEAST HELD AT ZEBA COMMUNITY HALL

The KBIC Annual Harvest Feast was held Saturday, October 22, 2016, at the Zeba Community Hall in Zeba, Michigan. The event began with a sunrise ceremony at 7:30 a.m., conducted by Debbie Williamson and Tom Williams. Organizer Rodney Loonsfoot said “The fire was lit. It was beautiful and the sky turned red and orange. At noon we offered semaa and gave an explanation of why we hold a feast. After the blessing of the food, the grand feast was held. We had a drum social. We sang a few songs and an honor song for the veterans after the food.”

The event was sponsored by the KBIC Community and the Wiikwedong Ogitchidaa Society.

~ By Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor

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ANII! We honor the greatness in you.
Remember: “Indian Country Counts”“Our People, Our Nations, Our Future”

We continue to recognize the richness of Native American contributions, accomplishments, and sacrifices to the political, cultural, and economic life of Michigan and the United States.

Mino-Bimaadizin “Live Well”

The Tribal Council held their Regular Saturday Meeting on September 10, 2016; two Special Council meetings were held on September 15, and 29, 2016; children Special Council meetings were held on September 26, 27, and 28, 2016. Approved meetings for September 27, 28, 2016 are available on the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Website. The unapproved motions for September 10, 15, and 26, 2016, follow. Actions taken were:

September 10, 2016 Special Council Meeting (unapproved):
- Approved the Tribal Council Vice President’s Report.
- Approved the Tribal Council Secretary’s July-August 2016 Report.
- Approved the June-July 2016 Department Head Reports.
- Approved the August 18, 2016 Tribal Council Meeting Minutes.
- Approved the Enterprise Systems Group Support Renewal Agreement for the Health Clinic for $16,238.00.
- Approved the Greenway Health Mediatend software and training for the Health Clinic for $3,000.00.
- Approved the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College Memorandum of Agreement for three years with the college.
- Approved Resolution KB 053-2016 Monique R. Jondreaue Residential Lease.
- Approved the Baraga County Convention and Visitors Bureau 2016 Membership Fee in the amount of $125.00 to be paid from the Ojibwa Casino and that they attend the meetings.
- Approved the September 2016 donations as the following: $500.00 Special Olympics match, $250.00 Superior Health Foundation “Paint the Peninsula Pink in Marquette,” $260.00 Mike Hazen, Sr. Memorial Golf Scramble.
- 2nd and 3rd Reading: Approved the proposed amendment to ordinance 2016 Title One Provisions of the Tribal Code Section 1.203 Tribal Prosecuting Attorney Qualifications with the typographical change.

September 15, 2016 Special Council Meeting (unapproved):
- Approved the August 25, and September 6, 2016 Tribal Council Minutes.
- Approved the Enterprise Systems Group Support Renewal Agreement for the Health Clinic for the corrected cost of $17,145.00.
- Approved Gerald Jondreau’s business license renewal for “Traditional Treasures” August 18, 2016 – August 17, 2016.
- Approved the Natural Resources Department Biological Services Subcontract with Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission for $44,085.51 August 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016.
- Approved the First Amendment to the Altronex Control Systems Tier III Services Agreement for $32,906.00 which adds another production well and head tank at the Natural Resources Fish Hatchery.
- Approved the Memorandum of Agreement with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for $20,000.00 for Wild Rice Beds Establishment.
- Approved Shayn Foucault’s donation request for a team sponsorship to the 2nd Annual Mike Hazen, Sr. Memorial (4) Person Golf Scramble.
- Approved the KBIC Newsletter Editor Services bid to Lauri Denomie.
- Approved the First Amendment to the MOJ Contracting, Inc. Agreement (Ford Farm Road paving).
- Approved to offer the Ojibwa Casinos General Manager position to Don Wren and negotiate the wage.

September 26, 2016 Finance/Special Council Meeting (unapproved):
- Reviewed 16 Budgets.
- Approved Resolution KB 054-2016 Revised Land Acquisition of the Van Straten Property on the Indian Cemetery Road for $55,000.00.

Report to the Tribal Council regarding the “Beartown Firefighters Relief Fund”
The Relief Account was established for the fundraising efforts and donations received to assist the families of the deceased and injured Beartown Firefighters.

As of October 7, 2016, the total amount donated was $37,704.96. The Beartown Firefighters, their families, and the Tribal Council express their sincere thank you to everyone who donated and sent well wishes; it is appreciated so much that words cannot express the gratitude felt.

All nine families involved have been given gift cards for gas, food, clothing, and other needs have been paid. We will continue to give out the cards on a weekly basis. A meet and greet will be held with the deceased families and injured firefighters on Friday, October 7, 2016, to explain the funds that are still available for the coming months and to help with the enormous amount of paperwork that still needs to be filed.

Thank you to everyone who has helped in any way since the accident; your help will not be forgotten. Continue to remember our firefighters and their families in your prayers and with your support.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan J. LaFemner

Linda A. Messer
(April 25, 1950—October 1, 2016)

Linda A. Messer, age 66, of Baraga, MI, passed away Saturday, October 1, 2016, at Baraga County Memorial Hospital, L’Anse, MI. She was born in L’Anse on April 25, 1950, the daughter of the late Joseph and Grace (Genschow) Mayo. Linda attended school in Baraga and married Donald B. Messer in Baraga on October 10, 1970. She preceded him in death on June 2, 2010. Linda had worked as a housekeeper for the Ojibwa Casino until her retirement. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church and Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. Linda enjoyed gardening, taking care of her birds, spending time with her grandchildren, and having her family together for Sunday dinners.

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Vetern’s Meeting, November 16, 2016, 7 p.m. at the Veteran’s Building, Industrial Park, Baraga, MI

FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS (FDPIR)
FY 2016 NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS*
(Effective Oct. 1, 2015 to Sept. 30, 2016)

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Deepest Sympathy

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MINO-BIMAADIZI
“Live Well”
DONALD A. LAPOINTE HEALTH & EDUCATION CENTER

KBIC Health System offers medical transportation. This service is available to all tribal members and descendents who are registered at the KBIC Health System. Last resort transportation to medical, dental, and special appointments within one hundred miles of our building. Now transporting Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Please call in advance, especially for out of town appointments, this service is provided on a first call first serve basis. For questions or to schedule call Kim LeClaire at 353-4524.

November is National Diabetes Awareness Month

Diabetes is one of the leading causes of disability and death in the United States. One in 11 Americans have diabetes; that’s more than 29 million people. Another 86 million adults in the United States are at high risk of developing type 2 diabetes.

To raise awareness about diabetes and healthy living, the KBIC Health System is proudly participating in American Diabetes Month. Locally, nearly 16% of Native Americans live with diabetes, and 30% are at risk of developing diabetes.

If you are overweight, have high blood pressure, use nicotine, or are age 45 or older, you are at higher risk of developing type 2 diabetes. The good news is that making healthy changes can greatly lower your risk.

To help prevent type 2 diabetes:

- Watch your weight
- Eat healthy
- Get more physical activity
- Quit Smoking

To learn more about managing your diabetes, or helping someone you care for control their diabetes join us for our monthly Diabetes Talking Circles. Diabetes Talking Circles are support and education meetings that give you the knowledge and tools to make healthy lifestyle choices.

Submitted by Mindy Lantz, RN, Public Health Nurse

Great American Smoke Out

Quitting smoking is one of the most important things you can do for your health. The sooner you quit, the sooner your body can start to heal. You will feel better and have more energy to be active with your family and friends.

Smoking hurts almost every part of the body. It’s the most preventable cause of death and disease in the United States. Smoking causes lung cancer, many other types of cancers, type 2 diabetes, heart disease, stroke, pregnancy problems, gum disease, lung diseases like chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), vision loss, and rheumatoid arthritis.

For more information or to schedule smoking cessation counseling contact our Public Health Nurse Mindy Lantz, RN at 353-4548.

November 17th is the Great American Smoke Out, commit to joining America in a smoke free day.

Submitted by Mindy Lantz, RN
Public Health Nurse

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. - American Indian Commercial Tobacco Program: A first of its kind commercial tobacco-cession program designed specifically to help American Indians.

American Indians who want to quit using commercial tobacco can call the American Indian Commercial Tobacco Program at 1-855-372-0037. The American Indian Commercial Tobacco Program is a free, newly launched service that intends to support American Indians on their journey to quit using commercial tobacco products including cigarettes, cigars, e-cigarettes, and smokeless tobacco (chewing tobacco). Administered by National Jewish Health, the program was designed by and for American Indians using culturally-sensitive coaching techniques.

Research shows that many American Indians have a strong desire to quit commercial tobacco, but have less success in quitting long-term. Support from a dedicated American Indian success coach and access to medication as needed has been linked to increased success in quitting. To meet this need, the program offers:

- Up to 10 coaching calls with a dedicated coach who is American Indian;
- Eight weeks of nicotine replacement therapy with combination medication as an option;
- Customized quit-plan with telephone counseling, emails, text messaging, and app support;
- Focus on the journey of quitting commercial tobacco, not a specific quit-date.

The American Indian Commercial Tobacco Program will gladly help callers under 18, pregnant women, elders, and members or descendents of any tribal nation. To begin your quitting journey, simply call 1-855-372-0037. A coach who is American Indian will work with you to answer a few questions and get started. This service is confidential and free of charge. Call today!

KEEP TOBACCO SACRED

Upcoming Events:

- Community Flu Vaccine Clinic, Tuesdays 5 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Car Seat Clinic, November 10th by appointment
- Parent Circle, November 14th 5:30 p.m.
- Diabetic Foot Clinic, November 4th & 18th, by appointment
- Breastfeeding Support Group, November 2nd 1 p.m.
- Healthy Start Family Spirit Immunization Blizzard, by appointment

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

Pinto Bean Dip

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

1. Puree all ingredients in food processor on high speed until smooth.
2. Cover and refrigerate for 1 hour or more.
3. Serve with baked tortilla chips or on tortilla shells with lettuce, tomatoes, and low fat cheese.

Yields 2-1/2 cups, Serving size 1/4 cup

Calories per serving 70
4g protein, 13g carbohydrate, 3g dietary fiber, 13g cholesterol, 641 mg sodium

Page submitted by Heather Wood-Paquet, Health Promotions Coordinator

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In addition, our Healing to Wellness Court handled 40% of the 158 cases were acts of recidivism. Of the 158 Criminal cases brought before the court, and four Protection/Restraining Orders were not done. Furthermore, among the 31 infants born in Marquette County because our local Police, Sheriff Departments, DEA, U.S. Botany Block Grant (ICDBG) through Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and a Halfway House was awarded the grant in September 2016 in the amount of $600,000. The total will be spent on a project of $800,000 with the remaining $200,000 coming from the Tribe. KBIC's Substance Abuse Program staff has identified that 95% of infant patients within the last seventeen months were low income. This project is a part of the vision outlined in our Strategic Plan. KBIC has experienced problems with alcohol and marijuana; however, over the last few years there has been a significant rise in prescription drug abuse and harder drugs such as cocaine, heroin, and methamphetamine. Tribal Court reports that over 40% of their criminal cases are related to drug and alcohol abuse. This abuse is responsible for a 40% recidivism rate as well.

Income levels of Tribal members suffering from addiction varies problem to problem. There are problem families that live in tranquility, incredibly low, and many live with their families, friends, or as “couch surfers”. Unfortunately there is no consistent behavior have negative consequences for themselves, their families, and the community; they have also acquired legal problems along the way. Many have lost their esteem, dignity, and freedom. The Halfway House project is movement to combat the substance abuse problem of members within the Tribe. KBIC's Halfway House will address the largest barriers to Tribal members' long term sobriety. After attending an in-patient substance abuse treatment program. The lack of long term treatment currently available in our area and relapse due to immediately returning to the same environment that drove them to treatment in the first place. This results in a tremendous burden on the Tribal member and the Tribe as a whole. It is anticipated that the chosen approaches will restore viability to our Tribal families in that Halfway House occupants will experience a renewed sense of pride in themselves and their community and will want to maintain and improve their sobriety.

KBIC's Halfway House will address the two largest barriers to Tribal members' long term sobriety: after attending an in-patient substance abuse treatment program. The lack of long term treatment currently available in our area and relapse due to immediately returning to the same environment that drove them to treatment in the first place.

Living in this type of environment can support sobriety and help residents who are addicted to alcohol and/or drugs adjust to life and transition from inpatient treatment to living independently and becoming productive members of the Tribe.

KBIC's Halfway House will have to coordinate the current New Day Residential Treatment Center to the corner of Vuk and Brewery roads possibly next to the Halfway House for a total yearly savings on rental fees in the amount of $10,200 per year. The movement of outpatient services is contingent upon funding. Construction is hoped to begin in the summer of 2017. The Tribe has until October 2019 to complete the project. Finally, the feasibility of the project will be enhanced by hopefully moving the Tribe’s outpatient services from a building that it is currently renting at $850 a month to a location possibly next to the Halfway House for a total yearly savings on rental fees in the amount of $10,200 per year. The movement of outpatient services is contingent upon funding.
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November 11: Veteran’s Day, Gov’t offices closed;

November 24: Happy Thanksgiving, Gov’t offices closed;

November 25: Native American Heritage Day, Gov’t offices closed.

~ submitted by newsletter editor

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KBIC ELDERS IS YOUR WILL IN PLACE?

Gabrielle Dantzer, Attorney with the Eliason Law Office will be available on Friday, November 4, 2016, for intake appointments of Will and Power of Attorney Documents preparation for Tribal Elders. Please contact Geneva Brennan in the Tribal Attorney’s Office to schedule an appointment at (906) 353-4107.

ANNOUNCEMENT: GLIFWC will be sponsoring a HACCP Seafood Safety class in partnership with MSU Sea Grant.

Where: Bay Mills Resort and Casino in Brimley, Michigan.

When: December 13th, 14th, and 15th - 2016

Participants must attend all three days to obtain the HACCP certificate and have their travel costs reimbursed by GLIFWC.

IF INTERESTED TRIBAL MEMBERS MUST CALL BOTH OF THE CONTACT INDIVIDUALS LISTED BELOW:

Registration Deadline: November 30, 2016 – Contact Ron Kinnunen at MSU Sea Grant at 906-226-3897.

Hotel Deadline: Call GLIFWC as soon as possible if you are interested in participating in the HACCP class and obtaining a hotel reservation. You must finalize all travel arrangements with GLIFWC by November 30, 2016. Contact Zoongee Leith, GLIFWC Planning/ANA Secretary at 715-682-6619.

November 18, 2016
1:00pm-3:00pm
KBOCC Library
Wabanung Campus
770 N. Main St.
L’Anse, MI

Come Learn About:
❖ Seed Saving
❖ Seed Library Project

Receive Free Seed (While Supplies Last)
Refreshments Will Be Provided

For More Information
Email: Melissa Tedders or Michelle Moskien
attorneys@kbocc.org or
mail@kbocc.org

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TO ALL KBIC SENIORS 55 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, AND PERMANENTLY PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED-DISABLED PERSON:
SNOw PLOWING REQUIREMENTS

Head of Household Name:

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Member’s Enrollment #:
Reside on the Reservation (Baraga County):

Yes ☐ No ☐
Physical Address:

Anse Baraga

Telephone Number: (906) 

Proof of Age — Birth Date: _______/_____/_____

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

KBIC Tribal Center
ATTN: Front Desk Receptionist
16429 Bear Town Road
Baraga, MI 49908

The Tribal Council will consider plowing privileges for those with permanent, physical disabilities within a “five” mile radius off the Reservation. Please submit a request and the above information.

* approved 01-14-2011 Tribal Council Meeting

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Tribal Social Services is seeking volunteers to serve as guardian or conservator to a growing number of community members in need. If you have extra time and skills that could assist people to help manage their financial affairs, or would like to help someone to be able to manage their daily living, you could make the difference to someone in the community.

Please contact KBIC Tribal Social Services if you are interested or seek further information about becoming a guardian or conservator at (906) 353-4201.

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Our Community is in need of homes for infants ages 0-2 years. We are also seeking forever homes - families who are willing to be fostering to adopt homes.

Become a Foster Parent

Binnakwe Gizis Powwow Held At Michigan Technology University

The Binnakwe Gizis Powwow (Falling Leaves Moon Powwow) was held at Michigan Technological University’s SDC Wood Gym, on Saturday, October 8, 2016, with grand entries at 2 pm and 7 pm. Many Community members attended the event that was funded in part by KBIC. Shown to the left are Head Dancers: James Cohen and Raeanne Madison. Head Veteran Dancer Evonne Allard (current Michigan Tech AISES member) led the KBIC Veteran Honor Guard in the grand entries. KBIC Member Stanley Spruce served as Master of Ceremonies and Darrell Kingbird as the Arena Director. Host drum was KBIC’s Four Thunders, and co-host drum was KBIC’s Woodland Singers.

~ By Lauri Denomie, Newsletter Editor