KBIC Holds 12th Annual Winter Traditional Powwow

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community held its 12th Annual Winter Powwow on Saturday, January 30, 2016, at the Niiwin Akeaa Community Center in Baraga, Michigan.

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) Cultural Committee hosted the event and honored the KBIC Law Enforcement at a ceremony beginning at 11:00 a.m. H. James St. Arnold, guest speaker, said, “Boozhoo Nigaanigiizhig indizhinakaz, ma’ingan nidodem, Gakiiwe’onaanindoonzhibaa. Niwizhaaganashimowin. I want to thank the culture committee for asking me to speak at this occasion. I want to apologize if I seem to ramble sometimes. I am not a speech writer or speech giver. I was taught a long time ago that whenever I am asked to speak, I open my heart to the spirits and let them put those words in me that need to be said and heard.”

Front row: Dispatcher Nancy Voakes, Officer Miranda Forcia, Captain William Seppanen, Sergeant Jennifer St. George, Officer Anthony Loonsfoot, Officer Marshall Thomas. Back row: Transporter Steven Denomie, Chief Duane Misegan, Commissioner Dale Dakota, Sergeant Dale Goodreau, Officer Timothy Tilson. Missing from photo: Officer Jacob Misegan (at training), Officer Shawn Seppanen (at training), SORNA Coordinator Charles Miller, Officer Anthony Carrick, Officer Matthew Shalliboe, Jr. (at training), Officer Stephen Mills, Corporal Everett Ekdahl, Jr. (at training). Photo compliments of Jennifer Misegan.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- February 6, 2016 Council Meeting
- 12th Annual Midwinter Traditional Powwow
- KBIC Holds Annual Healthy Heart Fair
- 3rd Annual Round Dance Held
- 2016 KBIC Forestry Scholarship Recipient Chosen
- Ojibwa Senior Citizens News

Today we are here to honor our Tribal enforcement officers, but I would like to begin my talk with a short lesson about tribal rights and...
On February 9, 2016, the Michigan State Police seized 184 cases of cigarettes destined for retail sale by the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC). The seized shipments were headed to KBIC businesses which are located on Indian lands. The cigarettes were transported in interstate commerce, manufactured in Indian Country and intended to be sold in Indian Country.

This wrongful seizure of tobacco products is a clear infringement of Tribal sovereignty, Nation-to-Nation trade, the Interstate Commerce Clause, other federal law, and Michigan’s own statute. The State’s lack of respect for KBIC’s sovereignty and its violation of the Tribe’s right to engage in interstate commerce is offensive and will not be tolerated by KBIC.

KBIC cannot be forced by the State of Michigan to enter into a tax agreement that would subject KBIC to one-sided, burdensome state processes, and KBIC will not be bullied by these illegal seizures. The State continually attempts to hold KBIC leadership, as well as KBIC members, captive by forcing State taxes and egregious mechanisms to collect those taxes upon us, ignoring the guarantees of the U.S. Constitution and federal law.

KBIC has a duty to provide for the welfare and economic needs of its membership. This duty is of the utmost importance to KBIC. The State’s seizure hinders KBIC’s ability to provide the necessary services to its members and the local community.

KBIC values its customers in addition to its members. The State of Michigan has no legal right to control big box stores, from out of the area, a competitive advantage but is unwilling to work with and has been persistently antagonistic to KBIC.

The Regular Saturday Tribal Council Meeting was held on February 6, 2016, at the Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room in Baraga, Michigan. President Warren “Chris” Swartz, Jr., President of the Michigan Indian Federal Red (MIF), LaFerrier, Toni Minton, Doreen Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Eddy Edwards, Randall Haataja, Michael F. LaFerrier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr. and Donald Shalifoe, Sr. President Warren “Chris” Swartz, Jr. shared numerous Thank You and For Your Information items addressed to Council.

Susan J. LaFerrier gave the Secretary’s Report (page three). Susan reminded everyone of meetings occurring this month regarding the Secretarial Election that will be scheduled for amending the Constitution. The first is from KB-002-2015, Article VI, Section 1A, Appropriation of Funds to $500,000.00 and to $10,000.00. The meeting will be held on first Monday of the month. The second Secretarial Election will be on February 10, 2016, at the Ojibwa Senior Center at 12:15 p.m., and another meeting will be held on February 25, 2016, at the Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room, at 6:00 p.m. The Election date has not been set but will be in the very near future. Council passed Department Head Reports for December 2015.

Under New Business: Treasurer Doreen Blaker presented the February 2016 donations requests. 1) The Baraga Senior Class of 2016 is requesting a donation for their BASH LOCK-IN (non-alcohol event for Baraga Graduation). Council agreed to donate $500.00. 2) A donation request to support Lon Johnstone’s campaign for Congress. Consensus of Council was to table his request and invite Mr. Johnson to attend a Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Meeting. 3) Baraga Area School’s PINK OUT BASKETBALL GAME for Breast Cancer and Marilyn Ross. Council agreed to donate $250.00. 4) Lakeshore Museum Center/Michigan Heritage Park requested a donation for their Muskegon County Powwow in July of 2016. There was no action taken by Council on this request. Motion by Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr. to approve donations to the Baraga Senior Class BASH in the amount of $500.00 and to the Baraga Area School’s PINK OUT BASKETBALL GAME in the amount of $250.00 for a total of $750.00, supported by Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, Minton, Blaker, Curtis, Dakota, Edwards, Haataja, M. LaFerrier, Loonsfoot, Shalifoe, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, 0 absent, motion carried.

Council held the 3rd Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2015-03, an Amendment to Title Three to provide an exception to the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act. Proposition of Medical Marijuana, supported by Jennifer Misegan. Eleven supported (Misegan, S. LaFernier, Minton, Blaker, Curtis, Dakota, Edwards, Haataja, M. LaFerrier, Loonsfoot, Shalifoe), three opposed (Add, delivery, or transport marijuana to someone who is not (add – delivery, or transport marijuana to someone who is not), 0 abstained, 0 absent, motion carried.

Discussion added an introduction by Susan J. LaFerrier to amend $3.1708 Unauthorized Sale of Medical Marihuana to read as: No registered qualifying patient or registered primary caregiver may sell, (add – deliver, or transport) marijuana to someone who is not (add – deliver, or transport) marijuana to someone who is not, a registered qualifying patient with a valid registry identification card. A conviction upon a violation of the provisions of this section shall constitute a conviction of a Class D (change to – Class C) misdemeanor and along with any other penalties for the sale, (add – deliver, or transport) of marijuana. In addition, the Tribal Prosecutor may work with state law enforcement officials to revoke the person’s registry identification card. Motion by Susan J. LaFerrier to introduce amendment to Tribal Code related to §3.1708 Unauthorized Sale, Deliver, or Transfer of Medical Marihuana, supported by Jennifer Misegan. Eight supported (Misegan, S. LaFerrier, Minton, Blaker, Curtis, Dakota, Haataja, M. LaFerrier, Loonsfoot, Edwards, Shalifoe), 0 abstained, 0 absent, motion carried. Since the amendment is approved for $3.1708, President Swartz called for the question on the original motion.

Motion by Doreen Blaker to approve Proposed Ordinance 2016-00, Title Three to provide an exception to the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act, supported by Edward Edwards. Tentative supported (Misegan, S. LaFerrier, Minton, Blaker, Curtis, Dakota, Edwards, Haataja, M. LaFerrier, Loonsfoot), one opposed (Shalifoe), 0 abstained, 0 absent, motion carried.

Council held the 2nd Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2016-
ANIN! We honor the greatness in you. Remember: “Indian Country Counts” “Our People, Our Nations, Our Future”

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

For all the Earth one prayer in this New Year: That all can live as one, and peace will reign everywhere. Mino-Bimaadiziweidaa, Live Wolf.

In January 2016, the Tribal Council held one Regular Council meeting and five Special Council meetings. This report will be published in the KBIC “Wiikwedong Dazhi-Ojibwe” newsletter and the approved minutes can be found on the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Website. Actions taken were:

January 7, 2016 Special Council Meeting:
- Approved the December 7, 10, 15, 17, 28, 2015 Tribal Council meeting minutes.
- Approved the high school/GED requirement policy amendment to include a certificate of completion.
- Tabled the Superior National Bank ATM Reinstatement contract for more information.
- Approved the Aruze Gaming America, Inc. Gaming Lease Contract for the Shoot to Win craps electronic game at the Baraga Ojibwa Casino.
- Tabled the Everi Games Tournament of Champions Gaming System Agreement for the Marquette Ojibwa Casino slot machine tournament contest pending further information.

January 9, 2016 Regular Council Meeting:
- Approved the November and December 2015 President Reports (Warren “Chris” Swartz, Jr.).
- Approved the November and December 2015 Secretary Reports (Toni J. Minton).
- Approved the November and December 2015 Treasurer Reports (Doreen G. Blaker).
- Approved the November and December 2015 CEO Reports (Larry J. Denomie, III).
- Approved the October and November 2015 Department Head Reports.
- Approved a donation of $300.00 to Justin Gauthier for his professional boxing sponsorship.
- Approved donations to: Marquette Senior High School Class of 2016 $500.00 and Marquette City Fire Department from the May 2016 2% funds $4,000.00.
- Certified the December 12, 2015, General Election results and the two proposals regarding new casino development projects in Baraga and Marquette.
- Approved the depository of funds with Superior National Bank and Wells Fargo Bank.
- Approved that the check signers remain the same as last year and check signers by position related to the Tribal Court.

January 14, 2016 Special Council Meeting:
- Tabled the MOA (Outpatient) with the Western U.P. Substance Abuse Services Coordinating Agency until further review by the Tribal Attorney.
- Approved Resolution KB 001-2016 Cultural Resource Fund Phase Two grant application in the amount of $50,000.00 with no matching funds required (upgrades to the Pow-Wow grounds).
- Approved the Professional Services Agreement with Dale Schmeisser, R.D. PhD. for 2016 WIC consulting services.
- Approved a worker’s compensation legal settlement
- Approved Resolution KB 003-2016 National Indian Gaming Association Membership Renewal for $7,500.00.
- Approved Resolution KB 004-2016 Authorized Officials (Council Executive Board) to conduct business with the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians.

January 21, 2016 Special Council Meeting:
- Approved the January 7, 9, 14, 2016 Tribal Council meeting minutes.
- Approved the Pines Convenience Center and Smoke Shop license to purchase and sell tobacco products.
- Approved the Rez Stop license to purchase and sell tobacco products.
- Approved the Ojibwa Casino I in Baraga and the Ojibwa Casino II in Marquette licenses to purchase and sell tobacco products.
- Approved the Chief Executive Officer (Larry J. Denomie, III) Employment Agreement for January 10, 2016- January 7, 2017 and authorized the President to sign.
- Approved the Mutual Disclosure Agreement with GTS Enterprises.
- Approved the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Epidemiology Center Tribal Sub-Award Agreement for $100,000.00 for the purpose of increasing the physical activity of the Tribal members on the Reservation and authorized the President to sign.
- Waived the 1st Reading of the Proposed Waste Management Ordinance 2015-01 (2nd Reading February 18, 2016).
- Waived the 1st Reading of the Proposed Title Twenty Hazardous Substances Control Ordinance 2016-02 (2nd Reading February 18, 2016).
- Approved a donation of $5,000.00 towards the Flint, Michigan water crisis.

January 25, 2016 Special Council Meeting:
- Approved a donation of $100.00 for the Spaghetti Dinner Benefit and a Basket for the raffle for the Stockton Family who lost their home in a fire January 21, 2016.

January 28, 2016 Special Council Meeting:
- Approved the recommended bid from Fox Nagneau for a 2016 Ford utility police interceptor in the amount of $28,214.00 from the COPS Grant.
- Approved the Cue Master business license renewals for billiards, lounge/food service, and an alcoholic beverage license.
- Appointed Diana Chaudier and Kim Klopstein to the three year terms on the Election Board and Susie Lawrence and Jon Kemppainen to the one year terms.
- Approved 44 North (formerly Employee Benefits Agency who has had a business relationship with KBIC since 1987) as agent of record to replace M3 Insurance Solutions for the group life/short term, long term disability, and voluntary insurance offerings to our employees and retirees effective April 1, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan J. LaFernier

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
Employment Opportunities

For current job listings, complete job announcements, applications, and closing dates contact: KBIC Personnel Department, 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49908-9210 or 906-353-6623, ext 4176 or visit: www.ojibwa.com.

On-call positions (open continuously): Pharmacist Technician, Facility Attendant. Registered Nurse, Licensed Practical Nurse, Internal Sales Specialist, Pharmacist, Receptionist/Clerical Worker, Fill-in Receptionist, Board Operator, Cashier, Account Executive/Sales, Community Service Supervisor, Unit Manager (Newaday), Unit Manager (OVW), Van Driver, Cleaning Person, Natural Resources Technician.

Cleveland Clinic

Tribal Council Secretary’s Report for the month of January 2016

Council Meeting Continued:
03 Title Four Juvenile Division §4.512(C), After Community discussion, Council scheduled the 3rd Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2016-03 Title Four Juvenile Division §4.512(C) for Thursday, February 11, 2016.

Council adjourned with no further business on the agenda. Submitted by Editor.
March 2016 Calendar Events

- Mar. 7: Constitutional Committee Meeting, 10 am, Tribal Center Bldg, Council Chambers (downstairs conference room);
- Mar. 24: Ojibwa Senior Pasty Sale;
- Mar. 25: Tribal Gov’t Offices closed — Good Friday.

Events occurring throughout KBIC are welcome to be listed on the Calendar of Events. Contact newsletter@kbic.nsn.gov to list your events. Some events are more detailed FYI within the newsletter. For up-to-date event listings, visit www.ojibwa.com and click on calendar. For Youth events, see @ www.ojibwa.com, click on youth club, or contact 353-4643/Main Office at Youth Club, or 353-4644 for the facility attendants or the Kitchen/craft rooms.

KBIC HOLDS ANNUAL HEALTHY HEART FAIR

The KBIC Department of Health and Human Services sponsored the 2016 Healthy Heart Fair on Friday, February 12, 2016. The event was held at the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College’s Gymnasium in Baraga, Michigan. The 174 registered participants at the event visited 37 vendor tables which offered educational matters, screenings, and prizes.
I will be running an informational article in this issue and subsequent issues as room allows recognizing Tribal Government employees and duties they perform in an effort to allow the Community to know who to contact regarding specific needs and services. I ran the Accounting Department in January issue and will continue through the departments alphabetically as room allows. Keep watch for the numerous departments of KBIC Employees are the key to our success.

KBIC Attorney Office is located at the KBIC Tribal Center, 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49906, (906) 353-6622.

Geneva Brennan: Legal Secretary. Geneva was hired April 22, 2015. She is the custodian of records pertaining to contracts, government issues, and prosecution, as well as all civil lawsuits that are filed. Come and see her to obtain business, alcoholic beverage, and tobacco license applications. Geneva services the community and Tribal Council under the direction of Danielle Webb, Tribal Attorney/Prosecutor.

Danielle Webb: Tribal Attorney/Tribal Prosecutor. Danielle provides legal services and advice to the Tribal Council, departments, and enterprises of the Tribe. She is also responsible for criminal prosecution in Tribal Court.

KBIC CEO Office is located at the KBIC Tribal Center, 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49906, (906) 353-6622.

Chalsea Smith: Receptionist/Clerk. Chalsea is the person you see when making payments. She does the building permits and electrical permits. She handles the government vehicles and conference rooms. Chalsea can point you in the right direction, can fax documents for the community ($0.25 a page), and make copies ($0.10 a page).

KBIC Child Support Services is located at the KBIC Tribal Court Building, 472 N. Superior Ave., Baraga, MI 49908, (906) 353-6623.

Suzanne Kahkonen: Child Support Specialist. Suzanne is responsible for all aspects of case management after the case initiation phase and excluding the financial case management. Case management duties can include, but are not limited to: Regular monitoring and review of cases, customer correspondence, calculating child support obligations, and preparing child support cases for Court.

Kristin Olsen: Child Support Director. Kristin provides supervision to staff in ensuring customer needs are being met. She oversees management duties as well as the program’s budget and policies and procedures. Kristin works closely with other agencies to provide services to our customers in a professional manner.

Employees not listed chose not to participate.
Seeking Foster Parents

Make a difference. Open your heart and home to a foster child.

Our Community. Our kids.
KBIC Tribal Social Services

Contact us for a foster care informational pack. 906-353-4201

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

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

POW WOW

You are invited to the 23rd annual "Learning to Walk Together" traditional pow wow

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

Vendour Arena - NAD Campus - PARADISE, MICH.

Head Veterans Dancer - Olen Bresson, Sr.
Honored Elder - EJ Bresson
Head Female Dancer - Julie Winterspoon
Head Male Dancer - Ray Colonna
Head Drummer - Evolving Drummers
Host Drum - Crazy Boy McManus Kick, Chippewa Bay Singers, Woodward Singers

Arena Director - Robert Blackdancer
Fire Keeper - Sam Doyle

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Are you concerned about your preschooler?

Sometimes children require additional support while they learn the skills that they will need for kindergarten.

If your child is having difficulty speaking, understanding or getting along with others, buddy up with Build Up. It’s a free, statewide service of the Michigan Department of Education that helps children ages 3 to 5 who may need extra support.

Visit BuildUpMi.org for more information.
Mindy Lantz, has recently been hired as the new Public Health Nurse for our community. Mindy graduated with her ADN-RN degree with honors from Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton, WI, in May 2015. She worked as an LPN for the past nine years maximizing her nursing skills and experience. Mindy said, “Many of you know me as Elvera Lantz’s daughter. I have a passion for diabetes and skin care. My daughter was diagnosed with diabetes at the age of two, so I have an abundance of diabetes experience and knowledge, and I look forward to sharing it with you. I also have a Public Health Certificate in Diabetes Research and Prevention, Aesthetics (skin care) License, Advanced Wound Care Training, Licensed EMT, AAS in Early Childhood, Certified Massage Therapist, Career Diploma in Fitness and Nutrition, Certified Medical Weight Loss Consultant, and I am currently working on becoming a Wellness Coach.

As your Public Health Nurse, I am able to help with: medication set ups, home visits, assessments, wound care, catheter care, ostomy care, diabetes education, blood glucose meter set ups, injection therapy education, diabetic foot care, immunizations, TB testing, referrals, scheduling, tobacco cessation, screening for cancer, and other services on a case by case basis. If you have a need for a service, please call me directly to discuss. I will do my best to meet your needs or direct you to the right person.”

LANTZ HIRED AS COMMUNITY PUBLIC NURSE

WHAT: An indoor walking program. WHEN: Beginning Monday, December 7, 2015, from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm on weekdays (excluding holidays or snow days) through Friday, April 8, 2016. Only work day activity will count toward earning prizes. WHERE: The KBOCC Gymnasium. WHO: Anyone who would like to stay active through the winter months. WHY: Everyone should participate in at least 30 minutes of physical activity 5 times a week to stay fit. Earn prizes for every ten times you walk. Contact Popcorn at 353-4531 or popcorn@kbic-nsn.gov for a log information or to redeem your prize.

Grab a buddy and walk during your lunch break, be sure to bring a sack lunch and leave a few minutes to eat!

This is a tobacco free event.

Program sponsored by CDC/REACH Journey to wellness, and KBIC Youth.

Childbirth Education

Free to Participants

Where: LaPointe Health & Education Center 2nd Floor Conference Room
When: Thursday, March 17, 2016 1:00 – 4:00 pm
Open to Pregnant Women and Birth Partners
Father of Baby Encouraged to attend!!!
$25 Gift Card per Family (upon completion of entire course; must attend all 3 hours)
Registration is Required
Call Dawn at 353-4521

Sponsored by: KBIC Healthy Start – Family Spirit & WIC Programs WIC is an equal opportunity service and program provider.
sovereignty. Tribal Sovereignty are just two words, but they are two words that are very powerful and meaningful to our communities and people. Tribal Sovereignty are words used to refer to the right to govern themselves and decide their own future and destiny. Prior to the 1970’s, Tribal Sovereignty were just two words that many tribes heard, and many Tribal leaders felt were important and should be part of their communities. Prior to the 1970’s, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) controlled the communities to the extent that, at one point, Tribal members had to get permission from the Indian agents to leave the communities and even spend time off the reservation.

I remember hearing a joke one time about the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Seems that George Armstrong Custer was head of the BIA at one time. Well, as George Custer was heading west to fight the Indians he was going to meet, he passed through the reservations. Some community members felt that if an emergency did arise, the Bureau of Indian Affairs would not come to the reservation. I remember talking to Fred about why I needed to report an accident to the only person I felt might have the authority, our Tribal Chairman. I remember talking to Fred about why I needed to report that accident to someone. I knew I needed to report that accident to someone in authority, and he was the only one I felt had the proper authority. I reported it to my proper authority. When I got back from work later that day, I was told by Fred and Gar Hood that the State Police were looking for me and were going to issue citations for leaving the scene and failure to report an accident. I don’t know what Gar told the State Police, but I told Gar that I did report the accident to Tribal Chairman. It was my understanding that the State of Michigan had no jurisdiction on the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, so I reported it to my proper authority. As I said, I don’t know what Gar told the police, but I have felt needed to do that day and told me that the State Police had de
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In the early 1970’s, the Tribal Council was working with Garfield Hood, our tribal attorney at that time, to begin to develop Tribal laws and codes for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. Often Tribal members would say that the Tribal Council was working with Garfield Hood, our tribal attorney at that time, but they really saw any enforcement was when the State Police would drive through the rez. Some community members felt that if an emergency did occur, they couldn’t rely on the state or local police for assistance.

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Well, after the accident, I proceeded to walk down to the Tribal Center, which was the old orphanage/forty at that time. I had decided that I wasn’t going to report it to the State Police because I didn’t recognize their jurisdiction. However, I knew that I needed to report it to someone. We didn’t have a Tribal Police force at that time, so I reported the accident to the only person I felt might have the authority, our Tribal Chairman. I remember talking to Fred about why I was reporting the accident to him. I knew I needed to report that accident to someone in authority, and he was the only person I felt had the proper authority. I reported it to my proper authority. When I got back from work later that day, I was told by Fred and Gar Hood that the State Police were looking for me and were going to issue citations for leaving the scene and failure to report an accident. I don’t know what Gar told the State Police, but I told Gar that I did report the accident to Tribal Chairman. It was my understanding that the State of Michigan had no jurisdiction on the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, so I reported it to my proper authority. As I said, I don’t know what Gar told the police, but I have felt needed to do that day and told me that the State Police had decided to pursue charges.

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**RECOGNIZED HONORED ELDERS**

William E. “Gene” Emery was born in L’Anse, Michigan (Zeba), to Margaret and William I. Emery. He married Gretchen on July 19, 1975. Gene has two daughters: Tracy Emery who resides in Zeba and Colleen DeRoche (deceased). He has seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Gene is a 1954 graduate of the Flandreau Indian High School (South Dakota). He is a veteran of the United States Air Force where he served for four years, one of which was in Korea. He received a G.I. Bill after Korea and attended Coyne Electrical School in Chicago and Gaeer Tech. for welding and machine shop. Gene worked at the Celotex Corporation for 21 years, Autogroup Corp. for eight years, Chicago General Foreman, KBIC Construction Company for 17 years, and owned and operated his general contract business—Emery Construction for ten years. Gene retired at age 68. He is a member of the Ojibwa Senior Citizens, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), American Legion (Baraga Post), AARP, Baraga County Department of Veterans Affairs, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing and Community Development Corp., and the Zeba Methodist Church. In his spare time he enjoys his wood working shop in his garage.

Gretchen (Knapp) Emery was born in L’Anse, Michigan (Zeba), to Robert Knapp and Elizabeth Thoresen. She lived in Ann Arbor, Michigan and graduated from the Ann Arbor Pioneer School. She also resided in Westland, MI, and returned to the Keweenaw Bay reservation in 1973. She married William “Gene” Emery on July 19, 1975. Gretchen has two step-daughters: Tracy Emery who resides in Zeba and Colleen DeRoche (deceased). She has seven step-grandchildren and 13 step-great-grandchildren. Gretchen was the Associate Judge for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community for the term of 1990-1993. She worked as the Program Director for the KBIC Commodity Foods Program. She is a member of the Hiring Committee, Enrollment Board, Election Board, Constitution Committee, Zeba Methodist Church, and the Ojibwa Senior Citizens. In her spare time she loves to travel and garden.

**3RD ANNUAL KBIC ROUND DANCE HELD**

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community held their 2016 Round Dance on Saturday, February 13, 2016, at the Niwin Akeea Community Center in Baraga, Michigan. The Round Dance was a social event put on by the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community’s (KBIC) Powwow Committee. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate, regardless of nationality, at KBIC’s Round Dances. This year’s 3rd Annual Round Dance was another success. It is an event that brings, not just our community, but people from all over Indian country, together. The event began with a grand feast at 4 p.m., followed by hand drumming and dancing. The Stickman was Mark Kingbird for the event, and Emcees were: Brian Moore and Pete Gahbo. Invited singers were: Michael Needham, Wes Jourdain, Frankie Graves, Kino Pywasit, Delvin Cloud, John Teller, Jr., Hokie Clairmont, Bernie Lemieux, Johnny Morrow, and Kenny Merrick, Jr. There were also ten more singers who registered at the door. Darrell Kingbird served as spiritual advisor.

The winners of the adult hand drum contest were: 1st place — Hokie Clairmont, 2nd place — Gabe Gahbow, 3rd place — Kino Pywasit, 4th place — JT Teller, 5th place — Frankie Graves, and 6th place — Bernie Lemieux. The winners of the youth hand drum contest were: 1st — Many Teller, 2nd — Anthony Wapoose, 3rd — Shamia Teller, 4th — Tyrell Stillday, and 5th — Robert Orielly.

Waba Alakayak, a Michigan Technological University junior from Baraga, has been selected as the third recipient of the Tribe’s KBIC Forestry Scholarship. The Tribal Education Committee reviewed the applicants and selected Alakayak to receive the scholarship. Waba graduated from Baraga High School in 2004, and from Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College in 2015, with an Associate of Science degree in Environmental Science. She is currently majoring in Ecology and Environmental Science at Michigan Tech.

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The scholarship amount is $2,500 per semester and is renewable depending upon the availability of funds. Applicants must meet the following criteria: be an enrolled Tribal member, attend an accredited college/university as a full-time student, pursue a degree in Forestry or related field as documented by their college, and be a resident of Michigan, Wisconsin, or Minnesota. For more information on this scholarship, please contact Amy St. Arnold, KBIC Education Director at (906) 353-6623, ext. 4117.

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MICHIGAN INDIAN ELDERS ASSOCIATION 2016 SCHOLARSHIP NOTICE:
The Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA) is pleased to announce that it will make available three (3) $1000 scholarships and six (6) $500 scholarships. The scholarships will be awarded to at least nine qualified students with the $1000 scholarships being awarded to top three (3) qualified students, as determined by committee review and lottery, if necessary. Each student must be currently enrolled in a course of study at, or have a letter of acceptance from, a public college, university, or technical school and must meet the following qualifications.

QUALIFICATIONS – the student:
- Must be an enrolled member (copy of tribal card) or be a direct descendant of an enrolled member of one of the MIEA constituent Tribes/Bands (must be verified in writing by your tribal Enrollment Department).
- Must have successfully completed and passed all five General Education Development (G.E.D.) equivalency tests with a minimum score of 45 and an average score of 45 and must possess a G.E.D. certificate; or must have graduated from an accredited high school with a 3.00 grade point average; or if currently enrolled at a college, university or trade school, must have an accumulated grade point average of 3.00.
- Must, except for special and extenuating circumstances, attend college, university, or trade school on a full-time basis.
- Must complete the provided application form and submit it along with required supporting documentation and the mailing must be RECEIVED BY THE COORDINATOR no later than June 15, 2016. (PLEASE NOTE: Incomplete or late applications will not be considered).

An application form can be downloaded from the website at (and clicking student): http://www.michiganindianelders.org/Student Incentive Program.

The application can also be obtained from the Tribal Education Department of each of the constituent Tribes/Bands.

Current constituent Tribes/Bands are:
- Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians
- Hannahville Band of Potawatomi Indians
- Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
- Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior
- Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians
- Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish: Band of Potawatomi Indians
- Nottawasagi Huron Band of Potawatomi
- Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians
- Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe

The Michigan Indian Elders Association (M.I.E.A.) to recognize students who achieve all “A”s for a marking period as well as students who achieve perfect attendance for a marking period.

Here are the conditions to qualify:
- Must be an enrolled member of one of the M.I.E.A. constituent tribes/bands.
- Must be in grades K-12 at a public or private school. (Home schooling not eligible).
- A student must be in grades 4-12 to qualify for the straight “A” award. (A, A-, A+).
- For a school system that uses a grading system based on numbers, the equivalent to straight “A’s” will be acceptable.
- A student must be in grades K-12 to qualify for the perfect attendance award.
- Perfect attendance means exactly that. A perfect attendance means exactly that. A student must be in grades K-12 at a public or private school. (Home schooling not eligible).
- The first two marking periods of this 2015/16 school year will be used to determine the winners for this lottery.
- A student can qualify for both the perfect attendance and straight “A’s” for both marking periods. For example, straight “A’s” and perfect attendance for both marking periods would mean four chances to win.
- A parent of the student must complete and sign the Student Incentive Program Application Form in order for the student to qualify for an award.

A copy of the child’s report card signed by the parent or a letter from an administrator of the student’s school, must be submitted with the completed application to verify the accomplishment of straight “A’s” and perfect attendance.

The drawing to determine the winners will be held at the April, 2016 meeting of the Michigan Indian Elders Association hosted by the Hannahville Band of Potawatomi Indians in Wilson, MI.

VERY IMPORTANT – NECESSARY!!! You must follow these directions for your child to be considered for an award. The completed application form (this is a different document than this notice), a signed report card or verification letter of achievement from a school administrator and copy of student’s or parent’s tribal identification card must be postmarked no later than March 15, 2016.
Bear River Health Offers Tribal Addiction & Recovery Program

Boye, Falls, Michigan - February 16th, 2016 - Bear River Health at Walloon Lake today proudly announced its acceptance into the “Access to Recovery Program (ATR)” co-launched by Anishnaabek Healing Circle. Bear River Health at Walloon Lake's goal is to provide additional options and support for Native Americans who struggle with drug and alcohol addiction.

The mission of Bear River Health at Walloon Lake is to help strengthen the relationships and traditions by providing the contemporary care needed to support the healing process. Improving a patient’s quality of life and maintaining wellness is achieved through encouraging, educating, and empowering clients throughout the discovery process of the 12 step programme. "We understand the difficulties families and friends may experience when addiction enters their home. Our program focuses on a combination of Native American traditions and other non-traditional clinical methods to ensure a strong foundation to start their recovery,” said Jason DeBeck, Executive Director of Bear River Health at Walloon Lake.

Bear River Health at Walloon Lake is now accepting new clients who meet eligibility criteria. Under the Anishnaabek Access to Recovery grant program, Tribal members and their families can apply for services at no cost to the member. Bear River Health at Walloon Lake will direct members who inquire within the facility to the appropriate access center to start the eligibility process and will provide support every step of the way. They will work directly with friends and family to ensure the most comfortable transition to a full recovery. Bear River Health at Walloon Lake understands recovery is a process and having a strong support system is a key pathway needed to get a person back on the road to wellness. “Our team at Bear River Health is dedicated to raising awareness, seeing addiction as a chronic disease and providing the very high quality of care,” said Bear River Health Detox Intake Coordinator, Anna Eggebrecht.

Contact Bear River Health at Walloon Lake and they will coordinate care directly with the appropriate tribal access center, and assist in preparing you for admission into the recovery program at Bear River Health at Walloon Lake. For one stop shopping, call an access center for your member and their families to receive addiction support at no cost to the member; said Executive Director Jason DeBeck. Call the office, and the friendly care team will walk you step by step through the admission process. This process is designed to provide long term support for anyone looking for help in surrendering their addiction.

"Today’s announcement is another example of our concentrated efforts to reduce the impact of addiction within the Tribal community,” said Executive Jason DeBeck. “We’re grateful to partner with the Anishnaabek Healing Circle at the grassroots level to provide treatment and hope to Tribal members and their families.”

Contact Bear River Health: Tribal members (or family members) - for more information on Tribal access to Bear River Health at Walloon Lake’s Recovery Healing Services:
Website: http://www.bearriverhealth.com/
The Bear River Care Team: 231-535-2822
Address: 2594 Springvale Rd. Boyne Falls, Michigan 49713

About Bear River Health: Bear River Health at Walloon Lake is Northern Michigan’s premier center for drug and alcohol detoxification and addiction treatment services. Bear River Health at Walloon Lake creates an atmosphere perfect for addressing our patients’ individual addiction needs. Bear River Health at Walloon Lake acknowledges that each person has a uniqueness all their own and provides treatment personalized to meet those unique needs. We believe that addressing all angles of addiction will help our patients achieve long lasting recovery.

Our program is not only based on the 12-steps, but it also provides exposure to multiple pathways to recovery that nourish the mind, body and spirit ensuring long-term recovery. Our compassionate, empathetic and caring professional staff have years of experience in delivering culturally competent care to individuals and their families.

At Bear River Health at Walloon Lake, we offer a medically supervised detoxification program that safely manages the painful symptoms that accompany the process of withdrawal. Each person to person, our twenty-four-hour medical staff utilizes the Evidence Based Practice Protocols established by SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) to help each person with their treatment.

Our inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation programs offer several different, well-established, individualized treatment modalities aimed at improving compliance and reducing the risk of relapse. We feel that changing a person’s lifestyle and re-adjusting back into the world after rehab can be difficult, so we also focus on nutrition, health, and overall wellness to help with this process. At Bear River Health at Walloon Lake, we offer meditation, yoga, holistic counseling, and exercise amongst many other treatments. Guests can also enjoy one of the most beautiful lakes in Northern Michigan.

About ATR (Access to Recovery Program): ATR is derived from The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, in partnership with twelve federally recognized tribes and one urban Indian Center, as well as four limited Access Centers across rural area that was successful in competing for an Access to Recovery (ATR IV) grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

The Anishnaabek Healing Circle Access to Recovery initiative provides an opportunity to eligible indigenous communities struggling with substance abuse problems, to pay for clinical treatment and recovery support services.
March:
- Mar. 9, 12:15 p.m. Senior Meeting.
- Mar. 23, Pasty prep starts at 12:15 p.m. until approx. 3:00 p.m.
- Mar. 24, Pasty Sale at 5:00 a.m. All volunteers are needed as early as possible. Clean up immediately follows the baking of the pasties—please plan to stay for clean up; were usually done by 11:00 a.m.

April:
- Apr. 13, 12:15 p.m. Senior Meeting.
- Apr. 27, Pasty prep.
- Apr. 28, Pasty Sale.

Senior Elections will be discussed at the April meeting. MIEA meeting is in April. More information will be available at the Senior Center, see Beth Koski, Nutrition Director.

Please mark your calendars with these dates!